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## LUNCHEON TO FEATURE MAJOR PRESENTATION BY MAYOR



The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce March Business Luncheon will feature a major presentation by Mayor Thomas P. Perciak.

The mayor will deliver his annual "State-of-the-City" address at the meeting which is scheduled for noon Tuesday, March 21, in the Cultural Center of the Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Complex, 18100 Royalton Rd.

The mayor will be discussing the growth of the city, our financial status, and plans for the future.

Mayor Perciak has been an active member of the Chamber since 1979 and a Trustee for more than 20 years. He served as the group's president in 1995, 1996 and 1997.

Chamber member Bucci's Catering will be providing the luncheon at a cost of just \$12.00 per person. Entree

choices will include chicken marsala and sliced beef au jus. A special treat is planned for dessert! The luncheon fee is either payable at the door or by calling the Chamber office (440.238.3366) to pay by credit card.

As a special feature of the monthly 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 Business Showcase Winner is Cathy Klemencic of REB Marketing. She will speak at the March Luncheon.

The annual luncheon featuring the mayor's address is traditionally a popular event and draws a sizeable crowd.

Those planning to attend are asked to make reservations as early as possible. Due to the rising cost of the luncheons, it will be necessary for us to invoice "no shows" (those who reserve, but do not attend). If you have questions about this new policy, please call

the office.

Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber Office at (440) 238-3366 before Friday, March 17.



## REMINDER... APRIL LUNCHEON DATE IS CHANGED

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce is reminding members that the date of the April Monthly Business Luncheon has been changed to April 25.

Please mark your calendar for this important meeting.

**Mark Your  
Calendars!**



## *Dear Friends & Partners of Strongsville:*

It's that great time of the year again. HOMECOMING!! **The 2005 Families First Homecoming** was a tremendous success, and, as you know, each year it gets bigger and better. The 2006 Homecoming event is shaping up to smash all records.

This years Homecoming represents an opportunity to express your support for our fine community and advertise your business or organization in a professional first class manner. This opportunity is like no other. Our event provides "the most bang for your advertising buck." We guarantee it!

Thanks to the generosity of our members and advertising partners, your Strongsville Chamber of Commerce has been serving the business community and its wonderful residents for 65 years.

A chamber representative will be calling to explain further how you or your company can be part of this unique marketing concept; but more importantly, how you can show your support for your community and this wonderful institution that helps so many.

***Become a partner in The Event of the Summer! Call Now. 440.238.3366***

Thank you,

*Mike Catan*

*Dan Stroemple*

*Rick Voigt*

*Doug Kawiecki*, Chairman, Sponsor Committee

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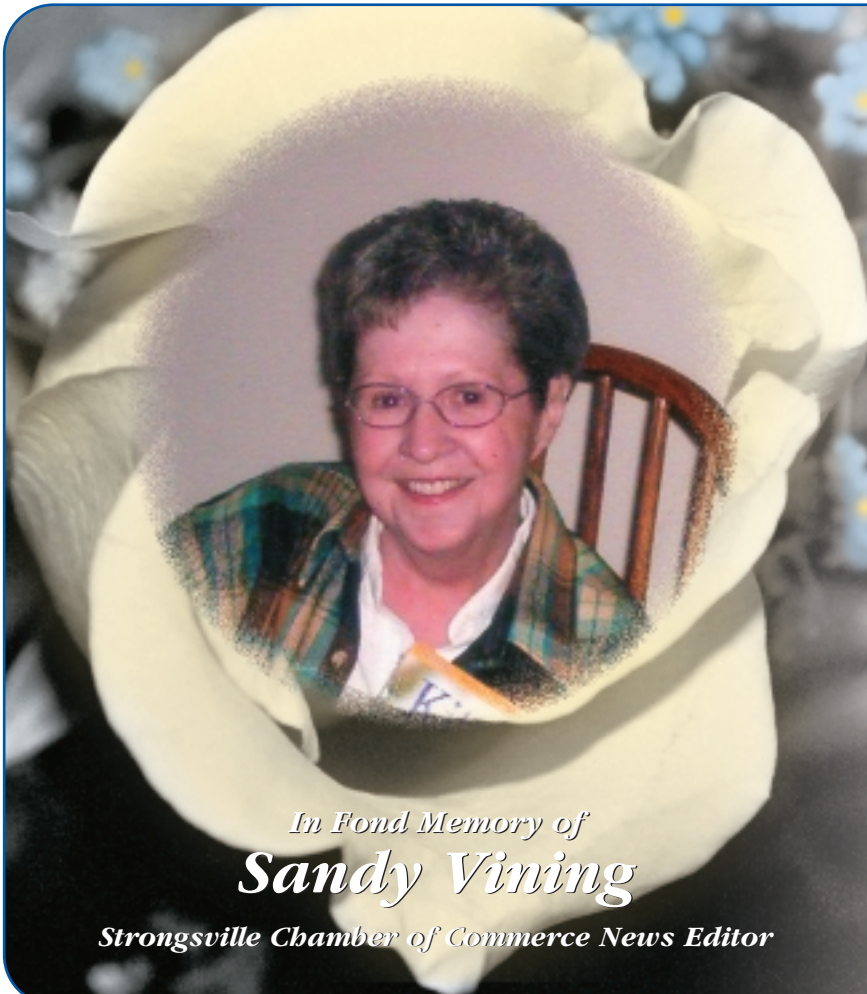
*Sandy Vining*

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The Chamber of Commerce, as well as the entire community of Strongsville, mourns the recent loss of Sandra C. Vining, who passed away suddenly on Friday, March 3.

Sandy had been the editor of the Chamber newsletter for the last 20 years following a highly successful career in journalism and public affairs. Prior to her work with the Chamber, Sandy had been a reporter for the Columbus Citizen-Journal and the Berea News. She had also worked for the Ohio Department of Urban Affairs and the Ohio Department of Economic Development. Sandy held a degree in journalism from Kent State University.

Sandy's loss will be felt in many ways, particularly by those of us at the Chamber. We are a stronger organization because of her influence and work here. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Sandy's family and her many friends.



*In Fond Memory of*

***Sandy Vining***

***Strongsville Chamber of Commerce News Editor***

# DIRECTOR OF EHRNFELT SENIOR CENTER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce member Barb Nyegran recently announced she is retiring from her position as Director of the Ehrnfelt Senior Center effective March 31.

She has held the post since March of 1998 when the center first opened. She previously was director of the Tri-City Senior Center for six years.

While working at the Strongsville Center, Nyegran directed and developed programs, services and special events for the older adults in Strongsville, thereby providing successful aging for the city's residents and their families.

Nyegran, a state certified Aging Services

Administrator, plans to do some consulting work part time under the name of Senior Guidance, providing information to communities, families and businesses relating to older adults.

The Chamber Board of Trustees appreciates her services to the city and wishes her the best in her retirement.



## WOMEN IN BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 4.

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce has set Thursday, May 4, as the date for this year's first Women in Business Seminar.

The breakfast meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, 15471 Royalton Rd.

The popular seminars are designed to deal with issues unique and important to women. More information on the meeting will be printed in the next Chamber Newsletter.

## CHAMBER TRUSTEES REINSTATE POLICY

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees has decided to reinstate its previous policy of billing individuals who make luncheon reservations and fail to attend.

The restaurants that serve the meals base their bills to the Chamber on the number of reservations made, forcing the Chamber to pay even though a person does not attend and eat the meals.

Chamber officials say it is unfair to other Chamber members to use Chamber funds to cover this expense.



Westfield Southpark Mall recently hosted a business after hours networking event for members of the Chamber of Commerce. The mall has done this for several years and it is greatly appreciated. Shown here (from left) Michael McIntosh, Westfield General Manager; Dave Jager, Chamber President, and Andy Selesnik, Marketing Director for Southpark.

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**DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR STRONGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DUES!**



# HOSPICE OF CLEVELAND CLINIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Hospice of the Cleveland Clinic is currently looking for weekday volunteers to support terminally ill patients and their families in the Strongsville area.

Volunteers provide respite for care-givers, giving them a break from caring for the ill patients. They also run errands and provide transportation among other jobs. Those interested in volunteering may contact Ann Catanese at

catanea@ccf.org or (216) 636-8666. Training and guidance are provided.



Business Showcase Speaker at last month's Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon was Carol Dombrose who discussed her work as director and counselor of Angel House: Center for Arts and Creative Life Change, 14217 Mill Hollow Lane.

## CHAMBER WELCOMES 11 NEW MEMBERS

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees recently welcomed 11 new members.

The new **civic member** is Cathy Klemencic, 15975 Inglewood Court. New corporate members are: Joel Mille and Jeff Supko, of **CVS**, 13777 Pearl Rd.; John Bechke, of **CQ Printing**, 14189 Pearl Rd.; Tom Minturn, of **Chick-Fil-A**, 756 SouthPark Center; Deanna Decaire, of **Curves**, 13500 Pearl Rd.; Joel and Sylvia Morneault, of **JSM Enterprises, LLC**, 19556 Stoughton Dr.

Ken Dooner, of **KMD Sales Inc.**, 16641 Forestwood Dr.; Salim Emile, of **LaSiesta Inn**, 8300 Pearl Rd.; Diana Gravo, of **My Girlfriend's Kitchen**, 16512 Pearl Rd.; Jack Thompson, of **North Coast Dental Care Inc./Inno-Visions**, 20886 Drake Rd., and Bridget Burns, of **Division of Country Wide Home Loans**, 13370 Prospect Rd.

# 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 [info@strongvillechamber.com](mailto:info@strongvillechamber.com). Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the month of publication.*

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**Sandy Vining, Editor**

