



Cooking Demo

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH



Tuesday, November 09, 2010
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Independence Branch: Meeting Room

Program is a partnership with
Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce
& Marymount Hospital.

Join Marymount Hospital's chef, to learn how to make
a simple, healthy meal and enjoy your favorite foods.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: call 216.447.0160
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The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Hosts First Annual Golf Outing

The Golf Outing was held on October 1, 2010 at Astorhurst Golf Course in Walton Hills. Nearly 50 golfers enjoyed breakfast, lunch, dinner and 18 holes of golf on an absolutely beautiful fall day. The day proved to be a fantastic opportunity for many business associates to network, while at the same time help support a great cause.

Every year, our Chamber is pleased to award scholarships to three deserving high school students in our region who have earned good grades, established positive relationships in the community and who have been exemplary role model amongst their peers. Thanks to the generosity of our members & guests at this golf event, we were able to raise over \$2,000 to help finance this scholarship fund. It is our hope to be able to continue the scholarship program and enhance it in the years to come.

Many thanks to all those who sold tickets, donated prizes, volunteered or sponsored this event. An extra special thank you goes to Chamber Board Member Frank Denallo for all of his support and help in planning this fantastic day. Without his hard work and dedication, this event would not have happened. Also, special thanks to our Chamber Board Members who went out of their way to help make this day possible. Finally, thank you to Doug Smith and the staff at Astorhurst Golf Course in Walton Hills, their service was outstanding.

First Place Team:

Wayne Benos, Rick Benos,
Bob Julaini, & Norm Cassini

Second Place Team:

Kirk Meurer, Rob Meurer,
Bob Firestone & Bob Halvin

#2 Centerline Drive: Joe Magas

#3 Closest to Pin: Mike Anderson

#6 Closest to Pin: Joe Magas

#7 Long Drive Men: Rick Benos

#7 Long Drive Women:

Dawn Denallo

#11 CTP - Men: Bob Firestone

#11 CTP - Women:

Rosanna Hrabnicky

#13 Closest to Pin: Bob Hlavin

#16 Centerline Drive:

John Petrovic

#18 Longest Putt: Jim Mantel

Longest Marshmallow Drive:

Jim Mantel



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Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce

Impact Awards Nomination Form Inside!

2010-2011 Calendar of Events

Subject to Change. Please log on to www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org for latest updates

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 Business After Hours Cooking Demo

Topic: Join Cleveland Clinic executive chef to learn how to make quick, simple, healthy meals and how to read food labels to optimize your health.

Hosted by: Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce, Cleveland Clinic and Cuyahoga County Public Library Independence Branch

Cuyahoga County Public Library
Independence Branch
6361 Selig Dr, Independence

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration Required call 216.447.0160 or www.cuyahogalibrary.org

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 Annual Joint Chambers Networking Breakfast

Topic: To hear information of interest to the region and network with other chambers.

Hosted by: The Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

The Valley Inn Restaurant
Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

7:30 am - 9:30 am

RSVP by November 10 to Bridget Murphy at 440-746-8127 or bmurphy@cvccworks.com

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 State of the Communities

Sponsored by:



Holiday Inn
6001 Rockside Road, Independence

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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

Thursday, December 9, 2010 Holiday Party / After Hours

Sponsored by:



Hoggy's Restaurant
Canal Rd in Valley View

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

\$5 donation to The Autism Society of Greater Cleveland

Free appetizers. Cash bar.
Raffle Prizes.

Come network with other regional chamber members.

Thursday, January 27, 2011 2nd Annual Impact Awards

Holiday Inn
6001 Rockside Road, Independence

5:30 - 6:00 Networking

6:00 Dinner Served

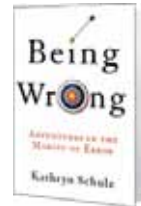
6:30 Program Begins.

6:30 - 7:30 Awards

\$35 Individual
\$200 Table of 8

Networking, Dinner, Awards Program,
Cash bar.

Sponsorships Available.



February 16, 2011 Chamber Luncheon

Kathryn Schulz, author of *Being Wrong: Adventures in the Margin of Error*.

March 16, 2011 Chamber Luncheon

April 27, 2011 Wellness Fair & Luncheon

May 11, 2011 State of the Schools Luncheon

Feature your Business in The Chamber Focus Quarterly Newsletter!

The *Chamber Focus* covers the cities of Independence, Brooklyn Heights, Walton Hills, Cuyahoga Heights, Valley View and Seven Hills. It is distributed to more than 300 members and businesses.

\$200 for a 1/2 page (approx. 350 words)

\$100 for a 1/4 page (approx. 175 words)

Deadlines are the 29th of the month prior to the newsletter being sent.

The Chamber reserves the right to edit the article to fit the space available.

For more information, please contact us at cvcc@cuyahogavalleychamber.org or by calling us at 216.573.2707

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A Message from our President and Executive Director...

Charlene Paparizos, CMP Communications
Eileen Hawkins

Dear Chamber Members:

It has been an exciting Fall for The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce. Our Chamber Directory is complete and is due to be out in November, 2010. This directory will showcase the many talented people, businesses and schools that make up the communities of Brooklyn Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Independence, Seven Hills, Valley View and Walton Hills. This magazine captures the essence of this fine area and will serve as a functional guide to local government, schools and companies who have chosen the Cuyahoga Valley Region as a place to own and operate their business.

We have had many wonderful events during the summer and fall. The Annual Summer Picnic proved to be a great time for the 80 plus guests who spent the afternoon networking and getting to know other businesses associates in our region. Guests were able to enjoy the excellent food catered by Hoggy's Restaurant. Our Golf Outing at Astorhurst was a huge success and will help us continue our Scholarship Fund for local High School Seniors. We also hosted a very informative Health Care

Reform Lunch at The Crowne Plaza. We also have many wonderful events planned for the rest of the year and many more in 2011. Please visit our web-site at www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org to view updated events. We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend some of these activities.

One of our goals is to continue to grow this wonderful chamber. We continue to encourage you to invite businesses to our events and to become members of our organization. There are many benefits of becoming a member of the Chamber. Members take advantage of many networking opportunities, discounts on health insurance, workers compensation insurance and office supplies. We are now also offering discounts in shipping costs through major carriers in the area. Look for more details in the coming months on this exciting new program through NOACC.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments on how we may better serve your needs. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Charlene Paparizos
President

Eileen Hawkins
Executive Director

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

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Email your updated information to: cvcc@cuyahogavalleychamber.org

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Joint Chamber Networking Breakfast

Topic: To hear information of interest to the region and network with other chambers.

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

7:30-9:30 am

The Valley Inn Restaurant

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
Brecksville Road (at Wallings)

hosted by:



RSVP by November 10 to
Bridget Murphy at 440-746-8127 or
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CUYAHOGA VALLEY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Bridging our Communities

After Hours

Sponsored by:
Mango Bay
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"It's where you want to be"®

Joint Chamber Networking Annual Holiday Party



December 9, 2010

4:30pm

Hosted by

Hoggy's Restaurant

Canal Road | Valley View, Ohio

Please RSVP to 216-573-2707
or www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org

\$5 donation to **ASGC**

Appetizers provided.
Cash Bar Available.



State of the Communities



Wednesday, November 17, 2010 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Holiday Inn Rockside

6001 Rockside Road | Independence, Ohio 44131

Mayor Michael S. Procuk, Brooklyn Heights
Mayor Jack Bacci, Cuyahoga Heights
Mayor Gregory Kurtz, Independence
Mayor David Bentkowski, Seven Hills
Mayor Randall Westfall, Valley View
Mayor Marlene Anielski, Walton Hills

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

For more information call 216/573-2707
or visit our website:
www.cuyahogavalleychamber.org

Sponsored by:



Moderated by Kim Scott

OUR SHINING STAR

2010 Annual Bright Star Awards Dinner

The Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) has an annual dinner where a member of each local chamber is recognized for outstanding dedication. This year's 2010 Bright Star Award has been awarded to Susan Amoroso from Walthall Drake and Wallace for her many years of service to the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce as Treasurer. Every month, Susan spends many hours working behind the scenes



Lynette Slama, Charlene Paparizos, Eileen Hawkins, Susan Amoroso, Nancy Prucha, Tom Thacker

to make sure all of our financial information is done correctly. She works on behalf of our board and our members. Her firm also has sponsored our Employment Roundtable Series, and The State of the Communities Luncheon for many years, as well as other events. She also brings many guests with her to our events and is always willing to help with registration tables. Congratulations Susan and Thank you for all that you do for the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce.



Mr. Gorilla, joined us for dinner.



2nd Annual

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IMPACT awards

January 27, 2011

Holiday Inn

6001 Rockside Road, Independence

Agenda:

5:00 – 6:00 pm	Networking
6:00 – 6:45 pm	Dinner Served
6:45 pm	Program Begins
7:00-7:45 pm	Awards
8:00 pm	Conclusion of Event

Individual Awards For:

- Business/Person of the Year
- Educational Outreach
- Innovation Through Technology
- Entrepreneur/New Business of the Year
- Achievement in International Business
- The Green Award
- Excellence in Customer Service

Dinner Tickets:

\$35 Individual

- Cash Bar.

\$200 Table of 8

- Cash Bar.

Sponsorships Available:

\$500 Event Sponsor (one available)

- Logo/Name will appear on all printed materials.
- Company will be announced at the Awards Dinner
- Representative of the company has the opportunity to tell us about who/what your company is.

\$200 Award Sponsor (seven available)

- Name will appear on all printed materials.
- Name will appear on award.
- Representative of the company will announce the winner and be included in the group photograph.

IMPACT AWARD DESCRIPTIONS:

Business/Person of the Year Achievement Award

Sponsored by Farmers Insurance

This award is given to a business, organization, or person who, through creativity, perseverance, and education has developed a successful business, whose efforts have created jobs, products, and opportunities; whose high moral and ethical values have set a standard of excellence in the region, and have made an outstanding contribution to the betterment of life in the communities our chamber serves. The winner will demonstrate all-round excellence in business. In addition, the winner has the following qualities:

- * Respect of the community.
- * A commitment to local organizations.
- * Respect for his/her employees.

Educational Outreach Award

Sponsored by Indiana Wesleyan University

This award is given to a business that has developed a strong partnership with both the Independence and Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools. To meet the growing challenges of preparing students to compete in a global workplace, this business realizes the significance of dedicating their time, expertise, and resources to assist their local schools in developing programs and expanding learning opportunities for not only students but teachers as well.

Innovation Through Technology Award

Sponsored by

This award is given to the business that is putting technology to good use and uncovering how technology can make a difference in their business/organization. The goal of the award is to recognize the impact that businesses and new technologies have had on the region in terms of improving the quality of life, promoting business environment, boosting economic development, or conserving natural resources.

Entrepreneur/New Business of the Year

Sponsored by

This is the award for an individual or new business that is three years old or younger. The award will recognize performance of the business over the last three years, what the entrepreneur believes makes them different, and their vision for the future of the business. Nominees must be active in the community and exhibit the entrepreneur spirit and encourage others to follow suit.

Achievement in International Business Award

Sponsored by

As the global economy becomes increasingly important, the recipient of this award will show how they stand out in the International arena. If you do business internationally, explain how – especially if it has made an impact in the Cuyahoga Valley region.

The Green Award

Sponsored by

Recognizing environmentally friendly businesses in the Cuyahoga Valley Region, the Green Award is designed for the company that demonstrates environmental best practices, ethical best practices or sustainable development. Judges are particularly interested in the application of these practices and the impact that these initiatives have had on the company.

Excellence in Customer Service Award

Sponsored by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

This award recognizes companies with a focus on customer service and care and who demonstrates excellence and achievement within the field of customer service. Judging criteria will include customer service objectives and strategy, business performance, customer care, staff development plans and how this has driven business growth.

IMPACT AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Award Categories (Please check all that apply):

Business/Person of the Year Achievement Award

Entrepreneur/New Business of the Year

Educational Outreach Award

Achievement in International Business Award

Innovation Through Technology Award

The Green Award

Excellence in Customer Service Award

Nominated Business/
Organization/Individual: _____

Nominee Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nomination
submitted by: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Describe why you feel this business/organization/individual is deserving of this award. Please use separate sheet of paper for this description and use as much detail as possible.

Nominations will be accepted through November 30, 2010. A business/organization/individual can be nominated for more than one category.

The winner needs to do business and have an impact in one of the following communities: Brooklyn Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Independence, Seven Hills, Valley View, or Walton Hills. Non-chamber members can be nominated but if they win are encouraged to become a member of the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce.

