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5th Annual Impact Awards Honors "Best of the Best" of the Cuyahoga Valley Region



The Fifth Annual Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Impact Awards was held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 during a dinner program at the Holiday Inn in Independence. Area business, community, and civic leaders attended and celebrated all of the incredible individuals and businesses that help make the Cuyahoga Valley region a great place to live and work.

Awards were given to well-deserved people and businesses in the Cuyahoga Valley region in five different categories;

"The Excellence in Customer Service Award" was given to Weltman, Weinberg and Reis Co., LPA, who is the nation's largest creditor's rights law firm founded over 80 years ago and now located in Brooklyn Heights.

"The New Business of the Year Award" was given to Miami-Jacobs Career College, an outstanding community partner who has been actively involved in the chamber as well as volunteered and sponsored many community events.

"The Educational Outreach Award" was given to The DiGeronimo Companies who have been a strong business and school partner for many years to the Independence Local School's

students, teachers and staff as well as the Cuyahoga Valley region as a whole.

"The Innovation through Technology Award" was given to Westminster Technologies, who has been an intricate part of the business community with their on-time set up, professional audio visual technicians who go above and beyond, and up to date equipment.

"The Business/Person of the Year Award" this year was received by Missy Hayes the Cornerstone of Hope Gala Chair. Missy's results in volunteering, leadership, and respect for the community and commitment to Cornerstone of Hope have been remarkable since the organization was founded in 2003.

Each of the award winners received proclamations from their community as well as State Representative Marlene Anielski and Nick Ciofani, representing Congressman David Joyce.

Special thanks to the sponsors of these awards: DigiCom Printing, Westfield Bank, Miami-Jacobs Career College, Walthall CPAs, and The Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County.



2014 Calendar of Events

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paypal through our website!

THURSDAY

April 3, 2014

Chamber Breakfast

ESC of Cuyahoga County
6393 Oak Tree Blvd
Independence, Ohio
8:00 - 9:00 am

SPEAKER:

Joy Roller, President
Global Cleveland

\$10 memers \$15 non-members

WEDNESDAY

April 16, 2014

Wellness Fair & Luncheon

Holiday Inn - Rockside
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio
10:30am - 2:00 pm
lunch served at 11:30am

SPEAKER:

Kristin Kirkpatrick
Cleveland Clinic Wellness Manager

\$20 members \$25 non-members

Exhibitor Tables still available:

\$30 + Door Prize - one lunch

\$40 + Door Prize - two lunches

(includes a 6 foot table with electricity if
needed)

WEDNESDAY

May 14, 2014

State of the Schools

Holiday Inn - Rockside
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio
11:30am - 1:00 pm

Come hear from our Cuyahoga Valley
superintendents - Steve Marlow, Dr.
Celena Roebuck, Dr. Bob Mengerink
and Joe Bergant - as they talk about
what's happening within our local school
districts.

Moderated by Ed "Flash" Ferenc

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6:00-9:30 PM

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\$25 at the door

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Joy Roller
President, Global Cleveland



Networking *Breakfast*

Thursday, April 3, 2014

8:00 - 9:00am

ESC of Cuyahoga County

6393 Oak Tree Blvd, Independence, Ohio 44131

Speaker: Joy Roller, President, Global Cleveland

As President of Global Cleveland since January 2013, Joy Roller leads a civic/corporate initiative to increase the population of Greater Cleveland and strengthen the region's economy by connecting newcomers (foreign and domestic) to its opportunities, resources and services. For the past six years, Joy served as Executive Director of the Gordon Square Arts District. The arts-based economic development initiative transformed Cleveland's Detroit Shoreway neighborhood into an arts and entertainment destination. Roller holds a Juris Doctor degree from Cleveland State University's John Marshall College of Law, a Masters of Theological Studies degree from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and economics from Denison University.



\$10/members \$15/non-members Please RSVP to 216-573-2707 or www.cuyahogavalleychamber.com

Wellness Fair



Speaker:
Kristin Kirkpatrick, MS, RD, LD
Cleveland Clinic Wellness Manager

Topic:
Cracking the Code of US Food Labeling –
The truth about what your front of package claim really means

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Holiday Inn

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Lunch at 11:30 am

Holiday Inn Rockside

6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio 44131

Cost:

\$20/members
\$25/non-members

Display Tables Available:

\$30 (+ Door Prize) - one lunch
\$40 (+ Door Prize) - two lunches

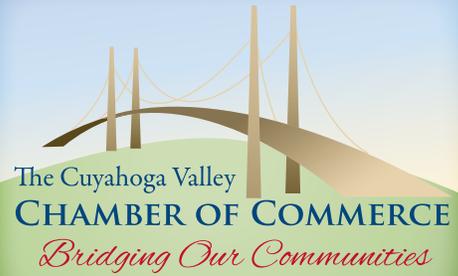
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In recent years, we have had over 40 health-related exhibitors in attendance!



Holiday Inn



The Cuyahoga Valley
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2014 Wellness Fair Exhibitor Form

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Exhibitor Set-up at 10:00 am

Lunch at 11:30 am

Holiday Inn Rockside

6001 Rockside Rd | Independence, OH 44131

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Chamber Member

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

\$30 (+ Door Prize) Exhibitor - Single..... \$ _____
Includes One 6-foot display table and lunch for one (1).

\$40 (+ Door Prize) Exhibitor - Double \$ _____
Includes One 6-foot display table and lunch for two (2).

2nd Attendee Name _____

Electricity Required

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News of Note...

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Amazing! WOW!
GREAT JOB!
Congratulations!

Chamber Member **Miami-Jacobs Career College** sponsored a Prom Fashion Show and Expo on March 1st at Independence High School. The IHS students modeled fashions from David's Bridal and American Commodore Tuxedo, and there were more than 20 vendors selling and giving away products and services for Prom! All of the proceeds went back to IHS students as well.

Congratulations to **The Image Group** for winning the bronze award in the 2014 Image Awards Competition in January. The award was for a self-promotion direct mail campaign which consisted of a pair of "touch screen" gloves in a unique laminated mailing envelope featuring their annual holiday card. Very creative!

Independence Local Schools recently celebrated with two very special staff members who won the Guiding Star Award. Judy Borowy and Scott Maretka were nominated for these awards because they have gone above and beyond their duties. Thank you to **Jeff Malarik of New York Life** and **Jo Ann Keller of Tulip Tree Quilts** for making these awards possible.



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Joe Bergant
Cuyahoga Heights Schools



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STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

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Wednesday, May 14, 2014

11:30am - 1:00pm

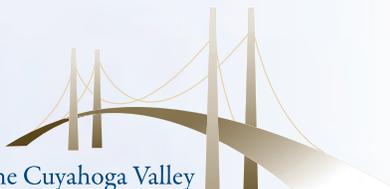
Holiday Inn - Rockside

6001 Rockside Road ♥ Independence, OH

NEW!
Panel Discussion
with
Moderator

\$20/members
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Bridging Our Communities

A Message from...



our President

Lynette Slama, Holiday Inn, Independence

and our Executive Directors

Nancy Prucha & Melissa LaPorta



Dear Chamber Members,

Happy Spring!

We are very excited to welcome Lynette as our new president. She is looking forward to her new role leading our chamber and taking us to new heights. We are all so proud to be part of the best Chamber in the area.

We have had some great events the past couple of months with Bob DiBiasio from the Cleveland Indians speaking in January, JJ DiGeronimo in February and of course our fabulous Impact Awards in March. We have also enjoyed each other's company at our After Hours at the newly renovated Club Impulse at the Holiday Inn and learned a lot about LinkedIn at our Lunch-N-Learn at Miami Jacobs. We are off to a great year.

In case you missed the e-blasts, we have updated our website thanks to Charlene Paparizos and Melissa LaPorta. Our new address is www.cuyahogavalleychamber.com. It is almost the same as the previous website, but we changed the ending to .com. Please check it out. Our upcoming events are listed along with photos from past events and you can register for all events online, and check out with paypal. This is a great time savings for us at registration.

Sincerely,

Lynette Slama
President

Nancy Prucha
Executive Director

Melissa LaPorta
Asst. Executive Director

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events. There will be a Breakfast at ESC of Cuyahoga County's New Location on Oak Tree Blvd featuring Joy Roller, President of Global Cleveland. Our Annual Health and Wellness Fair is at the Holiday Inn, Independence on Wednesday, April 16 from 10am to 2pm with lunch at 11:30. We will be featuring the Cleveland Clinic with various health testings, Kristin Kirkpatrick, a dietician from the Cleveland Clinic who will talk about product labeling, massage chairs from Miami Jacobs, and a wide variety of vendors and exhibitors. Also, our Annual State of the Schools Luncheon is on Wednesday, May 14 at the Holiday Inn and will feature our Superintendents in a new panel format moderated by Ed "Flash" Ferenc. We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

We encourage you to invite your friends so they can check out our Chamber and see the value of a chamber membership. And as always, we welcome your suggestions and comments on how we can better serve your needs. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

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January - Bob DiBiasio from the Cleveland Indians

February - The Power of No with JJ DiGeronimo

March - LinkedIn with Katherine Miracle at Miami-Jacobs Career College



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