

## Strongsville Mayor to Present State of the City Address

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 11:45 a.m., at the Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Complex, 18100 Royalton Road, Strongsville.

The featured speaker will be Mayor Thomas P. Perciak who will present his annual State of the City address. He will be discussing the growth of the city, our financial status, and future plans for the City of Strongsville.

Catered by Bucci's, the luncheon is open to the public, but reservations are required. There will also be space available for those who wish to hear the mayor's remarks, but do not wish to have lunch.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$20.00 per person, payable at the door or by calling the office at 440.238.3366. You may also register and pay online at [www.strongsvillechamber.com/events](http://www.strongsvillechamber.com/events).

**Deadline for reservations is March 18.**



This luncheon is always well attended, so please don't delay in making your reservations

## 2011 Homecoming Dates Are Set

The Chamber has set July 20, 21, 22, and 23 for Homecoming 2011. This event is the signature fund raiser for the Chamber and has been held for more than 50 years. Characterized by games, food, and rides, the Homecoming is only possible with the assistance of more than 200 volunteers. To volunteer to help with Homecoming, please call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366.

A new feature is being added this year – Strongsville's Biggest 50-50 Raffle! Tickets will be sold during the four days of Homecoming. The drawing will be held at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. Winner need not be present. Watch for more information about this new and exciting part of Homecoming.

The proceeds from Homecoming have supported a wide variety of community projects over the years. Here's just a partial list of some of the projects and organizations that have benefitted from Homecoming proceeds: Old Town Hall Restoration, Strongsville Recreation Department, Strongsville Senior Center, Southwest General Health Center Emergency Room, Strongsville Community Theater, Arts in Strongsville, the Strongsville Historical Society, the Strongsville Food Bank, and the Strongsville Youth Commission.

As you can see, the Homecoming provides valuable support for many of the groups that work together to make our community the great place it is to live and work. Be a part of it! Get involved! Call the office to volunteer. Volunteering makes a difference!



## Save These Dates

### MAYOR PERCIAK 'S VIP PARTY

Mayor Tom Perciak will host his annual VIP party on Tuesday, April 26, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., at Michaud's Party Center. The \$75 ticket price includes hearty appetizers, open bar, and free parking.

To order your tickets, or for more information, call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366.

### APRIL CHAMBER LUNCHEON

The Monthly Business Luncheon for the Chamber will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at the Park Management Center/Ranger Field Office of the Cleveland Metroparks. The building is located at 9485 Eastland Road, Strongsville, 44149. Our guest speaker for the luncheon will be Brian Zimmerman, the Executive Director of the Metroparks. More to come, but be sure to get this date on your calendar.

### MAY CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Our May meeting will be one of the highlights of the year. On May 17th we'll be awarding and honoring the winners of the Chamber's scholarships for 2011. The Chamber will be awarding \$30,000 in scholarships this year, a 37% increase over 2010. This is the direct result of your support of the Holiday Scholarship Dance held each December. Thank you! Thank you!



# Memories Prevail at Anniversary Celebration

The Strongsville Chamber has been in continuous operation since 1941. With more than 600 members, and 70 years of service to the community, it is not only one of the largest chambers in the state of Ohio, it is also one of the most sustainable.



Current president Jim Mocho listens and appreciates the work done by his predecessors

The 70th anniversary was celebrated at the Monthly Business Luncheon held on February 15 at the Strongsville Holiday Inn. More than 150 past and current members were in attendance to enjoy the program.

Following a “trip down memory lane”, a look back at some of Strongsville’s rich history, nine former presidents shared vivid and colorful memories of their time as leaders of the Chamber. Louise Varisco of the Strongsville Historical Society presented the slideshow that chronicled the history of Strongsville during the 1940’s and 50’s. In case you missed it, the slideshow will be on the Chamber website ([www.strongsvillechamber.com](http://www.strongsvillechamber.com)) in the very near future.

The Chamber was pleased to welcome these former presidents who took us back through the years as our organization was becoming the vibrant organization it currently is: **Mike Kalinich, Sr. (1970, 1971), Dick Larson (1981, 1982), Ray Haseley (1986, 1987), Mary Ann Zirker (1988), Tom Burichin (1990, 1991, 1992), Dr. Neil Sika (1993, 1994), Tom Perciak (1995, 1996, 1997), Tom Rakowsky (2002), Doug Kawiecki (2003, 2004, 2005).** Current president Jim Mocho was also seated at the VIP (Very Important Presidents) table.

A special anniversary cake was generously donated by the Holiday Inn in recognition of the Chamber’s 70 years of continuous service to the community. We are grateful to them for their support.

A proclamation was presented by Mayor Perciak which reads in part, “Now therefore I, Thomas P. Perciak, Mayor of the City of Strongsville, do hereby declare Tuesday, February 15, 2011 as Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Day and ask all residents to thank them for their involvement and support of our community and for



Ten presidents were in attendance at the 70th Anniversary Luncheon. Left to right: Mayor Tom Perciak, Ray Haseley, Jim Mocho, Dick Larson, Mary Ann Zirker, Mike Kalinich, Doug Kawiecki, Tom Burichin, Dr. Neil Sika, Tom Rakowsky

making Strongsville such a great place to live and work.”

Recognition was also received from the Ohio House of Representatives which “commends the Chamber for its commitment to service and for its generous contributions which have earned it the gratitude and respect of many”. This resolution was sponsored by Representative Michael Dovilla, House District 18.

The tag line for the Strongsville Chamber is “Taking Care of Business.” We are very pleased to be able to say that we have been doing so since 1941 and that we plan to continue doing so for many years into the future! With your help!!



Louise Varisco from the Strongsville Historical Society took us on a trip down Memory Lane as part of the anniversary celebration



Mike Kalinich (1970, 1971) and Jim Mocho (current president) hold the Proclamation declaring February 15, 2011 Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Day

# In the Spotlight – Michaud’s Towne N’ Country



The Michaud family went into business in 1933 on Lorain Avenue in Cleveland making donuts and fine pastries with a simple philosophy – offer a low cost, high quality product in a nice establishment. They moved to Strongsville in the early 1970’s.

Michaud’s Towne n’ Country is now a 70,000 square foot complex located right in the heart of Strongsville, offering eight individual private banquet rooms that can accommodate from 50 – 800 guests. Rooms and meal packages are available for weddings, showers, birthday parties, group fund raisers, and private parties. Outdoor garden parties are also available.

Michaud’s Mission Statement speaks volumes about their reputation and their success: To provide the best catering and hospitality service possible; to provide solutions, not problems; and, to do our best to make every event memorable and special for the client. Adhering to these three simple principles has made Michaud’s a success for more than 75 years!

The Chamber is very proud to have Michaud’s Towne n’ Country as members. We encourage you to check out their website at [www.michaudscatering.com](http://www.michaudscatering.com) for a list of current specials and coupons.

## Are You . . . (Or Will You Be) Caring for Aging Parents?

If your answer to this question is “yes”, then you will probably want to attend the Chamber’s educational program to be held on Thursday, April 7 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Entitled “Aging Parents: A Continuum of Care”, and sponsored by the Chamber’s Women in Business Committee, the program will be a panel of local experts who will share valuable information about the various care options available for senior citizens.

Information will be provided about such options as companion care, home health care, adult day care,

independent residential living, assisted living, and skilled nursing care. Following the program, the panelists will be available for individual questions and answers.



# Would You Like A Free Lunch



The Michaud family went into business in 1933 on Lorain Avenue in Cleveland making donThe Strongsville Chamber is a proud charter member of the Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC). NOACC is a consortium of more than 120 chambers who proudly claim more than 30,000 total members.

The mission of NOACC is to leverage the huge purchasing power of those 30,000 members into special pricing and opportunities for all the members. As a member of the Strongsville Chamber, you are also a member of NOACC. At the present time NOACC has negotiated special deals for chamber members in these areas:

- Accounts Receivable and Collection Management
- Group Health Insurance through an exclusive agreement with Anthem Blue Cross
- Group Life and Disability Insurance
- Workers Compensation Group Ratings Programs
- Managed Care Organizations (MCO)
- Merchant Credit Card Services
- Employee Wellness Programs
- Transportation and Shipping Savings
- Office Supplies and Seives
- Payroll Processing Services
- Web Design Services

For more information on any of these programs, which are designed to save money for you, check out NOACC’s website at [www.noacc.org/benefits](http://www.noacc.org/benefits) or call the NOACC office at 216.447.9900.

Now, about that free lunch! NOACC is currently sponsoring a new member campaign to encourage all local business to join their local chamber so they can take advantage of the NOACC benefits.

So, here’s the deal...If you refer a first time member to the Strongsville Chamber during the month of March, you will receive a free ticket (worth \$20) to any Chamber luncheon in 2011. Be sure to have the person or business tell us they were referred by you so we’re sure to credit you for the free lunch. Refer more than one first time member and you’ll receive more free lunches. Easy. Right??

NOACC will reimburse the Strongsville Chamber for the cost of the lunches. Everybody wins!

Call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366 if you’d like more information about this program. We’d love to hear from you.