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Fourth Annual Chamber Golf Outing - Another Huge Success!

The day was chilly and rainy, but the golfers at our 4th annual golf outing at Astorhurst Country Club didn't seem to mind. They had a terrific time, starting the day with a beautiful breakfast spread provided by Panera and finishing with a terrific steak dinner. Astorhurst does a wonderful job for our Chamber and they always outdo themselves on the food.

Our golfers were able to take part in several contests on the course and also some raffles in the clubhouse. Thanks to the generosity of our golfers and our sponsors, we were able to raise over \$4000 to be used for scholarships for deserving graduating seniors in the Cuyahoga Valley region to help with college expenses.

A special thanks goes out to Frank Denallo and his golf committee for their excellent work in the planning of this great event. Everything ran very smoothly, and there were some great prizes donated by our local businesses. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



WINNERS:

FIRST PLACE

Kim Wirtz, Dawn Denallo,
Mike Denallo, Frank Denallo

SECOND PLACE

Evelyn Magas, Joe Magas,
Lisa Kemenyes, Duane Kemenyes

THIRD PLACE

Chris Arnold, Zack Arnold,
Bud Wonkovich, Jim MacLellan

#2 Centerline Drive - Laban Zurowski
#3 Closest to Pin - Bill Bishillany
#6 Closest to Pin - April Acuna
#7 Long Drive Men - Ryan Burrows
#7 Long Drive Women - Holly Thacker
#9 Longest Putt - Mike Denallo
#11 Closest to Pin - Bob Juliani
#11 Closest to Pin Women - Michelle Grubb
#13 Closest to Pin - Andrew Hickerson
#15 Centerline Drive - Bob King
#18 Longest Putt - Chris Komarc
PUTTING CONTEST - Milan Zuzek

2013-14 Calendar of Events

*Important
DATE!*

Subject to Change.

Visit our website for updates:

www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org

RSVP to 216-573-2707

cvcc@cuyahogavalleychamber.org

WEDNESDAY

November 20, 2013

State of the

Cuyahoga Valley Region

Location: Holiday Inn - Rockside

6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH

11:30am - 1:30pm

Come and hear what our mayors have to say on the economic growth of our Cuyahoga Valley Region. Sure to be an exciting event!

\$20/members

\$25/non-members

THURSDAY

December 12, 2013

Annual Chamber Holiday Party

Location: The Oak Barrel

5975 Canal Rd, Valley View, OH

5:00-8:00pm

\$10/members

\$15/non-members

Appetizers, Cash Bar

Half of the proceeds go towards

adopting a family through The

Leprechaun Foundation.

Bring a door prize and get a minute to talk about your business.

TUESDAY

January 14, 2014

Chamber Luncheon

Bob DiBiasio from the Cleveland Indians Holiday Inn - Rockside

After the season the Indians just had... this is surely an event you won't want to miss! Keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

WINE DONATIONS WANTED

For our wine raffle at our Holiday Party - proceeds to benefit a family adopted through The Leprechaun Foundation.

Have wrapped like a present - bring with you to the holiday party or drop off before hand at

6916 Daisy Avenue, Independence (behind Dairy King Ice Cream)

New Chamber Members

Welcome!

Members Update: Please help us update our records!

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A Message from...

our President

Charlene Paparizos, CMP Communications

Dear Chamber Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce, we hope that you enjoy the beautiful fall months with your family and friends in the Cuyahoga Valley Region. Take advantage of our beautiful parks and great colorful fall weather.

Our 4th Annual Golf Outing was a huge success thanks to our Chairs Frank Denallo of Temple Square Interiors and Bruce Basalla of the ESC of Cuyahoga County. More than 80 golfers enjoyed a wonderful day of golf and delicious steak and chicken dinner. We raised \$4,000 for scholarships for area seniors in our region. Check out the names of our winners on the front page of this newsletter.

We have some outstanding programming planned for 2013-14. Please be sure to visit our web site at www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org to get an up-to-date list of all our activities.

We are very excited to again welcome all the mayors of our six communities to join us for the State of the Region Lunch on November 20 at the Holiday Inn – Independence. Please plan on joining us for this well-attended lunch.

Charlene Paparizos
President

our Executive Directors

Nancy Prucha & Melissa LaPorta

Dear Chamber Members,

Our Chamber keeps growing and evolving. We encourage our members to take advantage of the many networking opportunities that are available. Please check out our website, www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org to keep current on upcoming events and watch your email for notifications.

Over the past few months, we have had some wonderful events. Our Annual Summer Picnic proved to be a great time with members getting to know each other and having the opportunity to get a caricature drawn courtesy of one of the very talented Trudy Nash from Artists-2-Gogh, one of our new members. Our fabulous food was supplied by Mavis Winkles, another member.

Our annual Golf Outing at Astorhurst Country Club was a huge success thanks to the wonderful donations and sponsorships from our members and surrounding communities. We were able to raise \$4000 to be used for scholarships for graduating seniors moving on towards a business related education.

JoAnn Keller and Jeff Malarik held a very informative Lunch-N-Learn debunking the myths of long-term care. This is something that is going to affect all of us and can't be put off. Please give either of them a call to answer your questions.

Our always well attended State of the Communities Luncheon on November 20th is co-sponsored by Dollar Bank and Walthall Drake and Wallace again this year. We are always excited to welcome the mayors from our six communities. Please mark your calendars and register online for this outstanding event.



We invite you to join us at our Holiday Party on Thursday, December 12th at the new Oak Barrel in Valleyview. Our Chamber is sponsoring a family through the Leprechaun Foundation for Christmas, so we are asking all members to bring a wrapped bottle of wine and/or a wine basket to be auctioned off at this event. Please contact Nancy or Melissa to arrange pick up if you are unable to attend. This party is great way to start off the wonderful 2013 Holiday Season.

Mark your calendars for January 14 Luncheon at the Holiday Inn where we will feature Bobby DiBiasio, Vice President of Marketing for the Cleveland Indians. This promises to be another great event.

As we continue to grow this wonderful chamber, we continue to encourage you to invite your business contacts to our events and have them become members so they too can take advantage of the many networking opportunities, discounts on health insurance, workers comp, business supplies and FedEx Delivery Services.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments on how we can serve you better. We look forward to see you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely

Nancy Prucha
Executive Director

Melissa LaPorta
Asst. Executive Director



ANNUAL CHAMBER

Holiday Party

December 12, 2013
5:00-8:00pm

\$10/members \$15/non-members
Appetizers Provided Cash Bar Available
Please bring a bottle of wine for the raffle

Wine Raffle

A bottle wrapped up
and tied with a bow
be sure not to forget
to have money in tow
they'll be raffled off
five dollars per try
the proceeds will help
a needy family get by

**** Wine Donations Needed ****

\$5.00 per ticket



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Foundation

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News of Note...

Amazing! WOW!
GREAT JOB!
Congratulations!

Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce's Nancy Prucha Honored as "Bright Star"

The Northern Ohio Area Regional Chamber of Commerce (NOACC) recognized Nancy Prucha, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce as a "Bright Star" at its annual meeting, held at the Legends Club at the First Energy Stadium, home of the Cleveland Browns on Oct. 30. The Chamber Bright Star showcases some of the hardest working volunteers who continually promote the chamber in outstanding ways.



Nancy Prucha has been a member of the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce since its inception. She has served on the board for the majority of those years and most recently on the executive committee as the Secretary. She also has served as the chairperson of the Public Relations committee. As owner of Digicom Printing, she realizes the importance a chamber of commerce can have on business and is one of our best advocates. Because of that commitment to our chamber, she recently stepped forward to become the new Executive Director.

"Nancy's dedication, commitment, and passion for our chamber and the Cuyahoga Valley region is incredible. She will always be the first to step forward to implement ideas and volunteer at so many community, nonprofit, and chamber-related events and programs," said Charlene Paparizos, president of the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce. "We thank Nancy for all of her years of service to our chamber and delighted that she can be recognized as our 2013 'Bright Star.'"

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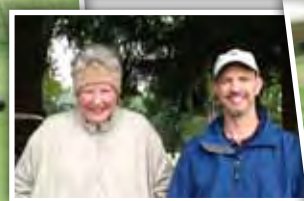
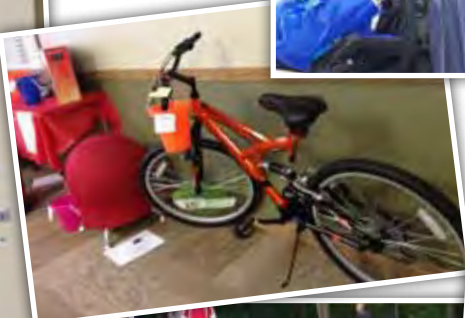
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