

# CHAMBER MONTHLY

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## MAY 2025

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mark C. Yantek

The early months of the year are the time of new beginnings, of emerging possibilities and potential successes. It's too soon to tell what will come of our planning and prep work, but we're hopeful, nonetheless.

Even the seasons and the weather reflect this uncertainty: there are signs of Spring, but then an unexpected snowfall brings us back to reality. And in our businesses, the fiscal year is just getting off the ground; there isn't enough data on the books for us to celebrate just yet. But the month of May is when things finally start to come together: the days are reliably warmer, and certainly longer. We can plant seeds – literally – and have reasonable confidence that they'll make it to maturity.

In our businesses, we have the opportunity to assess those early-year plans and see if they have coalesced into anything positive. The month of May is still full of positivity, excitement and energy, and it still

holds the promise of future success, if we stay the course and keep our hand on the wheel, and don't let up on the accelerator.

The month of May is that wonderful, fleeting "between time," before things get real and before the road gets steeper and rockier. So, enjoy it while it's here! Enjoy the improved weather, relish in the early successes and remind yourself of all the reasons you love doing what you do. Your friends and neighbors in the Richfield business community are rooting for you! And we, at the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, are here to offer whatever we can to help you on the road to success.

Things will get real soon enough; for now, enjoy what the year has yielded so far!

## A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes Historical Society Presentation is May 14

The Richfield Historical Society is sponsoring "Arrgh - A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes" as part of its *TakeMeBack* Series on Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m., at Richfield Fellowship Hall.

Presented by Christopher Gillcrist, director emeritus of the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo, this free program will

share a historical and cultural reexamination of piracy and its implications for understanding Great Lakes history. No parrots or peg legs included, just a healthy dose of thievery, mutiny, and other unsavory tales. Call 330-659-4750 for additional information and visit [richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org](http://richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org) for any event updates.



## LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,  
May 7, 2025**

**Speaker:**

**Tricia Steiner, President,  
Oviatt House Inc.**

**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 May 5.**

## Our May Speaker

Tricia Steiner, President,  
Oviatt House Inc.

Oviatt House, a historic home located within the Richfield Heritage Preserve, is listed on the National Park Service Network to Freedom for its role in the Underground Railroad. Built in 1836, this 189-year-old home is in the process of being restored by Oviatt House Inc., an all-volunteer nonprofit organization committed to restoring the house to its original condition and creating a museum that immerses visitors in the history of the Oviatt house, its occupants, and their involvement in the Underground Railroad.



Tricia Steiner began volunteering with Oviatt House in September, 2022, and joined the Oviatt House Inc. Board of Trustees as secretary the following December. In March, 2023, she led the way as chair of the newly created Museum Development Committee, and recently took on the role of president in January, 2025.

Tricia lives in Richfield with her husband, daughter, and great dane; and looks forward to college breaks when her son returns home too. When not working on all things Oviatt House, Tricia is also active in the PTA and school-related activities as a parent volunteer at Revere High School. In her free time, she enjoys reading, taking walks with her dog and family at Richfield Heritage Preserve, and dreaming of the future Oviatt House museum.

**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](mailto: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.

## Links for Education Golf Outing

*Registration deadline is June 1*

It's not too late to sign up for the Links for Education Golf Outing, sponsored by GMS, to be held Wednesday, June 11, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. There is an 80-golfer limit, and a \$5 per person late fee for any registrations received after June 1.

The \$250 keg-stop sponsorship and the unlimited individual hole sponsorships, at various monetary levels in \$100 increments, are still available. Also offered is the \$325 Exclusive Hole sponsorship which provides the donor exclusive rights to a particular hole and an opportunity to set up a table on that hole with a representative promoting their business and sharing the company swag.

We hope you can participate,

sponsor, and/or donate a raffle item for this enjoyable and worthwhile event which will feature skill challenges, entertaining activities, and a fantastic raffle!

Attached are registration and sponsorship forms for your convenience. Contact Karen Smik at [kls1650@roadrunner.com](mailto:kls1650@roadrunner.com) or 330-659-4750 if you have any questions or need additional information.

A portion of the event's proceeds funds 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.

## Migratory bird hikes

The Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve will offer two free migratory bird hikes on Saturday, May 10, at 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., at Richfield Heritage Preserve. Attendees will meet at the park entrance near the Summer Barn, 4225 Oviatt Road.

Professional birder Fred Dinkelbach will review some basic birding skills and then lead at-

tendees on a 1-1/2-mile hike, along woodland trails and gravel roads, through the different park habitats. The hikes will be held rain or shine so dress for the weather. Suitable hiking footwear, insect repellent, binoculars, and a reusable water bottle are recommended.

Visit [friendsofrhp.org](http://friendsofrhp.org) for event updates.

## Richfield Chamber of Commerce Board Members

*President – Mark C. Yantek (Regina Health Center)*

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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 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: _____	_____	_____

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)**

