

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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The month of January, and the beginning of a new year, give us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate those businesses who have made an impact in our Richfield business community in the past year.

For the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, those businesses include our Gold and Silver Members. These businesses have chosen to invest in our organization in a meaningful way, and so they deserve special recognition.

In 2023, our Gold members included **National Interstate Insurance** and **Kinetic by Windstream**. Our Silver members included **Advanced Quality Lawn**; **EMPACO Equipment Corporation**; **Petros Homes** and **Revere Local Schools**.

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce is grateful to these entities for their demonstration of commitment to our organization and for their confidence in our work and mission.

In 2023, we also welcomed several new Chamber members, including: Meadow Run All Breed Dog Boarding & Training; Anthony Allega Cement Contractor; Advanced Quality Lawn; Software Properties, LLC (dba CUInterface); HTZ Construction; Kings Medical Group; Olesia's Tavern of Richfield; Pierogies of Cleveland; Snap-on Business Solutions; Suncrest Gardens and Town Square Office Park.

Such a large contingent of new members is evidence that our Chamber continues to be not only relevant, but also active and robust. We are grateful for their participa-

tion and we look forward to collaborating with them in 2024.

The month of January is also when we come together in celebration and gratitude for the successes of the year just ended. As the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, we do this in our annual Chamber Banquet.

This year's banquet promises to be the best yet, as we hear inspiring and insightful words from our keynote speaker, Chris Berry, president and CEO of OhioX, and as we pay tribute to the **2023 Business of the Year** and the 2023 honoree of the **Beautification Award**.

The annual Chamber Banquet is always a fun time to reconnect with other members of the Richfield business community. We are grateful to National Interstate Insurance for once again hosting our banquet on Thursday evening, Jan. 25th.

If you have not already made your reservations, I encourage you to assemble a group of co-workers and plan to join us for drinks, dinner and an inspiring program. Tables of eight are the best value, but groups of any size are most welcome, including individual attendees.

2024 is shaping up to be a positive, busy year for the Richfield Chamber of Commerce. We're glad you're on board!



The Chamber will not hold a luncheon during the month of January. The next Chamber luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, at 12 p.m. Save the date!

Richfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024

National Interstate
Insurance
3250 Interstate Drive,
Richfield

Speaker: Chris Berry,
Founder & President/CEO
of OhioX, a statewide
nonprofit working to build
Ohio into a tech hub.

*Invitation included in this
newsletter. Please RSVP with
payment by Thursday, Jan. 18.*

Our Banquet Speaker

Chris Berry,
President/CEO of OhioX

Chris Berry is the founder and president/CEO of OhioX, a state-wide nonprofit working to build Ohio into a tech hub.



OhioX is a member-based organization with representation from Fortune 500 companies, universities, research organizations, startups, and tech-focused businesses. The work of OhioX centers around connecting, promoting, and advocating for tech and innovation in Ohio.

Previously, Chris served as the chief of staff and director of communications at the Ohio Treasurer's office. He began his career on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Chris has spent over a decade building and engaging in high profile campaigns that have touched on a wide range of first-of-their-kind issues. His work has been quoted and seen in media outlets such as the Wall Street Journal, CNBC, the Associated Press, FOX Business, Forbes, Fortune and hundreds more across the world.

For more information on OhioX, please visit www.ohiox.org.

2024 Links for Education Golf Outing

The 2024 Links for Education Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, June 12, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. It will begin at 11:30 a.m. with registration and lunch, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start and dinner at around 5:30 p.m. There will be many great contests and skill challenges, plus fantastic raffle prizes. Look for registration information and sponsorship opportunities in the February or March newsletter.

The outing raises scholarship funds for deserving students who live within the Revere School

District's geographic boundaries. Since the event's inception, over \$100,000 has been awarded.

Thanks to GMS for sponsoring the 2024 event, for the 14th year in a row.

Our planning committee will hold its first meeting in mid-late January. It will be virtual and last about an hour. The committee will meet one to two additional times as needed. If you would like to help plan this fun and most worthwhile event, please contact Karen Smik at kls1650@roadrunner.com or 330-659-4750.

Order Richfield Sweatshirts and T-shirts

2024 will be a notable year in Richfield as the tallest water tower in the country should be completed and, on April 8, the community will be in the path of a total solar eclipse.

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce is selling commemorative sweatshirts and t-shirts to celebrate the events. For information on placing an order please visit richfieldchamber.com.

The Chamber is also planning a party on the Green on April 8. Reserve the date to view the eclipse and enjoy a grilled sausage sandwich, prepared by The Richfield Brewing Company.

Save the date and watch for more information on the event.



Recognizing and thanking our Silver & Gold Members

2024 Silver Members (to date) include:



**ANTHONY
ALLEGA,
INC.**

CEMENT CONTRACTOR

*Anthony Allega Cement
Contractor*



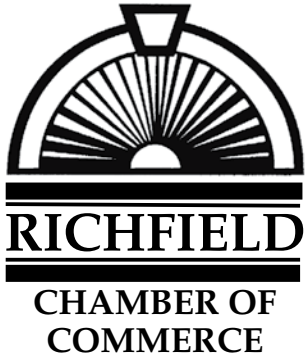
*EMPACO Equipment
Corporation*



Revere Local School District



*Richfield Banquet
& Conference Center, also
known as Quality Inn &
Suites / Venue South*



24th Annual Banquet

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Guest Speaker

Chris Berry

Founder & President/CEO of OhioX

Statewide nonprofit working to build Ohio into a tech hub

at National Interstate Insurance, 3250 Interstate Drive, Richfield

5:30 p.m. – Hors d’oeuvres & Cocktails - **Sponsored by National Interstate Insurance**

6:15 p.m. – Plated Dinner featuring a duo presentation of Pesto Chicken and Beef Tenderloin
(vegetarian option is available)

8:00 p.m. – Speaker and presentation of awards

\$50 per person; \$45 per person for reservations for tables of 8

Name: _____ Business: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please reserve _____ dinners @ \$50 each. My check # _____ for \$ _____ is enclosed.

-or- Please reserve a table of 8 @ \$45 each. My check # _____ for \$ _____ is enclosed.

_____ I was a Silver Corporate member in 2023. Please reserve my two free dinners.

_____ I was a Gold Corporate member in 2023. Please reserve my four free dinners.

Please print names for name tags and indicate if vegetarian option is preferred.

- 1) _____ 2) _____
- 3) _____ 4) _____
- 5) _____ 6) _____
- 7) _____ 8) _____

Please return this form with your payment by **January 18, 2024** to:
Richfield Chamber of Commerce, 4300 Streetsboro Road, Richfield, OH 44286.
You may call 330-659-3300 for more information.