

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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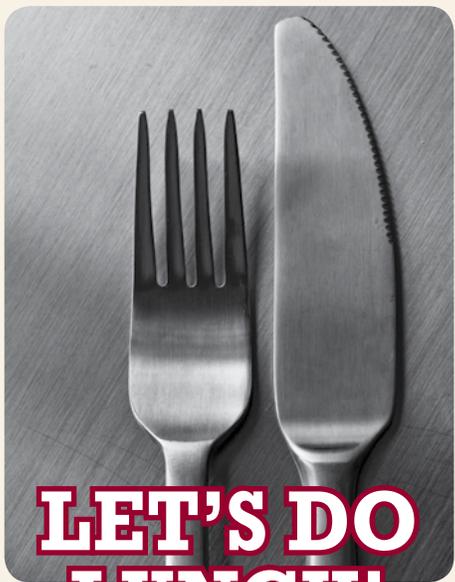
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mark C. Yantek

Now that the month of June has arrived, we're nearly halfway through the year. Our New Year's resolutions are a distant memory, and rather than trying to stay ahead of things, we're just desperately trying not to get too far behind. It happens. But the year isn't over yet! There's still plenty of time to dust off your "to-do" list of good intentions and turn them into check marks on your "done" list.

I'd like to think that among those noble intentions is a firmer commitment to participate in the Richfield Chamber of Commerce. More exercise? Better eating habits? Organizing your life? You can tackle those any ol' time. But now is the time to start thinking about how you'd like to support the business community that supports you back. If you need some time to make room

in your schedule or finish a few, critical projects before committing, it's only June! You have the luxury of planning to join your Chamber's Board, or a Chamber committee. We're always looking for creative individuals to help us plan events and identify luncheon speakers. There are so many ways to get involved, and none of them require a significant sacrifice of time. We'd love to share the opportunities we have open. If you have summer vacation plans, or if your business' busy season hits in the summer months, then plan to step up a little later in the year. We'll still need you then!



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
June 4, 2025**

Speaker:

**Renee Ligon, Managing
Director of Partnerships
& Engagement, Team NEO**

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 June 2.**

Richfield Chamber of Commerce Board Members

President – Mark C. Yantek (Regina Health Center)

Interim Vice President – Jim Koewler (Koewler Law Firm)

Secretary – Dr. Mariah Southard (Bodywork Chiropractic and Wellness)

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Membership Chair – Don Laubacher (Township Trustee)

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

Scholarship Committee Chair – Jim Koewler (Koewler Law Firm)

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.

Our June Speaker

Renee Ligon, Managing Director of Partnerships & Engagement, Team NEO

Renee Ligon is the managing director of Partnerships & Engagement with Team NEO, a JobsOhio network partner.

Mrs. Ligon is a business development and sales expert whose 27-year career encompasses successful collaborations with elected officials, community agencies, municipalities, nonprofits, and small to large for-profit organizations.

Mrs. Ligon's fundamental objective at Team NEO is the cultivation of positive economic impact through the creation of tactical business alliances to grow and strengthen a more inclusive and equitable coordinated regional economic development network.

Prior to joining Team NEO, Mrs. Ligon was the regional director for the Minority Business Assistance Center at the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, a program of the Ohio Development Services Agency, where she led a team of professional business advisors in the development of minority, women, disabled, and veteran owned businesses in eight Ohio counties. Before joining the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, Mrs. Ligon was the assistant director of diversity & corporate relations at Case Western Reserve University where she was the national lead consultant on strategic project-based opportunities between the university and the corporate sector for research engagements through the lens of diversity, talent development, and co-branding.

The cornerstone of Mrs. Ligon's career started in the financial services industry where she was vice president, relationship manager at JP Morgan Chase Bank. During her eight-year career with JP Morgan Chase, she managed the financial portfolios for commercial sector nonprofit and municipal clients.

Mrs. Ligon's boards of director appointments have included, Ohio Economic Development Association (current), Ohio Economic Development Association All Communities Committee Chair (current), Northeast Ohio Development Exchange, Northeast Ohio Equity Trust, RLB Leadership Academy, The Land vice chair, the Better Business Bureau Board, COMPACT, UNCF of Orlando, the Citrus Club's Women's Executive Exchange, Youngstown State Minority Business Assistance Center, Youngstown Regional Chamber Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee, The Guardians Community Review Group, and numerous advisory roles to C-suite economic development leaders focused on local data to drive vibrant community engagement strategy. She is a member and past class officer for Leadership Cleveland Class of 2020 and LC2 2021.

Mrs. Ligon holds a B.A. in communications from John Carroll University and a M.S in human resources management from Nova Southeastern University.



Sign-up deadline for 'Links for Education' golf outing is approaching

There are still a few openings for golf foursomes to participate at the annual Richfield Chamber of Commerce "Links for Education" golf outing, sponsored by GMS, to be held on Wednesday, June 11, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield.

Please sign up right away so we have an accurate head count for our golfer gift, meals, and beverages. Registration, lunch, and our putting contest will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Dinner will be served after golf at approximately 5:30 p.m. There will be several fun contests and skill challenges to help make things even more interesting plus a raffle featuring some great prizes! Of course, the beverage cart will be making the rounds throughout the day.

If you would like to sponsor one or more holes and have a distinctive sign(s) featuring your company's name placed on the course the day of the event, please email your information to Karen, no later than June 3. Bring your completed sponsorship form along with payment to the Chamber office as noted on the form.

We will gladly accept donations for our raffle. Contact Karen Smik at 330-659-4750 or kls1650@roadrunner.com for further information. The golf foursome registration form and sponsorship/donation form are available with this newsletter, on the Chamber website or by contacting Karen.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will fund the Chamber's scholarships for graduating seniors living within the Revere School District. Over \$100,000 has been awarded since the golf outing's inception. This year, we are awarding \$1,200 scholarships to two very deserving Revere High School graduating seniors.

Historical Society presents 'Two Families/One Flag'

The Richfield Historical Society is sponsoring another of its TakeMeBack series talks on Tuesday, June 17 at 7 p.m., at Richfield Fellowship Hall, 3903 Broadview Road. Bill Cook will present "Two Families/One Flag" - the story of two soldiers from opposing sides of World War II whose families are connected through a flag.

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



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)

