

The Chamber of Commerce
Cuyahoga Valley

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Serving the Cuyahoga Valley Region, Rockside Road Corridor & the Communities of Brooklyn Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Independence, Seven Hills, Valley View & Walton Hills.

SUMMER 2014

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Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce
5th Annual

GOLF OUTING

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
of Cuyahoga County

Anthem

Friday, September 12, 2014

Astorhurst Golf Course
7000 Dunham Road | Walton Hills, Ohio

Shotgun Start at 10:00am
Awards Program / Dinner at 4:00pm

Sign-up Early
Only 130
Openings

Sponsorship Opportunities:

PLATINUM \$500

- Foursome with Cart
- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch & Dinner
- Hole Sponsorship
- Company Recognition Board
- Name in Program

GOLD \$300

- Twosome with Cart
- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch & Dinner
- Hole Sponsorship
- Company Recognition Board
- Name in Program

WATER HOLE Thank You



PUTTING CONTEST Thank You



GOLFER GOODY BAGS Thank You



PROMOTIONAL FLYER \$100

- insertion of your company flyer/coupon/ad into goody bags

PEANUT SPONSOR \$100

- you provide 100 individual bags of peanuts for goody bags
- can place company info on them

GRANOLA BAR SPONSOR Thank You



Eileen Hawkins

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HOLE SPONSOR \$100

\$100 Golf Package: (per golfer)

- 18 Holes with Cart
- Skins Game
- Par 3 Ring Skill
- Complimentary Golf Package
- Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Refreshments on Course

\$50 Non-Golf Package

- Dinner
- Name in Program

Payments Accepted: Check or Credit Card

Checks Payable to: Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce

****No refunds will be given for bad weather.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Important
DATE!*

Subject to Change.

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AUGUST 28, 2014 ANNUAL PICNIC

Klima Gardens
11:30AM - 1:30PM
Catered by: Yours Truly Restaurant

SEPTEMBER 12, 2014 GOLF OUTING

Astorhurst Golf Course
10:00AM Shotgun Start

SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Speaker: Kordell Norton
Holiday Inn - Rockside
11:30AM - 1:30PM
Sponsored by: Holiday Inn and
Westfield Bank

OCTOBER 22, 2014 CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Speaker: TBA
Holiday Inn - Rockside
11:30AM - 1:30PM

NOVEMBER 19, 2014 STATE OF THE REGION LUNCHEON

Holiday Inn - Rockside
11:30AM - 1:30PM
Sponsored by: Walthall CPAs

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HOST FOR ONE OF OUR EVENTS?**

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A MESSAGE FROM...



our President
Lynette Slama, Holiday Inn,
Independence

Dear Chamber Members:

Summer at last! I hope everyone is enjoying this time of year with family and friends.

Exciting changes are on the horizon for the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce as we strive to better meet the needs of our business community. As we begin to further strengthen our role as an extension of our businesses, we welcome your suggestions on ways to enhance our partnership.

I hope to see you at our picnic at Klima Gardens in Cuyahoga Heights on August 28 and at our annual Golf Outing, September 12, at Astorhurst Country Club. I encourage you to get involved with the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce, you will find great reward.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Lynette Slama
President

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Members Update: Please help us update our records!
Email your updated information to: cvcc@cuyahogavalleychamber.org

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Annual State of the Schools Luncheon Honors Four Local Scholarship Winners

Our Annual State of the Schools Luncheon was a big success on May 14, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Independence. Area business, community, and local school and civic leaders attended the luncheon to hear about what was happening in our school districts around the Cuyahoga Valley.

We gave out four \$1000 scholarships to deserving students who wrote essays discussing where they see themselves in the future, once they graduate from high school. The scholarship recipients were; Brooke Komm from Cuyahoga Heights High School, Matthew Howenstine from Padua Franciscan High School, and Erica Denallo and Tanner Lansky, both from Independence High School.

Moderator, Ed "Flash" Ferenc read questions about different issues that were going on within their school districts.

Joe Bergant, from Cuyahoga Heights Schools, shared some of the accomplishments and accolades within his school district, including one of his buildings being named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Joe also touched on the district's tuition program that attracts more than 100 students each year and the impact it has had on the community.

Dr. Celena Robeck, from Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, touched on many of her students success stories including some National Award Winners as well as exciting news about the Culinary Arts



Scholarship winners (L-R): Tanner Lansky, Erica Denallo, Brooke Komm and Matthew Howenstine.

Program and one of her students being featured on a popular television show. She also shared how the Engineering Technology teachers won a \$10,000 grant for Project Lead the Way.

From Independence Local Schools, Steve Marlow, discussed how one of the major projects of the district, the "Turf the Field" initiative, has been coming along as well as the different procedures that are being implemented to increase the safety and security of their students and staff.

Dr. Bob Mengerink from the ESC of Cuyahoga County spoke about the beginning of an online learning program for students across Cuyahoga County to help meet graduation standards for students. He also touched on another program, which entails working closely with the Cuyahoga County College Savings Account for students being able to pay for their post-high-school education.



The Cuyahoga Valley
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Bridging Our Communities

LUNCHEON

SPONSORED BY:



**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

11:30AM - 1:30PM

LOCATION: Holiday Inn - Rockside
6001 Rockside Rd | Independence, OH

\$20/Members \$25/Non-Members

CHARISMA AND YOUR BUSINESS

**Discover the Secrets used to make Your Business
Magnetic and Create Highly Engaged Customers.**

New research into the magic of Business Charisma is changing the rules for organizations. In this entertaining and information packed presentation you will discover the secrets of Disney, Apple, and others . . . that make them magnetic for customers and employees. Highly interactive, motivational, and humor filled, you will get the easy to understand methods to turn your business into a hit. For example:

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SPEAKER:

Kordell Norton, CSP

*A revenue mechanic for organizations who want to
grow their sales, create marketing that connects and
stands out, and charismatic business leadership.*



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Please bring a **Door Prize** & get a minute to speak about your business!

Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce

ANNUAL Picnic

RAFFLES * PRIZES * NETWORKING

Thursday, August 28, 2014

11:30am - 1:30pm

**Klima Gardens
Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio**

Catered by:



Cost: \$20/Member \$25/Non-Member
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