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FALL 2014



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - ANOTHER SUCCESS!

On September 12th we held our annual Golf Outing at Astorhurst Golf Course. We may have had a few rain drops, and it may have been a bit chilly, but that didnt stop us! We had a wonderful turnout and, as usual, Astorhurst out-did themselves with wonderful service and great food.

A special thank you to MetLife, the Cleveland Clinic, Miami-Jacobs Career College and Panera Bread. Thank you to all of our sponsors: Benos Law Firm, Berman Movers, Best Reward Credit Union, BNY Mellon, Buckeye Surface Maintenance, The Burton Family, City of Independence, Cleveland Magazine (Great Lakes Publishing), Cleveland Clinic / Marymount, CMP Communications, Cuyahoga Heights Schools, Dan Binford & Assoc., DigiCom Graphics, Edible Arrangements, Fitzgibbons Arnold Co., Hyatt Place, Indiana Wesleyan University, Kaplan Trucking, Kurtz Bros., Marketplace Events, Mizanin Reporting, Modular Systems Technicians, Oppenheimer & Co., Perfect Ash Cigars, Precision Environmental, ReMax Trinity - EileenHawkins, Stratos Wealth Partners, Stemle Associates, Taleris Credit Union, Temple Square Interiors, Time Warner Cable, Village of Marymount, Vodrazka Funeral Home, Walthall CPAs, Westfield Bank and Willis.

Our contest winners are as follows:

- #2 Centerline Drive - Kathy Richling
- #3 Closest to the Pin - Bob Juliani
- #6 Closest to the Pin - Kim Wirtz
- #7 Longest Drive Men - Matt Arnold
Women - Dawn Denallo
- #9 Longest Putt - Gordon Cryderman
- #11 Closest to the Pin - Mike Denallo
- 13 Closest to the Pin - Joe Amoroso
- #15 Centerline Drive - Kathy Richling
- #18 Longest Putt - Rick Benos

First Place Team - Jeff Sozio, Jerry Benko, Brian Donley & Vicky Donley
Second Place Team - Jeff Marcero, Scott Spalding, Craig Dayton & Luke Porter
Third Place Team - Chris Arnold, Bud Wonkovich, Al Doane & Matt Arnold
Skins Game Winner - TIE - Scott Adamonis & Jeff Marcero



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2014-2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Subject to Change.

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Important
DATE!

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2014

STATE OF THE REGION

Holiday Inn - Rockside

11:30am - 1:00 pm

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THURSDAY

DECEMBER 4, 2014

HOLIDAY PARTY

Yours Truly Restaurant

5:00 - 7:00 pm

\$10 members

\$15 non-members

Wine Raffle - \$5 per ticket

**wine bottle / basket

donations needed

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 21, 2015

IMPACT AWARDS

Holiday Inn - Rockside

11:30am - 1:30 pm

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WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

LUNCHEON

Holiday Inn - Rockside

11:30am - 1:30 pm

Speaker: Andrea Vecchio

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A MESSAGE FROM...



Lynette Slama, President
Holiday Inn, Independence

Nancy Prucha & Melissa LaPorta
Executive Directors



Dear Chamber Members,

The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Board Members extends to you and your family warm wishes this Holiday Season. As we gather with our friends and families over the holidays, it is important to remember and thank those who have afforded us the opportunity to do so. This year the Chamber will be participating in the American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Hero's (HMFH). With many service members and veterans separated from their families this holiday season due to deployments and hospital stays, the HMFH program empowers people to Give Something That Means Something by sending a card of thanks and support to the members of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families. The Chamber will have cards available at our November lunch.

The Programming Committee has been working hard to provide new and exciting programs for 2015. Our Annual Impact Awards will be held as a luncheon on January 21, 2015 Please join us as we recognize those individuals and companies for their outstanding contributions to the Cuyahoga Valley Region. We are also excited to announce that Andrea Vecchio will be speaking at our luncheon on February 18, 2015. She will have her new book out and ready to sign.

As always, we encourage you to get involved with the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce, you will find great reward.

Happy Holidays!

Lynette Slama
President

Nancy Prucha
Executive Director

Melissa LaPorta
Asst. Exec. Director



WESTFIELD BANK'S SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS SYMPOSIUM

NOVEMBER 12, 2014 12:30 - 5 P.M.

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VALUATION TRANSITION GROWTH

If you are a business owner committed to sustained growth or are planning a transitional event within the next 10 years, join us for a symposium uniquely designed to help you plan for the future of your business, your family and your legacy.

Many privately held businesses face various issues, including:

- Understanding the Value and Worth of the Business
- Determining How and When to Exit your business on your terms
- How to successfully Manage Growth and Navigate **No Man's Land**

Featured Guest Speakers:

Richard Martin, JD, LL.M., CFBS, CFP®, CLU, ChFC, MBA, Director, Estate & Business Planning

Richard Martin brings a wealth of information on business **valuation** to our discussion. As the manager of the newly formed MassMutual Closely-held Business Evaluation Program, Richard leads a team of financial professionals in evaluating the estate and business planning needs of closely-held business owners. www.linkedin.com/pub/richard-martin/7/421/5A8

Mark Dorman, CLU®, ChFC®, CFBS, Certified Family Business Specialist

Mark Dorman specializes in small business issues related to transitioning leadership or exit planning. He is President of Dorman Legacy Advisors, LLC, and Founder of the Midwest Family Business Center. He is a recognized industry leader with more than 28 years of experience working with business owners, corporate executives, and retirees. www.dormanlegacyadvisors.com

Doug Tatum, Chairman at Newport Board Group

Doug Tatum, author of award winning, best seller **No Man's Land**, used data from the Institute for Exceptional Growth Companies IEGC to describe how companies that are too big to be small and too small to be big can transition and become the real Economy Heroes. Mr. Tatum, a recognized expert on capital markets and the entrepreneurial growth economy, has testified before the U.S. Congress about the financing challenges growing companies face. 5 Steps to Navigating No Man's Land.

Agenda:

- 12:30 – 1 p.m. Registration
- 1 – 4 p.m. Speakers and Panel Discussion
- 4 – 5 p.m. Networking Session

There is no fee for this program

RSVP by November 3, 2014 -
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11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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\$20/MEMBERS AND \$25/NON-MEMBERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION Featuring our six mayors:

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6th IMPACT ANNUAL awards

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Wednesday, January 21, 2015

11:30am - 1:30pm

Holiday Inn - Rockside

6001 Rockside Rd | Independence, OH

\$20/members

\$25/non-members

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Spread Some
Holiday Cheer

Annual Chamber
Holiday Party

December 4, 2014
5:00-7:00pm

Yours Truly Restaurant
8111 Rockside Road
Valley View, OH 44125

\$10/members \$15/non-members
Appetizers Provided Cash Bar Available

Please bring a bottle of wine or a gift basket

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Get in the Holiday Spirit

NEWS OF NOTE...

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Amazing! **WOW!**
GREAT JOB!
Congratulations!



Cleveland Chiropractic and Integrative Health Center opened this August in Independence. Dr. Gesicki's services include chiropractic, acupuncture, functional rehabilitation and nutrition & lifestyle counseling.

Independence High School has been ranked as one of the top high schools in the country by The Daily Beast, an online news source reaching 17 million readers a month. They are ranked 533 out of 700+ schools on the list. Six indicators are used to rank public high schools - graduation and college acceptance rates, college-level courses and exams, percentage of students with free or reduced lunch and SAT & ACT scores. Congratulations IHS!

Walthall CPAs is proud to announce the addition of Dean Lisowski, CPA, to its Cleveland office and Maria Nicholas, CPA, in its Wooster office.

Paul Weisinger, partner at **Walthall CPAs**, was recently named an honoree of the CPA Practice Advisor 40 under 40 awards, a program that honors a diverse array of professionals who are helping to shape the accounting profession.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members of the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce are invited to join the Independence Local School's Superintendent Business Advisory Council. The group meets three times a year for one hour. The mission is to deepen the district's partnerships between the schools and business community to enhance both student and teacher learning for the 21st century and beyond. Come here about new developments, projects, and activities of the local school district, as well as give input on what schools should be doing to train the youth of today for tomorrow's jobs. It is a great networking opportunity for local business leaders. If interested in attending the next meeting, please contact Steve Marlow, Superintendent, at 216/642-5850.

Karen Ann Schaefer, Director of Marketing at **The Village of Marymount** is hosting a new radio show on AM 1420 The Answer called "Strive To Be Well". So if you have questions about Senior Care, please call on Sunday mornings at 6:30am - 216-332-1396.

Mavis Winkles is offering a new delivery service for customers ordering \$25 or more. Also be sure to ask about their catering menu, especially good for the holidays coming up.

Lasik Vision Centers of Cleveland have created a "Lasik Partnership Program" that any chamber member could use for themselves and others*. No cost, no catch. You can use this Lasik discount as a "benefit" to your employees and long as you are a "partner" of LVC. Call Theresa Kapper for details - 216-674-6400.



Yours Truly Restaurant was awarded "Best Hummus in Cleveland" in a hummus taste testing competition at Brooklyn's St. Elias Melkite Catholic Church festival over Labor Day. It is a Shibley family recipe passed down through the generations.

Yours Truly is offering a 20% discount to chamber members who place an online catering order at www.ytr.com, enter code "chamber2014" at checkout. Now

through the end of the year. Pancakes for a Purpose - help support **Cornerstone of Hope** by attending our annual Pancakes for a Purpose event at **Yours Truly** Rockside on Thanksgiving morning from 7:30-11:30am. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. All proceeds will benefit Cornerstone of Hope.



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Congratulations to board member, **Frank Denallo** from **Temple Square Interiors**, on receiving the 2014 NOACC Bright Star Award. Frank is our Golf Outing chairman and works his magic every year to make such a successful event! Without his expertise, we wouldn't be able to give as many scholarships to graduating seniors. Congratulations on your award Frank and thank you for all your hard work!

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NOACC - Chamber Bright Star Awards Dinner held at the Hard Rock Rocksino on October 29th. Frank Denallo, from Temple Square Interiors and our board member, was our bright star this year. Pictured with Frank is Rosanna Hrabnicki (Event Marketplace); Nancy Prucha (Executive Director); Melissa LaPorta (Asst. Executive Director); Lynette Slama (Holiday Inn/Chamber President); and Susan Amoroso (Waltham CPAs/Board Member).



Share-A-Christmas

OUR SHARE A CHRISTMAS EVENT IS BACK AND EVEN BETTER!

Have an office of 5, 10 or 15 people and want to plan something fun and different for the holidays?

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Thursday, December 11, 2014

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& SEASONED CHICKEN
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PARMESAN CHEESE
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**THE FUN BEGINS AT 5:30 PM,
DINNER BUFFET OPENS AT 6:30 PM**

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 October - Save Local Now



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