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Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce  
**4th IMPACT awards**

On January 24, the Holiday Inn, Independence welcomed our Chamber members with open arms as we celebrated our 4th Annual Impact Awards. As always, the Holiday Inn outdid themselves with a spectacular dinner. Charlene Paparizos of CMP Communications (and our Chamber President) collaborated with The Ohio Center for Broadcasting on creating a special nominee video for this year's awards ceremony.

Thank you to everyone for making this another successful event. A truly magnificent time was had by all in attendance. A special thank you goes out to all of our sponsors for without you this night wouldn't have been possible: DigiCom Printing; Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County; Kurtz Bros., Inc.; Miami-Jacobs Career College; Oppenheimer, Inc.; Walthall, Drake, & Wallace, LLP; and Westfield Bank.

*and the winners are...*

**Business of the Year Achievement Award**  
Koinonia Enterprises

**The Green Award**  
Quasar Energy Group

**New Business of the Year**  
UniFirst Corporation

**Achievement in International Business**  
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# 2013 Calendar of Events

Important DATE!

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[www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org](http://www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org)

RSVP to Eileen 216-573-2707  
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## April 9, 2013 Here's To Your Health! Wine Tasting/After Hours

Location: Holiday Inn, Independence  
5:00-7:00pm  
\$20/members \$25/non-members  
Vendors: \$30 + Door Prize Donation  
- includes 2 tickets  
RSVP to Lynette: 216-524-8050 x 390

## April 11, 2013 Networking Breakfast

Location: Independence High School  
- Media Center  
8:00 - 9:00am  
Speaker: Lisa Ryan, Owner, Grategy, Inc.  
Topic: Let's Get Connected: Simple strategies to escalate engagement, empowerment, and enthusiasm in the workplace.  
\$10/members \$15/non-members

## May 15, 2013 State of the Schools Luncheon

Location: Holiday Inn, Independence  
11:30am - 1:30pm  
Speakers: Superintendents from our Cuyahoga Valley Region  
Hear from our local school districts on whats new and upcoming this year.  
\$20/members \$25/non-members

## May 23, 2013 Young Professionals

Location: Hyatt Place  
6025 Jefferson Dr., Independence  
5:00-7:00pm  
FREE • Cash Bar

## September 13, 2013 Chamber Golf Outing

Location: Astorhurst Country Club  
Shotgun Start: 10:00am  
\$100 - includes 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch & dinner  
\$50 - Dinner only, no golf  
\$100 Hole Sponsors  
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## September 26, 2013 Young Professionals

Location: Suds-N-Sliders  
6901 Rockside Road, Independence  
5:00-7:00pm  
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## News of Note...

**Western Reserve Bank** offices in Medina and Brecksville will now operate as **Westfield Bank** due to a recent merger which became official December 1, 2012.  
"We are pleased to have completed the merger of two trusted community banks serving Northeast Ohio, offering our customers the option to continue banking with people who are local and relationship-oriented," said Jon Park, chairman and bank leader of Westfield Bank. "We welcome all of Western Reserve's customers, who will benefit from our full-service banking capabilities and resources. We look forward to providing them with the same level of personal, knowledgeable service that they have enjoyed for the last 14 years. We are also very excited to be establishing an initial presence in Cuyahoga County."

**Mike Gorman**, Sr. Vice President/Market Leader of the Brecksville Office and Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce board member promises his customers will continue to receive their same great level of service.

Congratulations to chamber member **Rutter & Russin**, attorneys at law, for being named to the 2013 Super Lawyers list in the January/February 2013 issue of *Inside Business* magazine. This is the magazine's annual list of top attorneys in Ohio. Their offices are located in One Summit Office Park on Rockside Road in Independence.

We want to hear from you! If you are a chamber member, feel free to submit your good news to [cvcc@cuyahogavalleychamber.org](mailto:cvcc@cuyahogavalleychamber.org) for possible publication in an upcoming *Chamber Focus* newsletter.

## Register for Events Online

Registering for Chamber Events is easier than ever.

### STEP 1

Go to our website: [www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org](http://www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org)  
or use the link from our E-Blasts, Facebook or LinkedIn

### STEP 2

Click on Events -  
Register & Pay In-Person (in left column)  
Type in your name and e-mail  
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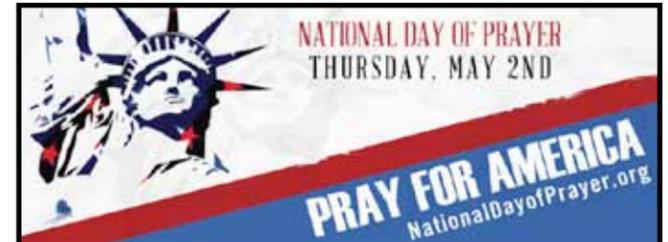


### STEP 4

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It's that easy! We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.



Across the nation on **May 2, 2013** the 62nd Annual National Day of Prayer will be observed in many ways. Please choose the gathering(s) of your choice to join together in prayer for our city and nation.

### Prayer Stations in Independence

**7:00 AM, Independence High School/Middle School Flag Pole**  
Leader: Krista Harrison and Youth for Christ students  
6001 Archwood Road, Independence, OH 44131  
(216) 316-0040

**8:30 AM, Independence Civic Center, Willow Room**  
Leaders: Rev. Leroy Ford, Rev. Robert Hendrix, Rev. Donna Barrett, Father Pete Colletti and Pastor Jared Littleton  
6363 Selig Drive, Independence, OH 44131  
(216) 524-7373

**11:00 AM, Cornerstone of Hope Offices**  
Leader: Kari Taylor  
3903 Breckville Road, Independence, OH 44131  
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**12:50 PM, St. Michael's Catholic Church**  
Leader: Father Pete Colletti  
6912 Chestnut Road, Independence, OH 44131  
(216) 524-1394

**2:00 PM, New York Life Insurance Company**  
Host: Jeff Malarik; Prayer Leader: Catherine Monnin  
6000 Linnhardt Center, Seven Hills, OH 44131; Genesis Building-Main Entrance, Amphitheater on Lower Level • (216) 952-8947

**5:30 PM, Memorial on Public Square (near Old Town Hall)**  
Leader: General Bob Wagner  
Theme: Military & Families, Safety Forces & Families, Veterans  
6652 Breckville Road, Independence, OH 44131

**7-9:00 PM, Kiwanis Pavilion (behind the Civic Center)**  
Concert sponsored by NEO Church  
Featuring: NEO Church worship band  
Located in Elmwood Park off of Kathy Lynn Dr., next to Liberty Station Playground

### Prayer Themes:

- Government
- Education
- Media
- Families
- Military
- Businesses
- Churches

### Scripture Theme:

"In His Name all nations will put their hope."  
Matthew 12:21

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Camp Cornerstone	Camp Heroes	Camp Erin
Day Camp for ages 6-12 Independence, OH 8AM - 4PM June 17 - 21	Inner City Day Camp for ages 8-17 Boys and Girls Club: Broadway Location 8AM - 4PM July 15-19	Overnight Camp for ages 8-17 Marengo, OH August 9-11

For more information or questions please contact:  
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## Health Care Reform Update: Exchanges



As an employer, you've heard a lot about health care reform. You probably have questions about what it means for you and your employees.

To help answer your questions, we're providing a series of articles in the coming months. Each article will discuss the latest in health care reform and highlight steps you may need to take to comply with the law.

### Health Insurance Exchanges

One of the biggest changes is the introduction of **health insurance exchanges**. They will be run by the state or federal government. Health care companies on the exchange offer their own set of plans which include a basic set of essential health benefits. Small businesses can shop, compare plans side by side and pick the plan that works best for them.

Enrollment in exchanges is scheduled to start in October 2013 and coverage should begin in January 2014. If you have questions about the exchange, you will be able to contact an exchange call center and talk with a live person who can answer your questions about your health insurance options.

To make buying health care coverage more affordable, you may qualify for a subsidy or tax credit so you pay less for coverage. Contact the exchange call center for more details.

### Flexible Spending Account Change

Starting on January 1, 2013, employees who have flexible spending accounts (FSAs) must limit their contributions to \$2,500 a year.

Be sure to visit [www.anthem.com/healthcarereform](http://www.anthem.com/healthcarereform) to stay up to date on everything related to health care reform.

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# Welcome!

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## Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce **STATE OF THE SCHOOLS LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Holiday Inn  
6001 Rockside Road, Independence

Our Superintendents will update the business community on the programs and activities happening within our school districts.

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### SPEAKERS:

**Dr. Edwin Holland**  
Superintendent  
Cuyahoga Heights Schools

**Steve Marlow**  
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**Dr. Celena Roebuck**  
Superintendent  
Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

**Dr. Bob Mengerink**  
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## Networking Breakfast

Thursday, April 11, 2013  
8:00 - 9:00am

Independence High School - Media Center  
6001 Archwood, Independence, Ohio 44131

Speaker: Lisa Ryan, Owner, Grategy, Inc.

*Let's get connected* Simple Strategies to Escalate Engagement, Empowerment, and Enthusiasm in the Workplace

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