

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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Hello! Welcome to September and the start of what promises to be another exciting Cleveland Browns Football season!

It was great seeing many of you in person at our Chamber luncheon in August. A big thanks to Venue South for hosting us after 19 months away. We plan to be in person again this month – and again at Venue South. Martha Sluka will be our speaker and will provide an update on the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. I hope you will all be able to join us.

The Board is gearing up for its fall activities, which include starting to plan for our annual banquet and Business of the Year and Beatifica-

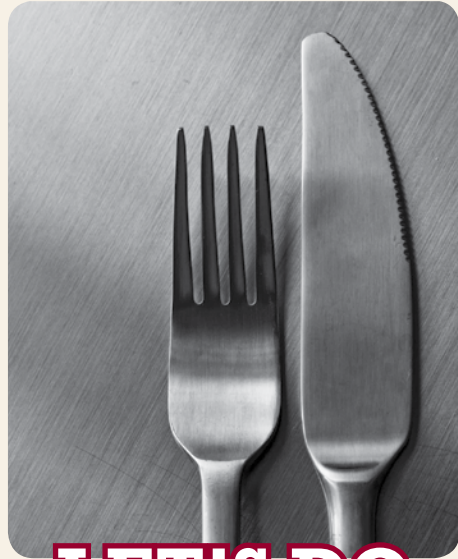
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy French

tion awards. If you have ideas for a speaker for the banquet, please be sure to let us know. Also, don't forget to submit nominations for our annual awards (see Page 3 and box below for more info).

Go Browns!!

Amy French,
President, Richfield Chamber
of Commerce



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
September 1, 2021**

Speaker

Martha Sluka

Career & Community
Resources Specialist, CVCC

11:45 Informal Networking

12:00 Light lunch served

12:30 Speaker

1:00 Adjourn

at

**Venue South at Quality Inn
& Suites, Richfield**

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. Aug. 27.

ACCEPTING BUSINESS NOMINATIONS

Nominate a Richfield business for

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

See page 3 in this newsletter for the guidelines.

ALSO Each year the Richfield Chamber of Commerce
recognizes a business that has enhanced their property.

Nominate a Richfield business for the

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Email the chamber at mail@richfieldchamber.com with your beautification nomination.
The committee will view all nominated properties.

As a Chamber Member, if you have an event, special promotion or recognition 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.

Our September Speaker

Martha Sluka, Career and Community Resources Specialist, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

Martha Sluka, career and community resources specialist for Cuyahoga Valley Career Center in Brecksville, is on a mission to match the career center students, alumni and community members with great opportunities to fit their talents with the needs of local businesses. She is a lifelong resident of Northeast Ohio, with a Bachelors of Arts degree in interior design from Kent State University and with over 20 years of foundational work experience in purchasing and sales with a major retailer, distributor and manufacturer.

Sluka experienced a career change of her own. Believing in always needing to be able to reinvent oneself and following her passion for personal investing and financial management, she took the master's level Certified Financial Planners® program at Corporate College. She became a financial aid administrator at a proprietary college and then moved to CVCC. She assisted practical nursing, cosmetology and other adult ed students for six years in funding their education before moving on to her current role in 2016.

As a career and resource specialist, Sluka assists high school students with their work-based Learning opportunities, resume prep and interviewing tips while working with local businesses to promote all CVCC has to offer. Her office also maintains the schools online public job board and virtual business fair.

Sluka supervises career specialist who work in the eight member school districts. Nancy Vondrak will become Revere's career specialist this year. Vondrak comes from the Chagrin Falls School District and she replaces Kathy Dombrowski who had been a career specialist for 20 years and retired in May.

CVCC welcomes a new job placement administrative assistant Elizabeth Martin of Akron who has two children who graduated from Revere High School. Her youngest son is a senior this year. Martin is also a board member for Revere Community C.A.R.E.



FoCH sponsors Kirby Day

Join the Friends of Crowell Hilaka (FoCH) in celebrating Kirby Day, in honor of well-known inventor James Kirby, and 'Kirby's Marble-ous Mill' on Sunday, Sept. 19, 1-5 p.m., at Richfield Heritage Preserve.

This afternoon of intergenerational fun will include no-touch treasure hunts to earn free marbles, a marble run in the park's

Tupelo Grove and Fairy Garden, and an opportunity to learn the game of marbles from Michael Cohill of the American Toy Marble Museum.

FoCH keepsakes and marble memorabilia will be available for purchase.

The free event will be held rain or shine. For further information, go to friendsofcrowellhilaka.org.

CVCC enrolling for adult programs

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center's Adult Education programs are enrolling now.

Are you looking to start a career as a web or graphic designer, dental assistant, Phlebotomist, EKG technician, or esthetician? Check

out these careers and many more at CVCC. Student financial aid and payment plan options are available to those who qualify. Find your career at CVCC.

Visit www.cvccworks.edu or call 440.526.5200 for more information.

History of Cleveland Union Terminal will be TakeMeBack topic

The Richfield Historical Society will sponsor a TakeMeBack Series presentation at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 26 at Richfield Fellowship Hall. Rebecca McFarland and Tom Pappas will present "History of the Cleveland Union Terminal."

Cleveland was still a boomtown in the 1920s. Much of this progress was tied to the building of the Terminal Tower by the Van Swer-

ingen brothers, who saw a future in rail shipping and made certain that Cleveland was positioned to benefit from a big, new terminal that welcomed commerce and personal travel.

This free presentation is open to the public. Please follow all pandemic protocols in effect at the time. Call 330-659-4750 for additional information.

Cummings Express gives employee recognition

Cummings Express Inc. would like to recognize David Robinson, business contact in North Jackson terminal, for his hard work and dedication to the company.

He has been a great addition to the team. He has brought new

ideas and creativity to build a strong team over the last three months. He has exceeded the company's expectations for him. He is congratulated on a getting a service score of 99.5% for the month of August 2021.

Richfield Chamber of Commerce Board Members

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(OEC)*

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(Koewler Law Firm)*

Nominate the Richfield Business of the Year

The Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with OEC, will honor the Richfield Business of the Year at the Chamber's annual banquet. The Chamber Board of Directors is accepting nominations for this award. Large or small Richfield businesses can be nominated and businesses can nominate themselves.



To nominate a business, please send us:

- Your name and contact information.
- The name of the business you are nominating.
- The owner or CEO of that business.
- His or her contact information.

Then describe in 300 words or less how the business meets any or all of the criteria that follow:

1. This business demonstrates success and exceptional performance in business practices.
2. This business has been recognized in its industry or by an employee or business organization.
3. This business has made an economic impact on Richfield, the region or the state within the last one to three years.
4. This business has demonstrated corporate citizenship and/or community leadership.
5. This business overcame a diverse or extraordinary circumstance.
6. This business fills a unique void in the community.

Please submit your nomination no later than November 30, 2021.

It can be emailed to: mail@richfieldchamber.com

or mailed to: Richfield Chamber of Commerce,
4300 W. Streetsboro Rd., Richfield 44286

OEC, the 2012 Richfield Business of the Year, is sponsoring this 2021 award.