

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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LET'S DO LUNCH!

REMINDER:

No luncheon this month.

Luncheon will resume
**WEDNESDAY,
August 4, 2021**

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 – 5% off retail pricing for Chamber Members on new 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 Strategy – Free invite to attend one of our 2020 lunch and learn events. Please visit 1dstrategy.com/our-events.

JULY 2021

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy French

Happy July! I hope you are enjoying the summer – it is encouraging to see the community starting to return to more normal, face to face interactions and I hope to get the chance to see many of you in person very soon.

One of our first live events was our Links for Education Golf Outing, which was held on June 16. It was a huge success, starting with perfect weather. We had a total of 78 golfers participate! Thanks to everyone for your support of this fundraising activity, which provides scholarships for deserving Revere High School students. Special thanks to Karen Smik for organizing this event again this year and thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it possible.

Thanks also to everyone who at-

tended our June luncheon where we heard from Michael Hall, principal of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. We are taking a break in July but plan to return to hosting in person lunches beginning in August – watch for more details soon.

Thank you!

Amy French,
President, Richfield Chamber
of Commerce

Friends of Crowell Hilaka add on to matching campaign

Because the Friends of Crowell Hilaka reached its initial \$5,000 matching gift challenge, a generous donor has agreed to add an additional \$5,000 match as part of the "One is Good, Two is Better" campaign. For the 100 days of summer, every gift can make twice the impact to help restore Kirby's Mill, located in Ohio's Hidden Treasure™ Richfield

Heritage Preserve.

Individuals contributing \$500 or more will receive their choice of a guided hike for themselves and eight friends, a guided golf cart tour for a maximum of three guests, or a tour on horseback for two people.

For additional details, go to www.friendsofcrowellhilaka.org.

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)*

23rd Links for Education a huge success

We certainly had Mother Nature on our side for the 23rd Links for Education golf outing, as the weather was perfect!

The 78 golfers who participated on June 16 at St. Bernard Golf Club certainly did more than their fair share to help raise funds--a portion of which benefits the Chamber's scholarship program for deserving Revere High School students to further their education after graduation. Because of the golf outing's great success in past years, the Chamber has been able to donate over \$100,000 in scholarship monies to date and help advance educational opportunities for our youth. This past school year, \$1,100 scholarships were awarded to three exceptional RHS seniors: Abhay Adury, Kaitlyn Borcharding and Sarisha Mahajan.

The financial result for this year's tournament will be reported in a future newsletter, as it hasn't been finalized as of this printing. The event wouldn't have happened without the dedication and hard work of the following individuals who served on the planning committee: Sandy Apidone, Kim Bonker, Kayla Bohuslawsky, Melysa Foster, Justin Hamlin, Matt Schoolcraft, Halle Schosler, and Sophie Veillette. Thanks to Tim Ostrander for storing and taking inventory of our hole sponsor signs and having new ones made as needed. Key volunteers at the outing itself were: GMS staff members James Brown, Todd Fitzwater, Danielle Kossman and Jessica Storey who manned our

putting contest; Jen Stencil, Annie Stencil, and Amy French, who ran our "Double Your Money" contest; Corey Ringle and Bonnie Simonelli who drove the beverage cart and sold raffle tickets; and Jim Koewler who emceed. And we can't compliment Deb Fike and the St. Bernard's staff who, as always, did an outstanding job hosting our function and assured that it ran without a glitch - as well as donating 4 gift certificates, for 9 holes of golf, to use as prizes.

Congratulations to the following contest winners. Assured Partner was the winning team with a score of 53. Nick Buckingham won men's longest driver and Deb Fike won women's longest drive. Tom Johnston won closest to the pin, Ron Hays won straightest drive and Bret Faber won shortest drive. For the putting contest Dennis Bloomer won with a hole in one, Tom King took second and Terry Bennett took third. National Interstate, OEC and Schulte and Company CPAs were the Skins winner.

A large part of the event's financial success was due to the generosity of local businesses and individuals who sponsored holes, donated raffle items and/or made monetary donations. The Richfield Chamber of Commerce and the Links for Education committee would like to express their sincerest appreciation to the following: Austen J. Linden, III, CFP; Becker Signs; Broadview Insurance Agency; Constantine's Garden Center; Corkscrew Johnny'; Country-side Florist; D.B. Johnsen Company;

Emil Pawuk & Associates; Empaco Equipment Corporation; Exit 11 Tire Service; Friends of Crowell Hilaka; Frontier Tank Center; Hemminger Construction; HFS Wealth Advisors; Holiday Inn Express-Richfield; Lee Marie Salon; Musketeers; National Interstate Insurance; OEC; Regina Health Center; Richfield Chiropractic Center; Richfield Coin & Collectibles; ScripType Publishing; Seifert and Cox LLP; Snap-on Business Solutions; St. Bernard Golf Club; Stitches & Stowaways; The Symphony Group; Village Auto Body; and Winar Connection.

We are extremely grateful to the following: GMS for being our \$1500 tournament sponsor for the 11th year; Schulte & Company, CPAs for being our \$250 keg stop sponsor for the 8th year as well as a raffle donor; and to CAM, Inc. for being a \$500 hole sponsor. We'd also like to recognize our two exclusive hole sponsors: Olesia's Taverne of Richfield and The Smyth School of Irish Dance. Each business had sole rights to a hole and set up near the tee, where they engaged with golfers and promoted their respective businesses. This was our first year for this type of sponsorship and it seemed to be successful.

We hope all who participated in this year's event found their had a swinging" time, enjoyed all the contests, won some great raffle prizes, and will come back for the 2022 outing to be held at St. Bernard's on Wednesday, June 15. Block out your calendar now.

Karen Smik, chairperson
2021 Links for Education

Richfield Historical Society offers discounted membership

The Richfield Historical Society is offering 50% off its \$100 business membership fee between now and the end of the year. By joining the society, you can help in the efforts to preserve and interpret the history of Richfield, while creating and promoting appreciation for Richfield's diverse cultural, social, and economic history. To take advantage of this savings, contact Karen Smik at kls1650@roadrunner.com. For more information about the Historical Society and all that it offers, visit the website, www.richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org.

Career center has openings

Seats are still available in a variety of Cuyahoga Valley Career Center's high school programs. Enroll by visiting www.cvccworks.edu, or call 440-526-5200 for more information today.

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.