

# CHAMBER MONTHLY

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## JANUARY 2023

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mark C. Yantek

Happy New Year from the Richfield Chamber of Commerce! We wish all our members success and prosperity in 2023.

As we approach the third anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic, we're grateful for the lessons we learned and the ways we were able to adapt to a new reality in a post-pandemic marketplace. We may never return to all of our former ways of interacting with our customers, clients and coworkers, but we are now better equipped to pivot quickly to seize all the opportunities 2023 holds in store for us. The future of the Richfield business community is bright indeed!

Be sure to join us for a rare January luncheon meeting - a month when we typically pause to celebrate at our

annual evening banquet. We're still eagerly anticipating our banquet; details are being finalized. Look for the announcement regarding date, location and speaker soon.

Thanks to all our members who helped make 2022 a success for the Richfield Chamber! We value your partnership and we look forward to a prosperous New Year. See you at the luncheon!



## LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,  
January 4, 2023**

**Speaker**

**Tracy Williams,  
Microbusiness Specialist,  
Akron-Summit County  
Public Library**

**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 \$20 check payable  
to Richfield Chamber of Commerce  
No-shows will be invoiced \$20 for their reserved lunch.

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

Please R.S.V.P. to  
330-659-3300 by 9 AM Jan. 2.

## Our January Speaker

**Tracy Williams, Akron-Summit County Public Library**

Tracy Williams is the Micro-business Specialist for Akron-Summit County Public Library and a member of their Staff Association. In her role, she oversees the Microbusiness Center, a shared coworking space. She also assists entrepreneurs/aspiring entrepreneurs, and small business owners start, grow, and maintain their businesses. Tracy has a total of 15 years in the business consulting industry and 15 years working in the nonprofit sector. She has a passion for helping people from various lifestyles accomplish their goals of owning their very own business by assisting them with overcoming barriers that they may face. She is a certified Ice



House Entrepreneurship Training Program facilitator; she occasionally mentors for The University of Akron's I-Corps program and Bounces MORTAR program.

Tracy earned her Associates of Office Administration from the University of Akron and her Masters of Business Administration in Human Resources from Herzing University.

Tracy was born and raised in Akron, Ohio; she is the proud mother of one son, Demetrius, and one daughter, Alanaya, and the grandmother of five. While not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading a good book, shopping, and watching a good scary/mystery movie.

## 2023 'Links for Education' Golf Outing

The 2023 "Links for Education" Golf Outing planning committee will hold its first meeting on Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. and will meet as needed thereafter (exact dates TBD). All meetings will be held via Zoom and should last no more than one hour. Anyone interested in serving on this fun committee to help plan a most worthwhile event should contact Karen Smik at

kls1650@roadrunner.com.

The outing will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield and will once again be sponsored by GMS. A portion of the proceeds from this event will fund the Chamber's scholarships for graduating Revere High School seniors. Over \$100,000 has been awarded since the golf outing's inception.