

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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MAY 2020

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy French

"Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. It's the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul."

- Amy Collette, award winning author and motivational speaker

As the COVID pandemic continues to impact all our lives in ways we may never have expected or even imagined, I find myself reflecting on that for which I am grateful. I am especially thankful for the many heroes within the Richfield community who have made us all proud over the past several weeks:

- Our local restaurants who have reacted quickly and creatively during this crisis. Teschners, Whitey's, Muskateers, Michael Angelo's Winery, Olesia's, and many others converted to carry out without missing a beat. The newest of the bunch, Olesia's, served more than 350 take out dinners on Easter Sunday. And very special thanks to Teschners for selling beer in growlers!
- The Richfield Giant Eagle continues to provide essential services in a clean environment while complying with social distancing requirements
- Richfield's three senior facilities, all Chamber members, which have to date have had no COVID cases: Regina Health Center, Renaissance Senior Living, and the Inn at Apple Ridge. Thank you for continuing to protect

our seniors.

- Educators at Revere who are finding creative ways to continue to teach and inspire our youth
- Religious leaders and congregations who are offering spiritual support and finding creative ways to offer worship services
- Our local media, including Scrip-Type Publishing, for keeping us informed
- And ongoing thanks to the many Richfield area medical professionals and first responders who are on the front lines every day. We are all working through many changes right now in search of our new normal. Please know that the Chamber board continues to look to the future and plan for when we can begin to come back together. While we have had to cancel our May luncheon, the Board continues it work on scholarship awards and plans for future luncheons and events such as The Taste of Richfield.

Let's continue to do all we can to support one another and, above all, to stay safe.

Amy French
President, Richfield Chamber of Commerce



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
May 6, 2020
Luncheon
CANCELED**

Richfield Chamber of Commerce Board Members

President – Amy French (OEC)

Vice President – Lynn Seifert
(Seifert & Cox LLP)

Secretary – Mark Yantak
(Regina Health Center)

Treasurer – Justin Hamlin
(HFS Wealth Advisors)

Past President – Sheryl Wilson
(Bay Pointe Technology)

Taste of Richfield Chair –
Sue Serdinak (ScripType Publishing)

Links for Education Chair – Karen Smik
(Richfield Historical Society)

Scholarship Committee Chair –
Jim Koewler (Koewler Law Firm)

Membership Chair – open

Virtual events from the Greater Akron Chamber

With social distancing still being a priority, the Greater Akron Chamber (GAC) is holding virtual meetings and events. Some topics include:

- May 7: Interviews with Innovators: Cleveland Whiskey
- May 12: Leadership and Versatility
- May 13: Leadership Toolbox Series
- May 19: Trademark Law: What a Business Owner Needs to Know
- May 20: Empowering Women Luncheon

A complete calendar of events can be found at www.greaterakronchamber.org/connect/events.

NOACC offers resources for businesses

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC). Many resource links, such as Sector Specific Operating Requirements, the Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act and more, can be found on their website at www.noacc.org/home/covid-19-coronavirus-updates.

Secure your remote work environments

The transition to working from home can be overwhelming. Bay Pointe partners with carriers that are offering specials during the Stay Safe at Home order. We can work with your team to make sure you have everything in place for a simple, secure remote work environment. Contact us at 330.659.6400 or email info@baypointetech.com.

Chamber businesses can connect to community via Richfield Times

As the Richfield Chamber of Commerce must cancel its business networking events, the community's own publication, the Richfield Times, will continue to keep the business and residential community connected.

The Richfield community is interested in how and what the businesses are doing. Send interesting information to news@scriptype.com.

The ScripType staff has been working remotely to post the news

online during April, but is now gathering news to publish in the June print magazine, as well as to post daily to the website.

Visit the Times website at www.scriptype.com/richfield-times, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/richfieldtimes.

Going forward, supporting our own local businesses makes for a stronger and more vital community. Whether it is a one-person service business or an international company, support local.

"Links for Education" Golf Outing

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, and out of concern for everyone's safety, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the June 10 "Links for Education" Golf Outing.

A portion of the outing's profit would have gone to the Chamber's scholarship fund. Since the event's inception, over \$100,000 has been awarded in scholarships to graduating Revere High School seniors; and we would like to be able to continue

this worthy endeavor. Anyone who would still like to help support the scholarship fund may send a check to the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, 4300 W. Streetsboro Road, Richfield, OH 44286. Be sure to indicate your donation is for the scholarship fund.

Thank you for your understanding and hope to see you at the 2021 "Links for Education" Golf Outing!

Summit County Public Health – Request for Donations of Styrofoam Containers

Summit County Public Health is in need of Styrofoam shipping containers at least 12"X12" and no larger than the size of a home cooler to ship COVID-19 testing specimens to labs.

If your company has Styrofoam containers to donate, please drop

them off between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm (Monday - Friday) at 1867 West Market Street in Akron. If you have any questions, or if you would like to coordinate the drop off of your donation, please feel free to contact the Summit County Public Health at (330) 926-5795.

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.