

# CHAMBER MONTHLY

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## JULY 2025

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mark C. Yantek



It stands to reason that healthy managers run healthy businesses, and they rely on healthy employees, in order to operate at optimal levels. But the definition of “healthy” isn’t universally agreed upon. At first glance, a lot of people would assume that “healthy” is a physical standard: able-bodied, capable of performing essential functions without limitations or compromise. For this reason, many businesses have adopted wellness incentives to encourage employees to remain fit and active. While this is certainly an important aspect of being healthy, evidence is emerging that mental health is every bit as essential to optimal functioning as physical wellness. From stress management to maintaining healthy interpersonal relationships, acknowledging mental health as a key factor in overall wellness cannot be overstated.

During these precious-but-fleeting summer months, taking vacation days or personal time off is important at any level of employment. The challenge is that, for some companies, the summer months are the busiest and most lucrative ones, and so finding the luxury of time away can be especially per-

plexing. Creative scheduling can be helpful to ensure that no one – neither manager nor entry-level worker – has to go without some greatly needed time off to enjoy the heady pleasures of the season. Finding opportunities for time away can be challenging, but it shouldn’t be regarded as optional. Everyone is at their best, and has more to give, when they’ve powered down and recharged their energy stores. It’s an investment that pays back great dividends, but those who ignore it quickly find that they pay a price in terms of diminished productivity. Regard it with the same importance as your daily fitness routine, and as essential as paying your taxes.

Before summer is just a pleasant memory, make sure to find some time to disengage, de-stress and recharge. And make sure your employees have the same opportunity. You will all be better off for the effort!

## LET'S DO LUNCH!

There will be no Chamber lunch in July. The next Chamber luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, at 12 p.m. Our speaker will be Richfield Township Trustee Don Laubacher.

*Save the date!*

**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.

## 27th Links for Education was total success

The weather was absolutely perfect for our 27th Links for Education Golf Outing! The 74 golfers who participated on June 11 at St. Bernard Golf Club did more than their fair share to help raise funds – a portion of which benefits the Chamber’s scholarship program for deserving students to further their education after graduation. Because of the golf outing’s great success in past years, the Chamber has been able to donate over \$100,000 in scholarship monies since the event’s inception. With proceeds from last year’s outing two exceptional Revere High School students, Layla Luther and Saumya Mahajan, received \$1,200 scholarships. This year’s tournament financial results will be reported in a future newsletter.

The event wouldn’t have happened without the dedication and hard work of the following individuals who served on the planning committee: Brian Burch, Melysa Foster, Justin Hamlin, Corey Ringle, and Jay Springer. Thanks to Jim Koewler, who handled the putting contest, helped man the “Drive Like a Pro” activity, and emceed our awards ceremony. Additional thanks go to volunteers Melysa Foster, Don Laubacher, Sandy Norris, Corey Ringle, Bonnie Simonelli, Mariah Southard, and Tricia Steiner. A special shout out to Dave Archer and Angelo and Jack from

the Revere varsity golf team who participated in our Drive Like a Pro activity, which helped raised lots of money for our scholarship fund. Deb Fike and the St. Bernard Golf Club staff again did a fantastic job hosting our function and went over and above to make sure it ran without a hitch. They also donated a St. Bernard social membership to use as a raffle prize.

Congratulations to the following contest winners:

Winning team – Assured Partners, men’s longest drive: Mike Fox; women’s longest drive: Janice Kampf; closest to the pin: Austin Gonser; longest putt: Bill Snyder.

Putting contest – 1st place: Torey Hovest; 2nd place: Gary Domanick; and 3rd place: Michael McDade.

Skins winners – Empaco Equipment at hole 6; Team Hovest, at hole 12. Both donated their \$180 total winnings back to the Chamber.

A large part of the event’s financial success was due to the generosity of local businesses and individuals who sponsored holes and/or donated raffle items. The Richfield Chamber of Commerce and the Links for Education Committee would like to thank the following: Advanced Dealer Solutions; Anthony Allega Cement; Austen J. Linden, III, CFP; Assured Partners; Becker Signs; BodyWork Chiropractic and Wellness; Broadview Insurance Agency; CAM; Consum-

ers National Bank; Davey Resource Group; D.B. Johnsen; Dental Ceramics; Empaco Equipment.; Exit 11 Tire Service; Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve; Hemminger Construction; HFS Wealth Advisors; Holiday Inn Express-Richfield; HTZ Design+Build; National Interstate Insurance; Oviatt House. Petros Homes, Plumbing Tech; Regina Health Center; Revere Local School District; Richfield Chiropractic Center; Richfield Coin & Collectibles; ScripType Publishing; St. Bernard Golf Club; The Symphony Group; Village Auto Body; and Winar Connection.

We are extremely grateful to the following: GMS for being our tournament sponsor for the 15th year, Davey Resource Group for being our beverage cart sponsor for two years, BodyWork Chiropractic and Wellness for being our golfer gift sponsor, and Plumbing Tech for again being an exclusive hole sponsor. And special thanks to HTZ Design+Build for once again being a \$500 hole sponsor.

We hope all who participated in this year’s event found their ‘sweet spot’ and had a ‘swinging’ time, enjoyed all the contests, won some raffle prizes, and will return for the 2026 outing to be held at St. Bernard’s on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Karen Smik  
2025 “Links for Education”  
Golf Outing Chairperson

## Oliver Wolcott will be portrayed at TakeMeBack series

The Richfield Historical Society is sponsoring a TakeMeBack series talk on Wednesday, July 23, at 7 p.m. when John Burke will portray Oliver Wolcott, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Originally from Connecticut and a Yale-educated lawyer, Wolcott was also a soldier in the French and Indian War, a major general of the Connecticut militia, and a Founding Father who signed both the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation. Learn the true story of the Declaration of Independence and discover interesting anecdotes about other Founding Fathers. No reservations are required for this free program at Fellowship Hall.

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