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YMCA officials address Chamber of Commerce

Officials of the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) of Greater Cleveland recently addressed members of the North Royalton Chamber of Commerce at a breakfast meeting at Flair Restaurant. Chamber President Kevin Lynch introduced Chief Executive Officer and President of the YMCA of Greater Cleveland, Glenn Haley, who introduced Gary Guzy, Executive Director of the Ridgewood Family Branch in Parma, and Jody Shy, Capital Campaign Coordinator.

Haley gave the history of the Greater Cleveland YMCA, which was founded in 1854. Currently the Greater Cleveland YMCA serves Cuyahoga and Geauga counties, as well as portions of Lorain, and North Portage counties, providing programs that include fitness, community health and well-being, education and civic service/leadership. "We're a lot more than what people think we are," said Haley. He noted that "this is the difference that the 'Y' makes in communities. The impact on people's lives provides a positive reinforcement. We are a community partner and a community coordinator."

"The YMCA has tried on a number of occasions to get into North Royalton," said Haley. After trying for ten years, Haley said, "we've come to the point where we are doing something." Haley said that an announcement is expected to be made within the next two months. He said that "we're going to have to fund raise fast, within 18 to 24 months. He noted the city of Warrensville Heights started in 2009 and now expect to break ground in June or July. "I think there's a greater means here than in Warrensville Heights," said Haley.

Guzy, said that many of the Ridgewood branch's members reside in North Royalton and there are services that are provided pres-

ently, such as child care at Valley Vista School and summer camp at the North Royalton Middle School. The High School swim team utilizes the Ridgewood YMCA as their home, as well. He discussed the amenities and programs provided by that location, such as senior programs, including water exercise, walking clubs and bus trips. He also spoke of the different partnerships that go on, such as with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Parma Hospital and the City of Parma, to offer programs and services that "go above and beyond." When asked various questions about the details of the proposed location in North Royalton, Guzy stated that "until we nail down all details, down to the point of what we need to expend and raise, we cannot determine the details.

"We've enjoyed a great relationship with the 'Y', said Mayor Robert Stefanik. "We're very close" in making an announcement. Haley added that "we do have major money that's already been pledged."

For more information about the YMCA of Greater Cleveland and the proposed North Royalton project, visit the website <http://ymca4nr.org>. There is also another informational site, ymca4nr.com, which has a one-page synopsis. A link to the site will also be on the city's homepage, northroyalton.org.

Something to ponder...

Love is a canvas furnished by Nature and embroidered by imagination.

Voltaire



Happy Valentine's Day

Welcome Chamber New Members

We are pleased to introduce these new members. When you meet them, welcome them and remember them when you have a need for the products or services that they provide.

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The third edition of *Legal Basics for Small Business* has just been published. It is a 289-page handbook (with index), intended especially for small business owners, and the entire book is accessible through the website, <http://www.ohiobar.org/LegalBasics>.

It can be downloaded in its entirety or by

chapter. General topics include business startup, money matters, intellectual property issues, insurance and risk management, employee hiring/firing, labor and employment matters, workers' compensation, compliance with state and federal laws, environmental issues, online law, handling legal matters, and exit strategies.

In addition, they also provide a free online quarterly business newsletter called "Fine Print" that is available through <http://www.ohiobar.org/Pages/staticPageViewer.aspx?articleid-100>. The newsletter offers short pieces about legal matters pertinent to business people.

February speaker will help us take charge of our health



Worried about your family's health and bad eating habits? Tired of spending time and energy on ineffective diets? Did you know that the recom-

mended servings of fruits and veggies per day is 7-13? Are you interested in knowing how to easily add whole foods to your diet?

These are some of the answers you will have by attending the February 17 Chamber general membership luncheon. Our speaker, Nadine Duke, is a certified personal trainer, wellness coach and owner of Body Revolution Concepts. She inspires and motivates people to take charge of their health through proper exercise techniques and healthy lifestyle choices that ultimately affect the health and wellness of their lives.

The February luncheon will be held at Carrie Cerino's Ristorante & Party Center, 8922 Ridge Road, North Royalton. The cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Reserva-

tion are required and can be made by calling the Chamber office at 440-237-6180 or email at rrnews@aol.com.

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- Parma Community General Hospital
- Donaldson Resources
- Phillips, Mille & Costabile LPA
- PSE Credit Union
- Tri-C - Western Campus

For information on becoming a corporate sponsor, call the Chamber office.

Calendar of Events

- February 17 - General Membership Meeting
 - March 4 - Directors Meeting
 - March 24 - State of the City Address
 - April 1 - Directors Meeting
 - April 21 - General Membership Meeting
 - May 6 - Directors Meeting
 - May 19 - Golf Outing
 - June 3 - Directors Meeting
 - June 16 - General Membership Meeting
 - July 1 - Directors Meeting
 - August 5 - Directors Meeting
 - August 20-22 - Community Festival
 - September 2 - Directors Meeting
 - September 15 - General Membership Meeting
 - October 7 - Directors Meeting
 - October 20 - General Membership Meeting
 - November 4 - Directors Meeting
 - November 10 - General Membership Meeting
 - December 8 - Holiday Luncheon
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