

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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During the month of May each year, we set aside the second Sunday to celebrate the institution of Motherhood. Mother's Day gives us the chance to celebrate all that is selfless, giving, supportive and loving in the women who have molded us into the people we are today. We owe them a debt that we cannot hope to repay, but it's an honor and a pleasure to make the attempt nonetheless.

Some of the very same qualities we acknowledge and celebrate in our mothers are qualities we would do well to duplicate in our business lives. Mothers accept us for who we are, flaws and imperfections included, and they work with what they are given to develop us into responsible, productive adults. We, as company owners, business managers or co-workers have the responsibility to develop our employ-

ees to serve our customers, despite the imperfections each employee brings to the first day on the job. Patience and kindness go a long way in developing a work force that has the right stuff, but needs time and attention to achieve its potential. Just like Mom did with us.

This month, as you are celebrating the women in your life whom you identify as mother-like, make a conscious effort to duplicate those same attributes in your own business persona. You may find that, as we always suspected, Mother really does know best!

Eclipse celebration presented community and businesses in a good light

The volunteers and sponsors of the Richfield Chamber's Celestial Celebration of the Eclipse were phenomenal.

The Italian sausage sandwiches, smoked and grilled by Mike Lytz, were a big draw. Peggy Patterson prepared hot dogs for those who wanted a less hardy sandwich. We also served pizza from the Doug Out and the most delicious cookies donated by Ocelot Café & Bakery. For those who arrived early in the morning, we had coffee and mini Cinnabons donated by Pilot Travel Center.

Amazing volunteers, especially a crew from HTZ Construction, served the food to over 500 people.

Another crew from Broadview Insurance sold shirts and sweatshirts. The local student band, SLAM, performed for a couple of hours.

Visitors from several states and Canada stopped and talked before

sitting back to watch the eclipse. They said they had stayed at our local hotels. Quality Inn opened their bar, Barney Googles, for the weekend and may open it permanently in the future. It was a nice opportunity to display the community in a good light.

We are grateful to our sponsors Elegant Dentistry, Koewler Law Firm, Ocelot Café & Bakery, Broadview Insurance Agency, Richfield Brewing Company, Pilot Travel Center, Summit County Clerk of Courts - Tavia Galonski, and ScripType Publishing.

The special eclipse shirts were flying off the sale table, until we closed the sales down for an hour so volunteers could experience the whole eclipse process. The T-shirts sold out. **There are a few sweatshirts and hoodies left. Call the Chamber line, 330-659-3300, to ask about sizes.**



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
May 1, 2024**

Speaker

Michael Wheeler,
Mayor of Richfield

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 10 AM April 29.

Our May Speaker

Michael Wheeler, Mayor of Richfield

Michael Wheeler was sworn in as mayor of Richfield Village on Jan. 2, 2020. Prior to that he served on village council for several terms between 2008 and 2019.

As mayor he oversees a \$40 million budget with over 100 employees. He guided the village through COVID-19 and lead the village in bringing city water to downtown Richfield and completing the Briarwood Sewer District, which reduced the costs to residents. He also increased the safety force training and services.

Michael Wheeler graduated from California State University at Fresno with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and management. He also graduated from California State University at Bakersfield with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geochemistry. In California he worked in commercial real estate and developed his own brokerage firm.

In Ohio, he started a business with two people and grew it to a multi-million dollar enterprise with over 73 employees today. He coached youth baseball, football and soccer. He was assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 387. He has served as president of Bath Richfield Kiwanis, and on council for Richfield United Church of Christ. He is also a member of Meridian Sun Lodge.

He is married to Polly Wheeler and they have four grown children.



Chamber's Links for Education Golf Outing is coming soon

It's not too late to sign up for the "Links for Education" Golf Outing, sponsored by GMS, to be held Wednesday, June 12, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. Remember, there's an 80-golfer limit and a \$5 per person late fee will be assessed after the June 1 registration deadline.

There are still \$275 special sponsorship opportunities (keg stop and golfer gift) as well as unlimited individual hole sponsorships, at various monetary levels in \$100 increments, available. Also offered is the \$250 Exclusive sponsorship which provides the donor exclusive rights to a particular hole along with an opportunity to set up a table on that hole with a representative promoting their business, sharing the company swag and

other promotional items.

We hope you can participate, sponsor, and/or donate a raffle item for this enjoyable and worthwhile event that will feature skill challenges, entertaining activities, and a fantastic raffle! Attached are registration and sponsorship forms for your convenience. Please contact Karen Smik at kls1650@roadrunner.com or 330-659-4750 if you have any questions or need additional information.

A portion of the event proceeds will fund the Chamber's scholarships for graduating seniors living within the Revere School District. Over \$100,000 has been awarded since its inception. This year, based on the financial results from last year's outing, two, \$1,200 scholarships, will be given out in May.

May 4 Bird Hike and May 11 Wildflower Hike

The Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve will offer two bird hikes in the park, led by professional birder Fred Dinkelbach, on Saturday, May 4. The hikes will be from 7:30-9 a.m. and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Attendees will meet by the Summer Barn at 4225 Oviatt Road.

A wildflower hike, led by plant ecologist Jennifer Windus, will be

held on Saturday, May 11, 1-3:30 p.m. Participants will use the 3771 Oviatt Road park entrance and meet at the Kirby's Mill kiosk.

Dress for the weather. Suitable hiking footwear, insect repellent, binoculars (for the bird hike), and a reusable water bottle are recommended.

Visit friendsofrhp.org for further information.

Black Friday - 1916 will be TakeMeBack topic

As part of its 2024 TakeMeBack series, the Richfield Historical Society will present "Black Friday - October 20, 1916" on Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m., in Richfield Fellowship Hall located at 3903 Broadview Road.

Chris Gillcrist, of the National Museum of the Great Lakes, will share the

story of the worst day in commercial shipping on Lake Erie, when four ships and over 50 lives were lost.

No reservations are required for this free program. Call 330-659-4750 for additional information and visit richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org for any event updates.

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.

Recognizing and thanking our 2024 Richfield Chamber of Commerce Silver & Gold Members

2024 Gold Members
(to date) include:



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INSURANCE
Member of Great American Insurance Group



ANTHONY
ALLEGA,
INC.

CEMENT CONTRACTOR



CONSUMERS
National Bank

Empaco
Equipment Corporation



DAVEY
Resource Group



WINDSTREAM



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RICHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 "LINKS FOR EDUCATION" ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
 (With Over \$100,000 in Scholarships to Revere Students)
 SPONSORED BY GMS



DATE: Wednesday, June 12, 2024

LOCATION: St. Bernard Golf Club
5364 Streetsboro Road -- Richfield

GOLF: 4 Person Scramble (**soft spikes only**)

Check-in/Lunch/Putting Contest Begin at 11:30 a.m.
 Putting Contest from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.
 Contests/Raffle throughout event
 Dinner after golf (steak or chicken)

FEE: Super Ticket \$425 per foursome by 6/1; \$445 per foursome after 6/1 (this package available to foursomes only)
 (includes hot dog for lunch, greens fee for 18 holes of golf, cart, refreshments, dinner, skins, 2 raffle tickets per golfer and special gift for each member of the foursome)

Golf & Dinner \$95 per person (\$380 per foursome) by 6/1; \$100 per person (\$400 per foursome) after 6/1
 (includes hot dog for lunch, greens fee for 18 holes of golf, cart, refreshments, dinner and special gift for each golfer)

Dinner Only \$35 per person

Mulligans (\$5/person) and skins (\$20/foursome for those not on the Super Ticket) will be sold the day of the event

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:
 "Richfield Chamber of Commerce" 4300 W. Streetsboro Road Richfield, Ohio 44286

Golf Foursome

(All foursomes must be on the same fee "package")

	Dinner (indicate steak or chicken)	Super Ticket	Regular Fee
<u>Price By 6/1</u>		<u>\$425/4some</u>	<u>\$95/person</u>
<u>Price After 6/1</u>		<u>\$445/4some</u>	<u>\$100/person</u>

Name: _____
(Team Captain)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Dinner Only

(indicate steak or chicken)

\$35/person

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (CHECK PAYABLE TO "RICHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE") \$ _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____
(street---or p.o. box # if applicable) (city) (zip code)

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

PAYMENT IN FULL MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM
*****80 GOLFER LIMIT - REGISTRATION ON FIRST COME BASIS*****
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1 (\$5 LATE FEE PER GOLFER ASSESSED AFTER JUNE 1)

