

Meeting is Feb. 21

TONY RIZZO TO DISCUSS AREA SPORTS SCENE AT LUNCHEON



Popular FOX 8 Sports Anchor Tony Rizzo will be the guest speaker at the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce February Business Luncheon.

The meeting will be held at noon Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Holiday Inn Select, 15471 Royalton Rd.

Rizzo, who has been covering Cleveland sports for 18 years, said he will discuss all aspects of the Cleveland sports scene, including the

Browns, Cavs, Indians and area high school football.

The local television station credits Rizzo with giving Fox Spots some attitude on Tag Team, which is seen weeknights on the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. editions of FOX 8.

Before he became a sports anchor for FOX 8 in 1997, Rizzo was a fixture for fans on WMJI radio from 1987 to 1996.

Rizzo received an Emmy Award for his "Rizz on The Road" segments seen on Sunday Sports Page.

Rizzo, who was born in Cleveland, attended Midpark High School and Ohio University. He and his family have lived in Strongsville since 1990.

Rizzo said he will have a question

and answer period following his presentation at the Chamber luncheon.

As a special feature of the monthly business luncheon series, one Chamber member is chosen each month in a business card drawing to make a five-minute presentation about his or her business.

The latest winner is Carol Dombrose, director and counselor of Angle House: Center for arts and creative Life Change, 14217 Mill Hollow Lane. She will speak at the February luncheon.

Reservations for the luncheon are required and can be made by calling the Chamber Office at (440)238-3366 before Friday, Feb 17.



SOUTHPARK, CHAMBER TO INVITE MEMBERS TO AFTER HOURS NETWORKING EVENT

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce member Westfield SouthPark and the Chamber will sponsor a "Business After Hours" reception on Tuesday, March 7.

The special networking event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the mall's Center Court.

This is the third consecutive year that SouthPark has hosted this special meeting for Chamber members. Nearly 200 Chamber members and guests were on hand for last year's networking reception.

Commenting on the event, Chamber Trustee Dan Stroemple said, "SouthPark always puts on a great busi-

ness party. Not only do they provide excellent food and drink, but they make it an entertaining and enjoyable two hours.

"Like everything SouthPark does, it is a first class event. The whole program makes networking very comfortable," Stroemple added.

The reception will give members of the business community an opportunity to get acquainted with other business people and share common interests.

Those planning to attend are asked to R.S.V.P. by calling the Westfield Management Office at (440) 238-9199 or emailing to aselesnik@westfield.com before Tuesday, Feb. 28.

APRIL LUNCHEON DATE IS CHANGED

The date for the April Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon has been changed to Tuesday, April 25.

Members are asked to mark their calendars for this important meeting.

**Mark Your
Calendars!**



President Names Trustees to Chamber Committees

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Dave Jager recently announced the 2006 committee assignments for the Chamber's Board of Trustees.

This year's Board members are: Rich Baldin, Frank Bohac, Bob Bourne, Tom Burichin, Mike Catan, Walter Ehrnfelt III, Gene Faur, Gregg Finkler, Gordy Glissman, Dave Gusman, Bill Harr, Andy Holland, Dave Jager, George Jardine, Bob Kalfas, Mike Kalinich, Douglas Kawiecki, Bob McGrath, Jim Mocho, Bob Moody, Tom Perciak, Tom Rakowsky, Dr. Neil Sika, Mark Slavic, Dan Stroemple and Rick Voight.

The committees are:

Homecoming: Burichin (chair), Kalinich (co-chair), McGrath, Faur, Bourne, Glissman, Kalfas and Kawiecki.

Holiday Dance Committee: Finkler (chair), Kalinich (co-chair), Baldin, Catan, Slavic, Gusman, Holland and McGrath.

Golf Committee: Sika (chair), Bohac, Jardine, Rakosky and Voight.

Business After Hours: Stroemple (chair) and Moody.

Newsletter: Holland (chair) and Mocho.

Executive Committee: Jager, president; McGrath, vice president; Kawiecki, past president; Rakowsky, past president; Ehrnfelt, attorney, and Finkler, treasurer.

The Executive Committee will deal with such matters as by-law revisions, policy development, properties, investments, budget development, staff evaluation and employment, program planning and program review.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce members are asked to mark their calendars for Tuesday, March 21, when Mayor Thomas P. Perciak will present his annual "State of the City" at the Chamber's Monthly Business Luncheon.

The luncheon is scheduled for noon March 21 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Rd. Mayor Perciak is expected to present an overview of the city.

The mayor's address is a popular local tradition and normally draws a large crowd. Those planning to attend are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible by calling the Chamber Office at (440) 238-3366.

FOUNDATION TO HOST MARCH TRIVIA MADNESS

The Strongsville Education Foundation will present its March Trivia Madness at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Strongsville High School, 20025 Lunn Rd.

(Please note the earlier than usual starting time for the annual fund raiser.)

The evening will feature more than 30 six-person teams competing to answer 40 questions on a wide range of topics. The first place team will win \$1,000, second place, \$400 and third place, \$200.

To enter, each team must solicit \$400 in pledges for the foundation.

A live and a silent auction will be included in the evening's activities.

Funds raised sustain Strongsville educational efforts by supporting innovative programs that enhance the quality of education, provide scholarships and foster staff development to enrich instructional services.

To become a sponsor, to register to enter or for more information, those interested may call (440) 238-5778.



STRONGSVILLE SPOTLIGHT

CHAMBER MEMBER HOLIDAY INN RENOVATES ENTIRE INTERIOR



Strongsville Chamber of Commerce member the Holiday Inn Select has a huge conference and meeting area which can accommodate meetings of 10 to 1,000 people.

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce member Holiday Inn Select Hotel recently completed a \$5 million renovation of the entire facility.

Hotel officials are so proud of the new and modern look of their successful facility that they have adopted the tag line, "World Class. Unique Style. Experience Strongsville."

The Strongsville Holiday Inn, which caters to both business and pleasure clients, is a popular destination because of its deluxe accommodations, outstanding conference and convention facilities, friendly and efficient service and its proximity to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and Downtown Cleveland attractions.

General Manager Joe Isernia said, "I like the daily challenge of running a hotel; the hustle and

bustle is very rewarding.

"We have completed a \$5 million renovation that is a complete refurbishing of the interior of the hotel."

The hotel's conference space totals more than 13,000 square feet, and the staff is capable of servicing multiple banquets and meetings.

The conference space can be divided into nine meeting rooms to accommodate 10 to 1,000 people. Retractable walls can be moved to form a Grand Ballroom of 10,580 feet.

Cathy Ruhling, director of sales and marketing, points out that throughout the entire building, new carpeting has been installed and the entire interior has been painted.

New furniture and décor items have also been included in the remodeling.

The hotel restaurant has also been refurbished. Adjacent to the restaurant is Vinney's Lounge, which features a comfortable and cozy atmosphere where guests can enjoy their food and drinks.

All new furniture has been added to the pool area, which Ruhling described as one of the largest hotel swimming pools in the city.

A new Barney's Coffee Shop

has been added, and it opened last month.

The exercise room has been enlarged to four times the size of the old one, and new machines have been installed.

All of the hotel's 303 guest rooms have been completely renovated with brand new beds, dressers and other furnishings.

The guest rooms have been decorated in warm, comfortable colors.

Each room is furnished with a desk, iron and ironing board, coffee maker, hair dryer, wireless high speed internet access, cable TV, voice mail, in-room movies, clock radios and USA Today.

Other hotel amenities include ATM machine, dry cleaning pickup/laundry, on-site guest self-laundry, safety deposit box at the front desk, vending machines, bellman, room service and a business center with copying and facsimile facilities.

The Holiday Inn Select—Strongsville is located at 15471 Royalton Rd. More information on the hotel and its facilities may be obtained by calling (440) 238-8800 or www.hisselect.com/cle-strongsvil.



CHAMBER TO CONTINUE SERIES ON WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce officials are currently planning the Chamber's second annual series of Women in Business Seminars.

The breakfast meetings will be held throughout the year and deal with issues important and unique to women in business.

Chamber members who have suggestions for topics to be discussed during the series are asked to call the Chamber Office at (440) 238-3366.



CHAMBER SETS DATES FOR ANNUAL HOMECOMING

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees has set Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 19, 20, 21 and 22 as the dates for the Chamber's 64th Annual Strongsville Homecoming.

Homecoming General; Chairman Tom Burichin said Chamber officials will begin

calling tent managers this month.

He also pointed out that the Chamber is actively soliciting sponsors for the entertainment and other facets of the **Families First Homecoming**.

Those interested in being sponsors or volunteers are asked to call the Chamber Office at (440) 238-3366.

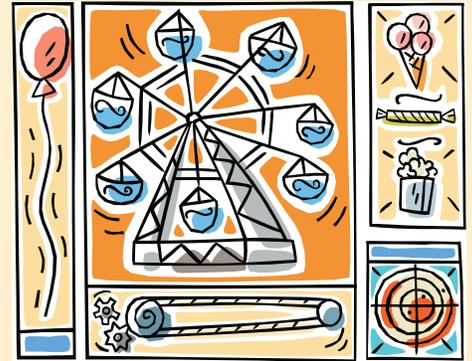


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Dennis Anderson, community outreach assistant for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, provided a hands-on demonstration of the electronic voting system which will be implemented in the May 2 primary. He is shown here with Chamber President Dave Jager at the Chamber's January Business Luncheon.

CHAMBER WELCOMES TEN NEW MEMBERS

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees recently welcomed 10 new members.

The new civic member is Amy Schneider, of **AAA Strongsville**, 17220 Pearl Rd.

New corporate members are: Jeremiah Sawyer, of **Cold Stone Creamery**, 6781 Queen s Way, North Royalton; Edee Summers, of **Courtyard by Marriott**, 7345 Engle Rd., Middleburg Heights; C. Loeser, of **CUBE Development**, 12351 S. Durkee Rd., Grafton; David Freund, of **Hertik Insurance**, 7530 Lucern Dr., Middleburg Heights.

Mark G. Karr, of **MG Fire Design**, 16688 Shurmer Rd.; Francine Simon, of **Republic Bank**, 15312 Pearl Rd.; Bob and Linda Kaminski, of **Sign-A-Rama**, 15131 Pearl Rd.; John and Deanna Krizman, **Super Suppers Strongsville**, 14405 Pearl Rd., and Florence Zabarsky, of **Zabarsky & Associates**, 17074 Raccoon Trail.

W e l c o m e !

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce members are invited to submit information regarding news about their businesses to the Chamber Newsletter. A short note and the name of the contact person can be submitted to the Chamber Office, 18829 Royalton Rd., or e-mail at strongsvillecofc@earthlink.net. Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the month of publication.

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