

Homecoming July 16-19



Cleveland Clinic Race for Wellness



Fun for the Whole Family 5K Run/ 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, July 19th
7:15 am - On-site registration
8:30 am - 5K Run/1-Mile Walk begins

Register online at
www.hermescleveland.com
will close Friday, July 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

STRONGSVILLE Chamber of Commerce TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

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NEWS

Strongsville Homecoming

This year marks the 72nd anniversary of the Strongsville Homecoming Festival sponsored by the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. This event is made possible by the dedication of countless volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to work at the Homecoming. This is truly a community event and includes hundreds of people who attend the four day celebration. This year, for the first time, we are very pleased to announce the "Light up Strongsville" fireworks show that will take place on Saturday night July 19, 2014. The viewing of the fireworks will be best seen right from the commons. We are very excited about this first of a kind event at the Homecoming.

The Homecoming begins at 3 p.m. on Wednesday and continues until midnight Saturday. The big event for opening day will be the Homecoming parade on Pearl Road which will step off promptly at 6:30 p.m. Plan on arriving early and securing a great seat for this event which will feature bigger and better floats than has ever



been seen before. After the parade join us on the commons for some great fellowship and enjoy rides, games, food and entertainment. There will be live music all four nights of the event along with a continuous schedule of other entertainment.

A big thanks also goes out to all of the Homecoming Sponsors who support this annual event. Their generous participation allows for a true family celebration that is enjoyed by thousands of people and continues to grow year after year. Please take note of all the sponsors and make sure you support them whenever possible.

Once again, I look forward to seeing all of you on the commons and the entire Homecoming Committee wishes to thank our hard working tent managers and all of their volunteers. Without the hard work of this group it would be impossible to hold such a huge event. Let's all get together and "Light up Strongsville" for four days and have a great time in our fine city.

Tom Burichin, Homecoming Chairman



I am often asked "What does the Chamber of Commerce do?" Our mission is to help our business community grow and prosper.

The Strongsville

Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest chambers in the state of Ohio, with over 640 members. As a member, businesses have access to other members to advertise products, promote their company and services and share employment opportunities with the community. Group discounts for health insurance and workers compensation are also available by combining groups for a larger discount. We promote business networking through monthly luncheons with keynote speakers, Business After Hours functions, the

Women in Business organization and our recently formed Young Professionals group.

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce hosts two very significant events each year. Every July we host the Strongsville Homecoming on the commons. This year's Homecoming theme is "Light up Strongsville," and for the first time, we will feature fireworks on Saturday night. This wonderful family event allows the Chamber to donate proceeds back to the community to help support emergency services including police and fire departments, our schools and charities as well as the Strongsville Food Bank. Every December is the Holiday Scholarship Dance, a fun and festive night out to enjoy food, cocktails, live entertainment and dancing, silent auction and raffle. This event is just a great time to connect with friends and neighbors. The Holiday Dance usually draws nearly one thousand

attendees, and always proves to be a fun occasion. All proceeds from this event goes back to our community by way of Chamber donations to St. Joseph and Johns, Polaris and our Strongsville High School seniors. This year, the Chamber awarded over forty thousand dollars to our students in scholarships. This is truly a worthwhile event!

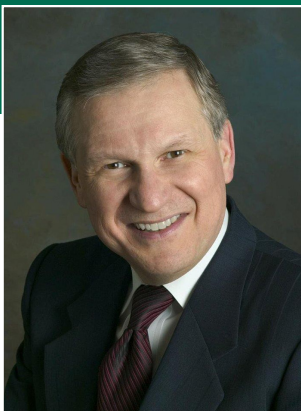
My thanks go out to the twenty four elected and two honorary Trustees, as well as our Executive Director. Altogether, their countless volunteer hours, time, effort and expertise help make the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce the best. To become a corporate or civic member, simply call the Chamber at 440-238-3366.

Many thanks,
Jeff Smutek, President

A Note from Mayor Perciak

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce will again be serving as the host sponsor of Homecoming activities. I commend the Chamber and their continued commitment to the community of Strongsville and especially thank the Homecoming committee and the Board of Trustees for their dedication and hard work. I especially appreciate the effort put forth by the General Chairman, Tom Burichin, and Co-Chairman, Mike Kalinich. Many thanks to all the generous sponsors and many volunteers who support this family event.

Best wishes,
Mayor Thomas P. Perciak



Scholarships Awarded

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce awarded \$40,000 this year in scholarships and donations. At the Chamber luncheon on May 21, 19 students were awarded the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship. A donation was presented to Sts. Joseph and John School for their Media Center. The Chamber of Commerce also recognized the students that will be entering the military upon graduation. The source of funds for these scholarships is the Holiday Dance sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, on the first Friday of each December. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, December 5.

The Strongsville Chamber has donated scholarships over 41 years. For the past several years, the Chamber has contributed the highest number of scholarships, with the highest dollar value, of any local organization.



2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Alexis Albro	Miami University	Mechanical Engineering
Isabella Cromleigh	Miami University	Business
Brady Fine	University of Cincinnati	Physical Therapy
Kaitlin Gairing	Cleveland State University	Nursing
Sara Leahy	University of Dayton	Special Education/ Business
Katarina Liska	Johnson and Wales University	Culinary Arts
Kendal Lyon	Duquesne University	Business Marketing
Anthony Machnik	John Carroll University	Marketing
Sarah Mahmood	Cuyahoga Community	Dentistry
Daniel O'Brien	Dayton	History
Joseph Otcasek	Cincinnati	Engineering
Matt Schroth	The Ohio State University	Sports Mgmt. and Communication
Nicholas Stewart	The Ohio State University	Industrial Design
Jordan Sedivy	Miami University	Pre-Med
William Venter	BGSU	Exploratory
Jessica Vonderau	Cincinnati University	Mathematics
Austin Wilson	University of Dayton	Mechanical Engineering
Sora Yu	New York University	Psychology/Pre-Law
Leanne Zappia	Miami University	International Business/Music Performance

Chamber Annual Golf Outing

The Chamber will host its 46th annual Golf Outing on Friday, September 26, 2014 at Shale Creek. The event is open to all Chamber members and their guests. All entrants have the opportunity to participate in the Hole-In-One Contest sponsored by Pete Baur Buick GMC dealership.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

You can register and pay online at www.strongsvillechamber.com or call to register at 440-238-3366.

Upcoming Events

August	19	WIB Meeting	7:30am	Holiday Inn
	29	SYP Corn Hole Tournament	5:30pm	Chalet
Sept.	16	Monthly Luncheon	11:30am	Camp Cheerful
	26	Golf Outing	10:30am	Shale Creek
October	2	Business After Hours	5:30pm	Shurmer Place at Altenheim
	21	Monthly Luncheon	11:30am	Holiday Inn
Nov.	6	Business Expo	4:00pm	Rec. Center
	18	Monthly Luncheon	11:30am	Holiday Inn
Dec.	5	Scholarship Dance	7:00pm	Michaud's
	16	Monthly Luncheon	11:30am	Rec Center

Welcome New Members

The following businesses and individuals have joined the Chamber since the publication of our last newsletter. We appreciate their interest and support of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce.

3L Solutions, Ltd.	Premier Laser Spa
Beyond Words: Music and Dance Center	Rodan & Fields Dermatologists
Caruso's Cabinets	Scripps Digital/NewsNet5.com
CMB Marketer, LLC	Search Link
Dirty Fingernails Marketing LLC	Searles Wealth Management
Erie Coast Customs & Collision	Senior Helpers
Foot Traffic Solutions	ServPro
Friedman, Leavitt & Assoc., Inc.	SimplexGrinnell
Green Home Solutions	Skills Test Drive
Habitat for Humanity	Skin Deep Laser Spa
Harding & Jacob Insurance	Society Dry Cleaners & Tailors
Health Markets	Spa 7
hibu	Storm Water Control Services, LLC
Huntington Wealth Advisors	Strongsville Chiropractic Neurology
John Bourjaily	Team Strongsville
Judge Pamela A. Barker	The CrossFit Box
Kiwanis Club of Strongsville, Inc.	The Healthiest You Chiropractic Center
Marles Printing Company	The Irish Dance Academy
Newgrange Asset Management LLC	The Stevens' Center
Nurse Practitioner Health Services, LLC	The UPS Store
Oswald Companies	Thornburg Insurance Services
Papa Johns	Vitamix
Precision Production	Wells Fargo Advisors - James Kopco

The Women in Business Breakfast

The Women in Business committee will be hosting Shanna Dunbar RN COHN-S, for a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, August, 19th, 7:30am at the Strongsville Holiday Inn.

Shanna Dunbar, brings over 25 years of occupational health experience. She is the founder and President of Workplace Health Inc. focused on improving the health and productivity of employees. She has been instrumental in the development and implementation of wellness programs that improve health & productivity and stabilize rising health care costs. Her expertise is in teaching companies how they can save money by improving employee health & productivity.

All are welcome to attend. The cost of the Breakfast Meeting is \$20.00. You can register and pay online at www.strongsvillechamber.com or call to register at 440-238-3366.

Registration deadline is Monday, August 18th.

Please remember, you must cancel your reservation 24 hours in advance or you will be responsible for the fee.

Corn Hole Tournament

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals committee is hosting the 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament.

At the Metroparks Chalet
Thursday, August 28th

Come and learn more about the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce and network with other young professionals. The cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes food and beverages. You can register and pay online at www.strongsvillechamber.com or call to register at 440-238-3366.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 26th

Business After Hours . . . Mark Your Calendar Now!

Altenheim Shurmer Place to host the Business After Hours:



Thursday, October 2nd
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome, free to all members of the Strongsville Chamber, \$10.00 for guests.

Reservations Required by September 29th
Register on line at www.strongsvillechamber.com or call 440.238.3366

Plan now to join us for networking and socializing with the Strongsville Chamber!