

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mark C. Yantek

Getting reacquainted with Ol' Man Winter after two unusually mild winters hasn't been much fun. If March is going to come in like a lion, let's hope it goes out like a lamb!

Living here in Northeast Ohio, we've been bundled up for the past six months and we haven't seen the sun since anyone can remember. Seasonal Affective Disorder is a real thing, and it can affect us in more ways than we realize. We're all aware enough of its negative effects that we make the necessary corrections in customer relations. We put on a happy face, even if we're not feeling it. But what about our employees and co-workers? All too often, they receive the brunt of our intolerance, borne of too much darkness and lack of flora and fauna.

It's especially important at this time of year to be hyper-aware of the need to show our appreciation for those with whom we work. Does your business

participate in any fun diversions, to make the season of darkness a little brighter? A just-for-fun March Madness bracket can add a lift to the mood of your co-workers and employees. Observing a theme, such as Beach Day or hosting a Beat Cabin Fever potluck lunch are a great way to help everyone over the hump.

Spring may officially arrive later this month, but let's face it - winter has a way of hanging around long after it's worn out its welcome. So fight back! Do something fun for your staff, and your business will be the better for it. And remember to think positive - spring will arrive ... eventually.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
Feb. 5, 2025**

Speakers:

11:45 Informal Networking

12:00 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 Feb. 3.

Richfield Chamber of Commerce Board Members

President – Mark C. Yantek (Regina Health Center)

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Links for Education Chair – Karen Smik (Richfield Historical Society)

Scholarship Committee Chair – Jim Koewler (Koewler Law Firm)

Our February Speaker

Michael Wheeler, Mayor of Richfield

Michael Wheeler was sworn in for his first term as mayor of Richfield Village on Jan. 2, 2020. He was re-elected in 2023, and sworn in for his second term in 2024.

He also 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 cost 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. Today that company has over 73 employees. 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.



HTZ showing at IX Center

HTZ Design+Build will be showing at the 2025 Cleveland Home Remodeling Expo. HTZ is a design and build company located in Richfield. The expo will be held at the IX Center March 21-23.

Visit htzdesignbuild.com or call us at 440-588-8644 for more information.

We invite Chamber members to stop by and say hello at the expo.

Links for Education Golf Outing

The 2025 Links for Education Golf Outing – sponsored by GMS – will be held on Wednesday, June 11, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. Registration, lunch, and a putting contest will begin at 11:30 a.m. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. and the steak or chicken dinner will be served immediately following golf at about 5:30 p.m.

Favorite contests, raffle prizes and skill challenges will return. Local businesses and individuals have donated the prizes.

Special sponsorship opportunities at \$250 are available for the beverage cart, keg stop, and golfer gift. Unlimited hole sponsorships are available at various levels in \$100 increments. Also offered is the exclusive \$325 sponsorship, which provides the donor exclusive rights to a particular hole. It offers an opportunity to set up a table on that hole with a representative promoting the business.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the contests and to help drive the beverage cart. No job requires prior experience, and you're guaranteed to have a great time. Work

shifts are from 1-3 p.m. or 3-5 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for both shifts!

Registration and sponsorship forms are included with this newsletter. The number of golfers is limited to 80. Registrations will be taken on a first-come basis, so early sign-ups are recommended. A \$5 per person late fee will be assessed after the June 1 registration deadline. Participants and sponsors now have the opportunity to pay via Square, with processing fees charged to the payer. To pay by Square, please contact Karen Smik as indicated below.

A portion of the event proceeds will fund the Chamber's scholarships for graduating seniors living within the Revere School district's geographical boundaries. Well over \$100,000 has been given out since the outing's inception. Last year, two, \$1,200 scholarships were awarded.

Please contact Karen Smik at kls1650@roadrunner.com or 330-659-4750 for more information about registration, sponsorships, volunteer opportunities and/or for specific event details.

Equipment loans available

Consumers National Bank is currently offering financing with a 6.50% interest rate for commercial equipment. For a limited time, Consumers Bank is also lowering the document fee to \$100, waiving the origination fee, and offering up

to 10-year amortization. There is a 3-year minimum term limit. Loans are subject to credit approval and pre-payment penalties.

Contact Dana Walters at 330-366-9788 or dana.walters@consumers.bank.

Mock trial and debate teams headed to state

The Revere High School Mock Trial team of 12 students has qualified for the state tournament from March 6-8 at the Franklin County Courthouse and the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio. These students have demonstrated outstanding skill

and teamwork as they prepared to participate on either side of the case.

The Revere Speech and Debate team is also making history, with 20 competitors advancing to the state finals held in Austintown, setting a new record.

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.



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 11, 2025

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

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

 Check-in/Lunch 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)

FEES: **Super Ticket \$420 per foursome by 6/1; \$440 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)

Regular Golf \$380 per foursome by 6/1; \$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 Golf
<u>Price By 6/1</u>		<u>\$420/4some</u>	<u>\$380/4some</u>
<u>Price After 6/1</u>		<u>\$440/4some</u>	<u>\$400/4some</u>
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
(Team Captain)			
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____

Dinner Only

(indicate steak or chicken)

\$35/person

Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
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Name: _____	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (CHECK PAYABLE TO "RICHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE") \$ _____
 (TO PAY BY SQUARE, CONTACT KAREN AS LISTED BELOW. YOU WILL NEED TO COVER THE PROCESSING FEE)

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. IF PAYING BY SQUARE, INDICATE THAT ON THIS FORM.
 80 GOLFER LIMIT - REGISTRATION ON FIRST COME BASIS
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1 (\$5 LATE FEE PER GOLFER ASSESSED AFTER JUNE 1)

