

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dr. Mariah Southard

September is shaping up to be a wonderful month for the Chamber, with several opportunities to gather, connect, and enjoy all that is happening around Richfield.

Our Chamber had a great presence at Community Day last month. It was wonderful to spend time talking with residents, seeing so many familiar faces, and sharing more about the businesses and organizations that make up our membership. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Chamber table or stopped by throughout the day. Your support helped make the event such a success.

Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 2, and we hope you will join us. These gatherings are always a great way to catch up with fellow members, welcome new faces, and learn more about what is happening in our local business community. Please consider bringing a colleague or local business owner who may be interested in learning more about the Chamber.

We will also have our America 250th anniversary T-shirts available for purchase at the luncheon for \$22 each. These shirts were created to commemorate our country's 250th anniversary

while also showing a little Richfield pride. We hope you will pick one up and wear it throughout the year!

Later this month, the Chamber will be participating in Richfield Brewing Company's Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 26. We will be holding a 50/50 raffle during the event to help raise funds for the Chamber. It promises to be a fun day filled with good food, great company, and plenty of community spirit, and we would love to see our members come out and enjoy the festivities. Please reach out to mail@richfieldchamber.com if you're interested in volunteering at this event.

There is a lot happening locally this fall, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities to be present, meet others, support local businesses, and enjoy our community. I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the month!

See you in September!

Dr. Mariah Southard, President,
Richfield Chamber of Commerce

ACCEPTING AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominate a Richfield business by Dec. 1 for the
2026 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

See page 3 in this newsletter for the guidelines.

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce would also like to
recognize a business that has enhanced their property in 2026.

Nominate a Richfield business for the
2026 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Email mail@richfieldchamber.com with your nomination **by Dec. 1**.

The committee will view all nominated properties.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
Sept. 2, 2026**

Speaker:

**Mark Robeson,
Board Member, Richfield
Joint Recreation District**

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
or mail@richfieldchamber.com
by 10 AM Aug. 31.

Our September Speaker

Mark Robeson, Richfield Joint Recreation District Board Member

Mark Robeson is Senior Vice President, Global Accounts at Aspire Lifestyles, a division of International SOS, where he manages the company's largest strategic client relationships, designing and overseeing bespoke loyalty and concierge service programs for Fortune 500 clients and premier consumer brands worldwide. Over his 15+ year career with the company, Mark has led market entry strategies across Latin America, opened operational centers in Brazil and Mexico, and grown revenue by millions of dollars through the accounts he has managed.

Mark holds a B.A. in English and French from the University of Maryland and a Master's degree in Linguistics from the University of California, Berkeley, and is fluent in French.

Mark is in his second term as a member of the RJRD board. He lives in Richfield with his wife, Christi, where they breed and show Standard Poodles — their dogs have won Best of Variety at the Poodle Club of America National Specialty (2025) and Best of Breed at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show (2026).



Final results for golf outing

Thanks again to everyone who participated in and/or helped sponsor this year's "Links for Education" Golf Outing. Because of your generous support, we realized a profit of \$6,635.20.

The 2027 outing will be held at St. Bernard Golf Club on Wednesday, June 16 Mark your calendar!

Karen Smik
2026 "Links for Education"
Golf Outing Chair

Celebrate Kirby Day at RHP

Join the Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve in celebrating Kirby Day on Saturday, Sept. 12. Honor Jim Kirby, a prolific inventor and avid fisherman, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Richfield Heritage Preserve.

This year's theme is "Fishing Friends" and the event will include fishing lessons, kids' activities and crafts, games, ice block sledding,

and fascinating STEM-related challenges.

Refreshments, including grilled hot dogs and bratwurst, chips and root beer floats will be offered for a donation. This free, family-friendly event will be held rain or shine.

Use the 3771 Oviatt Road park entrance, off St. Rt. 303. For further information, visit friendsofrhp.org.

International Women's Air & Space Museum

The Richfield Historical Society is holding a TakeMeBack series talk on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 7-8 p.m., when a representative from the International Women's Air & Space Museum will present "A Brief History of the Women Air Force Service Pilots." The

talk will be held at Richfield Fellowship Hall, 3903 Broadview Road.

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 2026 Richfield Chamber of Commerce Silver & Gold Members

2026 Gold Members
include:



**NATIONAL
INTERSTATE**
INSURANCE
Member of Great American Insurance Group



CEMENT CONTRACTOR

CONSUMERS
National Bank

Empaco
Equipment Corporation



Nominate the Richfield Business of the Year

The Chamber of Commerce will honor the Richfield Business of the Year at the Chamber's annual banquet. The Chamber Board of Directors is accepting nominations for this award. Large or small Richfield businesses can be nominated, and businesses can nominate themselves.



To nominate a business, please send us:

- Your name and contact information.
- The name of the business you are nominating.
- The owner or CEO of that business.
- His or her contact information.

Then describe in 300 words or less how the business meets any or all of the criteria that follow:

1. This business demonstrates success and exceptional performance in business practices.
2. This business has been recognized in its industry or by an employee or business organization.
3. This business has made an economic impact on Richfield, the region or the state within the last one to three years.
4. This business has demonstrated corporate citizenship and/or community leadership.
5. This business overcame a diverse or extraordinary circumstance.
6. This business fills a unique void in the community.

Please submit your nomination no later than December 1, 2026.

It can be emailed to: mail@richfieldchamber.com

or mailed to: Richfield Chamber of Commerce,
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