A Look Back

In 1918, the year of the Great Armistice, a group of farmers and shopkeepers began a loose association of citizens, who wanted to make sure North Royalton had its share of commerce generated by State Route 82 improvements made by motor vehicles, telephones and electric lights. SR 82 might have looked like a sleepy little dirt road but along her crossroads and side streets beat the heart of North Royalton Township commerce. North Royalton was a farming community, farming was big business. Since 1904 a Farmers’ Institute was held yearly and continued for 29 years. The Institute brought together farmers, shopkeepers, educators, preachers, pastors, doctors and students. Programs presented included topics that would wow a 21st century organic farmer; Clover vs. Chemical fertilizers, Manures vs. fertilizers, Modern Farm Machinery, Better Care of Orchards for bigger fruit crops, and Moisture Conservation in top and sub soil. In addition current topics of family life, home, health, education, and social welfare rounded out the two-day program that also included dinners and social interaction.

The Institute was held once a year, but citizens knew that the institutes’ values were year round goals. Commerce was changing from horse and buggy to mechanize. A community had to change with it to continue to survive. Community spirit promoted the quality of life in North Royalton for both young and older people. A thriving community is a good place to live, work, and do business. Good business looks to the welfare and education of the community. These were the goals of North Royalton Township in 1918, the centennial. The “North Royalton Township Improvement Association” was born in 1923 as an outgrowth of the city’s citizens’ desire to promote itself as a good place to live. Just like the city grew and changed so did the Improvement Association which gradually became the Chamber of Commerce that we know today. Each step of the way the goal has always been to let everyone know that North Royalton is a great place to live.

The North Royalton’s very young Chamber of Commerce, called the Committee of Improvement, got busy with their first order of business, the placement of street signs. The first street sign was on Ridge and Royalton Roads. The Committee Board members consisted of President Mr. C.E. McCombs, who later became the first mayor, Vice President Mr. B. J. Gortner, and Secretary Mr. Annis. Under their guidance electricity was brought to the growing township.

See Chamber 100 Years, page 3
March Chamber Luncheon

Wednesday, March 21, Noon, Carrie Cerino’s Ristorante
Annual State of the City Address
Speaker: North Royalton Mayor Bob Stefanik

Cost of the luncheon is $17 for members and $20 for non-members. To make a reservation, please call the Chamber office at 440-237-6180 or email nroychamber@aol.com by Monday, March 19. A large attendance is expected. Therefore, there will be assigned seating for those attending to hear the speech but not eating lunch. Please call the office if you have a reservation and find you must cancel it. No-shows will be billed.

April Chamber Luncheon

Wednesday, April 18, Noon, Carrie Cerino’s Ristorante
Annual School Report to the Community
Speaker: North Royalton School Superintendent Greg Gurka

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In 1923, electricity was to be run down State Road to Akins, across Royalton Road, and one half mile both north and south on Ridge Road. Subscriptions were obtained from the newest customers and a contract with Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company was made. The Ohio Telephone Company, Berea exchange, agreed to share the cost of the tall poles that held both electric and telephone lines. Electricity and telephone lines were increased as more people subscribed to the services.

In 1925 North Royalton Township was a farm and dairying community. A typical brick and mortar business would have been the General Store on the corner of State and Royalton Road. Provisions for farm and family could be purchased at the general store. The store had an ordering system that was very much like Amazon today and for about the same reasons. Farms on the edges of North Royalton did not have the time, transportation, or energy to get to the general store. The General Store developed a delivery route so that a different section of North Royalton was serviced each day. The delivery driver stopped at the house of each farm and took an order if there was one. At the end of the day the requested items were packed in bushel baskets for delivery the next day. After deliveries, the route driver moved on to the next section to take orders so everyone was assured of the day the items on their shopping list would arrive. A half bushel basket of items would cost under $5. As a courtesy, each order was accompanied by one stick of candy for each child in the household. Amazon Prime could not do it better. This was the aim of the Chamber of Commerce to do business and to do it better. Let’s not forget that the farms and dairy operations were businesses too. Produce and products were sold outside of Royalton. It was a circulation of cash and commerce.

The Committee of Improvement took over the planning of the annual farmers harvest picnic in 1925. They decided the celebration would be on the last Saturday in August, to be held in the same place it is now, the Village (City) Green. The picnic on the Village Green was, at the time, the cherry on top of the sundae for the township. It was the time that everyone was invited to partake in the best North Royalton had to offer.

In 1935 the Committee, at the urging of Mayor Edgerton and others, officially became known as the Chamber of Commerce. Its main interest was promoting the development of North Royalton by setting development goals, and creating and nurturing community interest. Entertainment was sponsored: dances at the State Road Dance hall, movies at the new High School, and entertainment with “goodies” for the school children. Such gestures of civic pride may seem quaint by today’s standards but the good will and community spirit wrapped a blanket of comfort around North Royalton especially during those lean years of depression.

Dr. John George Rosenbaum, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, suggested a non-partisan newspaper for Royalton so that the local news and events of the township could be shared with everyone. The Royalton Recorder was born in January, 1941. The Recorder was generously supported by local advertisers and civic spirited folks with the good Doctor as editor. From its beginning The Recorder and the Chamber of Commerce encouraged interest and publicized North Royalton as a good place to live.

Follow the history of the North Royalton Chamber in the Royalton Recorder and in this newsletter this year.

In this month’s Chamber Energy Update, you can learn about:

- The Difference Between Privately Owned Utilities, Cooperatives & Municipalities.
- Why Do I Keep Getting Energy Sales Calls And What Should I Do?
- The Best Place To Start Your Lighting Upgrades May Not Be Where You Think.

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Dear Golf Lover:

This is a Very Special Year for the North Royalton Chamber of Commerce!
We are celebrating our 100th Year of Service in the Community!

Come and celebrate with us at the Chamber’s Centennial Golf Outing on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at the Coppertop at Cherokee Hills Golf Course. Last year’s event was great and everyone had a fun day at this beautiful course, but this year promises to be better yet!

This will be a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The cost for the complete package is $90* - and will include 18 holes of golf, power cart, lunch, dinner, beverages (beer and pop), gifts and prizes. Golfers are asked to arrive at least 45 minutes prior to start. Our photographer will also take a photo of your foursome to keep as a souvenir!

Your $90* registration fee also includes a chance at the $10,000 Hole-in-One on Hole #7! Plus... there are also other bonus prizes on holes #3, #11, #17: Flat-Screen TV, Set of Big Bertha Irons from Callaway Golf, and Round Trip Domestic Airline Tickets for two. It will be fun to watch as you and your friends try for a chance to land that Hole-in-One. We hope you will join us for a fun day of golf, great food, excitement, networking and camaraderie.

This year we are again offering a Skins Game, in addition to the Hole-in-One Contest.

Sponsor a Hole. As a sponsor for $80, your name will be prominently placed on the GPS System which is on each golf cart. This is a real-time leader board for your foursome’s use, and at the touch of a button, it will display the names of the sponsors and also give you first to last place finishes and also calculate your skins game. A banner will also be displayed at registration and at dinner with the names of all our sponsors. Sponsors will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Also, you will receive extended exposure in the newspaper. Everyone who sponsors a Hole or donates a Door Prize will be acknowledged in the Royalton Recorder. If you are interested in becoming a major sponsor, please call us directly for incentives and full details.

Thanks for supporting the Chamber of Commerce in the past. With your participation, we will have a GREAT outing. Thank you in advance for your support of this Chamber event. Please call the Chamber office if you have any questions.

Enclosed is a reservation form. Please complete and return it as soon as possible. *The $90 fee applies to those who register before May 1, 2018. The fee after May 1 is $100 per golfer.

Hope You’ll Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime Golf Event ...
North Royalton Chamber of Commerce

Centennial Golf Outing
Thursday, May 24, 2018

Coppertop at Cherokee Hills Golf Course • 5740 Center Rd • Valley City
This will be a shotgun start at 10 a.m. *(Arrive 45 minutes early)*

Register before May 1: $90 • Register after May 1 - $100

INCLUDES:
18 Holes of golf
Power cart
Chance at Hole in One - $10,000 Prize
... plus 3 Bonus holes with Prizes
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Photo of your foursome to keep as a souvenir!

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Sponsors will have their name on all handouts, and on a large banner that is displayed at registration and at dinner. Sponsors will also be acknowledged in the Royalton Recorder on a full page ad.

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Hope You’ll Join us and Happy Golfing...
North Royalton Chamber of Commerce
2018 Centennial GOLF OUTING
Thursday, May 24, 2018
Coppertop at Cherokee Hills Golf Course • 5740 Center Road • Valley City • 330-225-6122

Reservation Form

Business Name_____________________________ Contact Name______________________________
Address_____________________________________ City _____________________Zip_______________
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RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

Name________________________________________
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I would like to donate the following item(s) for door prizes.

METHOD OF PAYMENT - DUE WITH REGISTRATION

Check # ________ (Pay to North Royalton Chamber of Commerce) Total enclosed or to be charged $

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