

**Mark Your Calendar
for the Upcoming
Luncheons**

November 18, 2014
December 16, 2014

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**Business Expo
Continues to Grow**

The fifth annual Strongsville Business Expo, co-sponsored by the City of Strongsville, the Rotary Club of Strongsville, and the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center on Thursday, November 6th. The Expo is open to the public from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. More than 100 businesses and organizations will set up booths at the event. Special guest Bill Wills, morning

host of WTAM 1100 Radio, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Thank you in advance to the Strongsville DECA class for helping the vendors set up and take down for the event.



**Strongsville APP
Will be Introduced at
Breakfast**

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce is partnering with The City of Strongsville to launch a new application for mobile phones. Please join us on Wednesday, November 12th at 8am for a FREE breakfast at Ehrnfelt Event Center. This event is open to the public.

The new City of Strongsville mobile app will be available free of charge and will feature: road closings alerts, urgent city matters, local news, local announcements, local events and activities, links to general information about the city, and a business directory.

Please register online
www.strongsvillechamber.com
or call the Chamber office at (440) 238-3366.

Chamber Holiday Scholarship Dance

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual holiday scholarship dance on Friday, December 5th at Michaud's Towne n Country, 16808 Pearl Road.

Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 12:00 midnight. This event has become the unofficial kickoff to the holiday season in Strongsville.



Joe and Marcy Lucchese

Back by popular demand, the Newsmaker Band will be performing again this year at the scholarship dance. The Newsmaker Band is based in Detroit, MI. You can see a sample of their work at www.metacafe.com/newsmaker.

Several local restaurants will once again provide a "Taste of the 'Ville" with food available on a cash basis from Don's Pomeroy House, Old Carolina Barbecue and Shinto. Shinto will also be hosting the Martini Bar. We will also have a Silent Auction and "Spirits of Strongsville" Raffle at the dance.

The Chamber has been sponsoring this dance for 47 years with the proceeds going to fund scholarships for graduates of Strongsville High School, Polaris Career Center, and a donation to the Media Center at Sts. Joseph and John School. This past spring the Chamber funded scholarships for 19 students with proceeds from the dance.

Reserve your table early! \$350 (5 couples) or individual tickets (\$70 per couple). Call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366 or stop in at the Chamber office, 18829 Royalton Road, after November 1, to purchase your tickets. Tickets may also be purchased on the Chamber website www.strongsvillechamber.com.



Colleen and Jerry Franklin

Doug and Connie Kawiecki,
Megan Dixon

Chamber Welcomes New Members

The following businesses and individuals have joined the Chamber since the publication of our last newsletter. We remain grateful for their interest and support:

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| Abboud, George | Judge Janet Rath Colaluca | Safety Controls Technology | The Assistant |
| Armbruster Moving & Storage | Life Chiropractic North | Sheetz-Pearl | The Welsh Miller |
| CCL Design | Royalton, LLC | Sliwinski, Mike | Financial Group |
| Crimcheck.com | Massage Heights | Spero-Smith Investment | Wine and Canvas |
| Espres Nails & Spa | Ohio Elite Cheerleading | Advisors Inc | WOW |
| Family Video | PTSD Relief Center | St. Joseph Parish | |
| John Robert's Spa | Pure Water Technologies | Stay Fit 24 | |

Our Chamber encourages all of our members to patronize other members whenever possible. To obtain contact information for any of the above, please contact the Chamber office at 440.238.3366 or info@strongsvillechamber.com.

Election of Trustees / Annual Meeting

The Chamber will hold its annual election of Trustees during the month of November. Beginning November 3rd ballots will be available at the Chamber office and also at the November 18th luncheon. The following slate of candidates has been approved to appear on the ballot. Eight positions are to be filled for a three year term commencing January 1, 2015:

Richard Baldin
Matthew Finkler
Colleen Franklin
Dustin Hayden
Chuck Hollingsworth
Cortney Kalfas
Jay Kopco
Brian Krusz
Steven Neal
Rick Voigt



THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS OF BEING A CHAMBER MEMBER

The Chamber is changing its membership dues structure. Starting in January, Businesses with up to 50 employees will invest a \$125 fee, those with 51 to 100 employees will invest \$175, and the businesses with more than 100 employees will invest \$225. Civic membership dues will be \$100 and civic senior (60 and over) will be \$50.

There will no longer be an additional fee of \$20.00 for the website link. The website link will be included for all members going forward.

Membership invoices will be mailed to all current members in January. Any member wishing to make the investment before the end of the year, should contact the office at 440.238.3366.

Benefits gained by being a chamber member are available in many ways. Remember to take advantage of excellent opportunities for your business to attract new customers and share information with our community and the world.

Log in today to your chamber member portal to take advantage of these features!

- **Online Payments** - Pay your membership fees by credit card online. Go to the www.strongsvillechamber.com, Members Info, Online Bill Payment Option and complete the form. Register and pay for events online.
- **Business Directory Listing** - Your business information is available to consumers through the chamber's website.
- **Job Postings** - Add your own job openings to the Chamber's website.
- **Hot Deals** - Include store coupons and special offers on the Chamber's website.
- **Event Posting** - Add your business' events to the Chamber's Online Events Calendar.
- **E-Mail Blasts** - Members may purchase (2) email blasts per calendar year. The first email is \$250.00, the second \$100.00.
- **Monthly Luncheon Meetings** - Monthly luncheon meetings provide members the opportunity to network with each other. A networking table is available for members to display their company brochures.
- **Women in Business Meetings** - The Women in Business Committee sponsors four events per year. All are welcome to attend the events.
- **Business After Hours** - These events are great opportunities to network with others in the business community after the workday is over.
- **Strongsville Young Professionals** - The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce has recently formed a new branch, the "Strongsville Young Professionals." The committee is looking to organize activities that are non traditional Chamber events, in addition to becoming involved with current Chamber activities.

Group Benefit Discount

As a chamber member with 2-50 employees, you can get a discount on any health plan from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield — including industry-leading HSAs, HRAs and HIAs.* While your competition is busy cutting corners, you get preventive care programs, prescription drug coverage and one-stop shopping for a complete benefits. *Discount only applies to Chamber members who do not already have Anthem insurance.



With its affiliation through the Northern Ohio Association of Chambers of Commerce (NOACC), group benefits give our members access to discounts on insurance, worker's compensation plans and much more. Contact 216-447-9900, director@noacc.org

Golf Outing is Successful

The Chamber's annual golf outing was held on September 26th at Shale Creek Golf Club. No one won the car this year, but the golfers enjoyed a beautiful day at the 46th annual golf outing. Dr. Neil Sika, Golf Outing Committee Chairman would like to thank Pete Baur Buick GMC, sponsor of the Hole in One contests, Buffalo Wild Wings, Lunch Sponsor, Altenheim Senior Living for being the Cart Sponsor, all of the Hole Sponsors, those who donated door prizes and Shale Creek Golf Club for making it a successful day.

The winners of the course Games were: Closest to the Pin – Shaena Miller and Don Sullivan, Longest Drive – Patti Jennings and Doug McCully. The foursome that came in 1st Place at 54 under, included Mal Brooker, Amy Ferree, Nick Geisler and Pete Skirpstas.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Chamber Golf Outing.

Thank you hole sponsors:

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Strongsville Image Book

Mayor Thomas P. Perciak and the City of Strongsville are once again endorsing the 13th Annual Strongsville Image Book. The publication which is produced for the City by Strongsville Chamber of Commerce member Image Builders Marketing, will feature informative articles regarding the Mayor's office, Economic Development, Education, Recreation, Finance, Safety Services, Senior Services, Shopping, a map of Strongsville, Restaurant Guide and list of Important phone numbers. This year the cover will feature the Faces of Strongsville, with stories about the businesses who participate in this special section. What a great way to highlight local area business and community leaders!

For as little as \$295.00 your business can be part of this annual publication that is direct mailed to 23,000 homes and businesses as well as distributed throughout the year to new residents. The magazine can also be viewed online at the Strongsville City and Chamber of Commerce websites.

Each year Image Builders Marketing generously donates a portion of the sales toward a local community project.

This year's donation will go toward the Holiday lighting on the Commons.

For information contact Bernice Kaldy at 440-346-4482 or email bkaldy@imagebuildersmarketing.us