

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy French

As the days slowly grow longer and we start to anticipate the arrival of Spring in northeast Ohio, it brings to mind thoughts of..... volunteering!

As you know, we are busy planning some key events for 2020 and will need volunteers to ensure they go smoothly.

Our **Links for Education** event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th. As in the past, proceeds from this event go to support scholarships for seniors graduating from Revere High School. Volunteers are needed to help with the contests and to drive the beverage cart. I hope you will consider getting involved in whatever way works for you. Please contact Karen Smik, Links for Education Committee Chair, for more details.

And planning has begun for our inaugural **Taste of Richfield** event which will be held this Fall. We will

need many volunteers to make sure our first year is a success. Please see Sue Serdinak, Taste of Richfield Committee Chair to see how you can get involved.

Our March luncheon will be held at the Quality Inn in Richfield and our speaker will be Matt Montgomery from the Revere Local Schools. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Thank you again for all your support.

Amy French
President, Richfield Chamber of Commerce

Inaugural Taste of Richfield – Food, Drinks and Fine Art is scheduled

Sept. 2 is the selected date for the Chamber's newest event, Taste of Richfield – Food, Drinks and Fine Art.

The event will feature several local food establishments and showcase some of the work of the talented professional artists who live and work in the community.

Group Management Services, GMS, is graciously allowing us to host the event in the dining room, auditorium and outdoor patio of their new building on Timberlake Drive.

It surprises some people that 16 eateries are tucked away in Richfield. They will all be invited to offer samples of their best dishes. In addition, a popular beverage store that carries

popular and hard-to-find beverages will be invited.

Professional artists will have an opportunity to display and sell some of their artwork.

The event will be a perfect networking opportunity as guests will mingle, view the art, sample foods and relax as the summer winds down. This event will replace the regular Wednesday Chamber luncheon in September.

The Chamber is grateful to GMS president Mike Kahoe for providing their beautiful new facility for this event. In addition, GMS staff members Paul Aldrich and Matt Schoolcraft have been extremely helpful in working through the logistics.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
March 4, 2020**

Speaker

Matthew Montgomery

Superintendent,

Revere Local Schools

11:45 Informal Networking

12:00 Light lunch served

12:30 Speaker

1:00 Adjourn

at

Quality Inn

Members admitted free with a reservation.

Non-members bring \$15 check payable to Richfield Chamber of Commerce
No-shows will be invoiced \$15 for their reserved lunch.

**Invite an associate!
Bring your business cards
to share.**

**Please R.S.V.P. to
330-659-3300 by 4 p.m. Feb. 28.**

Our March Speaker

Matthew Montgomery

Matthew Montgomery is in his fifth year serving as Superintendent of Revere Local Schools.

Montgomery began his educational career as a science teacher at Canfield Local Schools in 2006, before moving on to Waterloo Local Schools to serve as a middle school principal in 2011. He later became the high school/middle school principal there before serving as Waterloo's superintendent for two years.

He is an active member of local, state and national education and leadership organizations. He also has served on a variety of committees for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), Greater Cleveland School Superintendent's Association (GCSSA), American Association for School Administrators (AASA), building leadership teams, teacher's union and other groups.

Montgomery received both his Bachelor's Degree in Education and his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Kent State University. He is preparing to defend his dissertation for his Ph.D. this spring.

In his spare time, Montgomery enjoys running and photography. He and his wife reside in the Revere Local district with their four children.



Business Spotlight: Meridian Sun Lodge



Since 1824, Meridian Sun Lodge #69 F&AM, has been serving as Richfield's Masonic presence of the world's oldest and largest fraternity.

Its members have been improving their own character, as well as supporting and improving Richfield and the surrounding communities for 196 years. We are not a secret society; we are community members with common morals and values.

To learn more visit MeridianSun.org or fb.me/MeridianSunLodge. "2B1 ASK1."

23rd Annual 'Links for Education' Golf Outing to be held June 10

This year's outing will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. and dinner (steak or chicken) immediately following golf, about 5-5:30 p.m. For the first time in many years, we've had to raise the registration fee, as St. Bernard's charges to us have gradually risen over the years. But it a nominal increase of \$5 per golfer. Many of your favorite contests will be back, along with some new ones and, as always, there will be lots of great raffle prizes, all donated by local businesses and individuals.

For the ninth year, Group Management Services (GMS) will be the tournament sponsor. Our continued gratitude to them for once again taking on this important role.

Several \$250 special sponsorship opportunities as well as unlimited individual hole sponsorships, at various monetary levels, are available. New this year is the "Exclusive" hole sponsorship which gives

the donor exclusive rights and the opportunity to set up a table on that hole with a representative promoting their business and/or offering company swag.

Volunteers are needed to help with various contests and to drive the beverage cart on June 10. No "job" requires prior experience and you're guaranteed to have lots of fun while on duty. Shifts are from 1-3 p.m. or 3-5 p.m.

Registration and sponsorship forms are included with this newsletter. A \$5 per person late fee will be assessed after the June 1 registration deadline.

Please contact Karen Smik at 330-659-4750 or kls1650@roadrunner.com for more information about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities and/or for specific event details.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will fund the Chamber's scholarships for graduating Revere High School seniors. Last year two \$1,100 scholarships were awarded, and over \$100,000 has been awarded since the golf outing's inception.

Camp Fire Sing-Along at Richfield Heritage Preserve

The Friends of Crowell Hilaka (FoCH) are presenting a "Camp Fire Sing-Along" on Sunday, March 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at Richfield Heritage Preserve, 4374 Broadview Road. Attendees should park in the main lot and meet at Gund Hall. Spend the afternoon sharing old tunes we love and learning some new ones. There will be a guided hike after the sing-along. All are welcome to attend this free event. Bring your favorite song books, a guitar (if you have one), and dress for the weather. Light snacks will be offered.

Marlene Shivak Joins Regina Health Center as New Director of Nursing

Regina Health Center, a faith-based skilled nursing and assisted living facility based in Richfield, has named Marlene "Marti" Shivak, RN, as director of nursing.

Shivak has more than 35 years of experience working in skilled nursing and nearly two decades of experience leading the nursing departments at several skilled nursing and assisted

living facilities in Northeast Ohio. Most recently, she was the director of nursing at Avenue at Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

A Graduate of Lorain County Community College, Shivak is a registered nurse and has received certification in geriatric nursing. Marti and her husband Joe live in Wellington.

To learn more visit reginahealthcenter.org.

As a Chamber Member,

If you have an event, special promotion or recognition that you would like included in the monthly newsletter, please submit a press release to mail@richfieldchamber.com by the 20th of the month. Your release should be in paragraph format of 100 words or less. Attachments will not be accepted.

Member discount offers spring project savings

This spring, Empaco Equipment's outdoor Unilock showroom will be updated with all of the newest products for patios and retaining walls.

Chamber members are welcome to stop by for inspiration and assistance in designing living spaces and are offered 10% off Unilock products.

Historical Society hosts March 14 Cabin Fever Tour of Local Businesses

Relieve your cabin fever by taking the Richfield Historical Society's Cabin Fever Tour on Saturday, March 14. Travel through Broadview Heights, Hinckley, Richfield and Peninsula to visit treasure houses of local history, art, antiques, beauty, cuisine, hand-

crafted items, jewelry and more. Pick up a map of participant locations and hours at the Historical Museum of Richfield, 3907 Broadview Road, between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. that day or at any of the participating locations as listed at richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org.

March 5 job fair at CVCC

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will host a job fair on Thursday, March 5, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and invites all job seekers age 15 and older to attend. This event is free for job seekers and registration is not required. Area businesses and non-profit organizations will be on site to interview potential

employees for full-time, part-time and seasonal employment opportunities.

For more information, including job fair tips and a list of participating businesses and organizations visit www.cvccworks.edu/JOBFAIR.aspx or contact Maria Gammieri at mgammieri@cvccworks.edu or 440-838-8851.

Everyone can access Richfield Times

The online version of the Richfield Times magazine is updated weekly to bring readers up-to-date news on the community. Most Richfield offices receive one copy of the print magazine, and frequently that copy ends up going home with someone so others

don't see it.

Sign up for the monthly Richfield Times newsletter at www.scrip-type.com/sign-up. Or, make www.scrip-type.com/richfield-times/ a bookmark and read the full current magazine.

Richfield Chamber of Commerce Board Members

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Membership Chair – open

Special offer for computer support

Bay Pointe Technology is offering a limited time offer. Get 2 FREE hours of computer support when you purchase 2 or more. No contract or commitment is required and it's up to you when you want to use them. Get help

resolving a current problem, or simply run a "health check" on your network security.

Contact Bay Pointe for full details: 330.659.6400 or info@baypointetech.com.

Attention Chamber members!

Don't forget to utilize the Business to Business Discounts! Here is a list of members offering discounts to other Chamber members:

Applied Financial Concepts – Free initial one-hour consultation; plus 10% discount on 1st year's financial planning fee.

Countryside Florist – 10% off any local delivery or flowers.

Empaco Equipment Corporation – 10% off retail pricing for Chamber Members on Unilock products.

Richfield Chiropractic Center – Complimentary examination of the spine and upper/lower joints of the body. Nutritional supplements 25% discount.

Weidrick, Livesay & Company – Free initial consultation and 10% off on our professional fees.

1Direction, Inc. – Free invite to attend one of our 2020 lunch and learn events "7 Steps to a Great Business!" Please visit brianalquist.actioncoach.com/events

