

## Mark Your Calendar for the Upcoming Luncheons

November 19, 2013  
December 17, 2013  
January 22, 2014

2014 Homecoming • July 16-19

## Business Expo Continues to Grow

The fourth annual Strongsville Business Expo, co-sponsored by the City of Strongsville, the Rotary Club of Strongsville, and the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, was held at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center on Tuesday, October 29th. More than 100 businesses and organizations set up booths at the event. Special guest Bill Wills, morning host of

WTAM 1100 Radio was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Thank you to the Strongsville DECA class for helping the vendors set up and take down for the event.



## Join "Team SYP"

The Strongsville Young Professionals are participating in "Relay for Life", May 17-18, 2014 at Catan Stadium. Join Team SYP by going to relayforlife.org, and sign-up under TEAM SYP. Cost is \$10.00 and can be paid by credit card online. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation to TEAM SYP, please contact 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 6th at Michaud's Towne and Country, 16808 Pearl Road. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and conclude about 12:00 midnight. This event has become the unofficial kickoff to the holiday season in Strongsville.



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](http://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 and Shinto. Once again, Shinto will be hosting the Martini Bar.

Be sure to have a complimentary picture taken at the photo booth. Boothographers.com has plenty of props for you to create a festive group picture. We will also have a Silent

Auction and "Spirits of Strongsville" Raffle at the dance.

The Chamber has been sponsoring this dance for 46 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 23 students with proceeds from the dance.



Reserve your table early! \$300 (5 couples) or individual tickets (\$60 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](http://www.strongsvillechamber.com).

## Congratulations to our Members

Brooker Insurance Agency – 75 Years in Business

Clark Reliance Corporation – 50 Years in Business

Strongsville Heating and Air Conditioning Inc. - 35 Years in Business

State Farm Insurance Agency – Tom Burichin - 30 Years in Business

Finkler & Co., CPA's – 25 Years in Business



# Election of Trustees / Annual Meeting

The Chamber will hold its annual election of Trustees during the month of November. Beginning November 4th, ballots will be available at the Chamber office and also at the November 19th 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, 2014:

## Walter Ehrnfelt III

Walter Ehrnfelt III is a lifelong resident of Strongsville, graduating from Strongsville High School in 1970 and Wittenberg University in 1974. His wife, Annette, is a teacher in the Strongsville Schools. Walter and Annette are the parents of three children, all of whom are Strongsville High graduates. Walter is a shareholder in the law firm of Waldheger, Coyne.

## David Gusman

Dave Gusman has been active in the community since he moved here over 25 years ago with his wife Candy and their two daughters. He has managed Homecoming Tents since 1998, including a five year stint as co-manager of the Car Tent. He has been a member of the Community Impact Committee for the past 8 years, and is the co-chair of the Capacity Building Committee for the United Way of Greater Cleveland. In addition to serving on the Strongsville Board of Education, Dave has also been a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Strongsville Education Foundation, and has been elected to the board of two homeowners associations.

## Tim Gaydos

Tim and his wife Paula have been residents of Strongsville since 1987. They have 5 children, 4 graduates of the Strongsville school system and 1 presently attending Strongsville High School. Tim is a senior aeronautical engineer at NASA Glenn Research Center where he has worked for the past 23 years. He has been a volunteer for the past 15+ years at both the Strongsville Homecoming and the City Club Rib Burn-Off. Tim coached baseball and basketball for the Strongsville recreation department for over 15 years, as well as the Strongsville Soccer Organization.

## George Jardine

George Jardine is a long time Chamber member, Trustee and former President of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. Jardine Funeral Home has been a member of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce since 1953. George's father, Millar Jardine, is a past member and served as President of the Strongsville



Chamber of Commerce in 1956. George is the second generation of the family business and has spent his entire professional career with the family business. His family consists of wife Sandi, son Jason, his wife Crystal and their three children, daughter Joni and son-in-law Mario that have four children. George and Sandi, Jason, Crystal and Joni are all graduates of Strongsville High School. George plays a role in numerous Strongsville functions, some of which are the Strongsville Homecoming, Rib Burn-Off and Breakfast on the Covered Bridge. He is also a member of the Strongsville City Club. George, his wife Sandi and his family have been actively involved in the city of Strongsville and plan on continuing their commitment in the future.

## Robert Kalfas

Bob Kalfas has resided in Strongsville for more than 30 years with his wife, Andrea. Bob and Andrea's family consists of his daughters, Cortney, Samantha and Beth and her husband Chris and their son Robert. Bob Kalfas is the owner of R.A. Kalfas Construction and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Bob recently opened a new showroom, RA Kalfas / Chippewa Stone in Strongsville. One of the more recent projects was renovating the Strongsville FIAT dealership. Bob volunteers in many Strongsville community activities. Some of his volunteer efforts include helping to build Pat Catan's Football Stadium and volunteering as a Tent Manager during the Annual Strongsville Homecoming. Bob has been the President of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce for the past 2 years.

## Douglas Kawiecki

Doug has been a resident of Strongsville for 25 years. He served as Chamber president in 2003, 2004, and 2005 and has been a Trustee for more than 20 years. Doug is currently the chairman of the Homecoming Sponsorship Committee, as well as co-chairman of the Holiday Scholarship Dance Committee. He is married to Connie and they have three children – Alanna, Colton and Madison. Doug is the owner of ACM Signs & Graphics, which, in 2014, will celebrate 20 years of creating custom

signs and graphics for customers all around the world. Doug has been a longstanding member of the Capital Improvement Committee and is a Trustee for the Education Community Foundation of the Berea City Schools. In 2012 Doug received the NOACC "Bright Star" award for his dedication and contributions to the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. Lastly, Doug is a below average golfer.

## Charles Goss

Charles Goss has been a lifelong, four generation resident of Strongsville. He is married to Debbie and has two children, Chad, 17 and Hallie 15. Charles is a 1985 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace University (Business Administration/Criminal Justice) and the 170th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy. He served the City of Strongsville as a Police Officer for 34 years including 16 as Chief of Police. Mr. Goss is currently the Director of Public Safety for the City of Strongsville. As a member of the local government team, Charles Goss has a deep appreciation for the importance of a strong business community.

## Jeff Smutek

Jeff has lived and worked in Strongsville since 1990 with his wife Stephanie. Jeff has three children, the youngest now attends Strongsville High School. He has been a Homecoming Tent Manager since 1998 and serves as the chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Funding Requests Committee as well as the vice-president of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce for the past two years. Jeff has been a realtor since 1998, and works with RE/MAX Crossroads at SouthPark Center. His hobbies include golf and travel.

## Dan Stroemple

Dan is a lifetime resident of Strongsville. He graduated from Strongsville High School. His mother and dad both graduated from Strongsville High School. He is general manager of Don's Pomeroy House and has been for the last 20 years. Dan and his wife Susan and their three children currently reside in Strongsville. Dan is active as a volunteer at the Annual Strongsville Homecoming and is the chairman of the Business After Hours Committee.

Voting for Trustees will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 20th. The annual meeting will be held later that evening to finalize the Board elections and to elect officers for next year.

# Golf Outing is Successful

The Chamber's annual golf outing was held on September 20th at Shale Creek Golf Club. No one won the car this year, but the 108 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day at the 45th 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, all of the Hole Sponsors, those who donated door prizes and Shale Creek Golf Club for making it a successful day.

## Thank you hole sponsors:

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## E-Mail Blasts

# Member Benefit

## E-Mail Blasts

## NEW!! Does your business have a special event or news to share?

As a service to its members, the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce now offers "Email Blasts". This is a cost-effective, quick way to distribute information to the OVER 800 Chamber representatives.

Details:

- Members may purchase (2) email blasts per calendar year.
- The first email is \$250.00, the second \$100.00. Please send checks payable to: Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, 18829 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136.

- The Chamber accepts Adobe PDF, Microsoft Office, JPG or plain text files.
- Purchaser must provide all content. (The Chamber cannot provide editing or design.)
- Requests may be sent via email to info@strongsvillechamber.com.
- All email blast requests must be paid in full and made at least 5 days prior to the proposed send date.
- To be eligible, a member must be current and in good standing with the Chamber.
- The Chamber has the right to deny acceptance of any email blast request.

# 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:

BullDog JAKZ,

Empire Health & Fitness

Excel Entertainment

Green Line LLC

Howard Hanna

Lee-Tocco, Peggy

Max Muscle Sports Nutrition

Mulligan's Bar & Grill

New Image Car Wash

Romeo's Pizza

Simpson Boxing Management

Society Dry Cleaners & Tailors

Spectro Home Inspections, LLC

Strategic Retirement

Taylor Rental

The Chesler Group

The Healthiest You

Chiropractic Center

Thornburg Insurance Services

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.