

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

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President's Article

It is March. The college basketball tournaments are laid out before us; Spring is just around the corner and in a short couple of months, the kids will be out of school. (Sorry about that jolt of reality parents.) I am sure a few of you are planning graduation parties. For the Dads reading this article, having a child that has already graduated, I can speak with some certainty when I say RENT a location for the party. With that aside, I hope your child is one that we get to recognize soon for Perfect Attendance.

This month marks my last luncheon behind the podium. I trust you will be able to attend on the March 15th. Irving Materials will be the guest speaker and I think it will give you a little different insight besides concrete and dump trucks. You should also be marking your calendars for the annual dinner coming up at the end of April.

Mark Sullivan

Due to technical difficulties and circumstances beyond our control, there was no February newsletter. We continue to work on our services and make a commitment to you that a review has been completed and controls put in place to avoid this happening in the future. Thank you for your patience.

New Members

- ◆ Grime Busters
 - ◆ Wal-Mart Supercenter #1294
 - ◆ K & G Enterprises
 - ◆ Bill Pattison, Professional Artist
 - ◆ Grant County Builders Association
- Welcome!*

Invoices will be sent via e-mail whenever possible. If you have not updated your e-mail address, please do either by calling (765) 674-7545 or e-mailing gascity@comteck.com. Using this resource allows the Chamber to redirect postage dollars toward other projects.

New Face in the Chamber

Mary J. Dunn is a new volunteer that has been working on Tuesday mornings but will be switching to Tuesday afternoons. Mary is also participating in the Perfect Attendance Committee. She lives in Gas City and brings many talents to the Chamber. She is anxious to serve her community and learn about the Chamber. Many of you know her already, but feel free to stop by the Chamber Office and meet her.

Important Dates

- March 2 Board Officers Meet (7:30 a.m. - Super 8 Motel)
- March White Oaks Ground Breaking (10 a.m.)
- March 9 Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 a.m.)
- March 15 Director's Luncheon (Noon)
- March 21 Business Mentoring Group (8 a.m.)

NOTE: Pencil in April 25 - Annual Meeting

Member Update

There is a new face at the **NEW LOOK**. Tracy Jones is a new beautician who works Thursday and Friday (10 a.m.–6 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m.–3 p.m.). Tracy takes walk-ins only, so need a new do? Don't have an appointment? Stop by the New Look at 231 E. Main St., Gas City.

Member Spotlight

LOJEK, LLD recently joined the Chamber. Joseph Byrd & Kirk Casterline operate this full service civil engineering and surveying company and you can reach them either by phone (765) 674-5305 or via e-mail, jbyrd@lojekllc.com. Joseph is originally from Gas City and states, "our firm was established in Gas City due to my desire to help and serve my hometown community. This is my dream career". On the personal side, Joe says his favorite community event is the 4th of July Fireworks. His idea of relaxation is a day at the beach and the people he most admires are his Grandfather and Mother. The one thing Joe has not yet accomplished but would like to is to take the PE exam and pass it. You've probably seen Joe at the Director's Luncheon but the next time you see him, wish him luck on this venture into entrepreneurship.

JoAnn Maynard and Kay Jones own **GRIME BUSTERS**, a new Chamber member. Grime Busters is a commercial and residential cleaning service that does full service cleaning. JoAnn and Kay's slogan is "It's Us or Dust". These ladies provide free estimates and will clean weekly, biweekly, or one-time only. They are insured and bonded, provide all cleaning supplies and all major credit cards are accepted. You are provided with a written list of services to be provided and a predetermined price. Forget the paper work! Grime Busters handles their own taxes, social security and other expenses. JoAnn and Kay were 30 year Thomson employees that are now providing a service to their customers and generating their own income. Both enjoy many hobbies and their families. If interested, call any of the following numbers: (765) 948-3182, (765) 674-7535, (765) 491-1762, or (765) 517-1923.

Thank You

IWU dedicates one evening of their Telesales for "Gas City Nite". Chamber members are asked to man the phones and the Chamber wants to thank the following members for stepping up to the plate this year to serve:

Kelly Snyder	F. C. Tucker Real Estate
Susan Knapp	Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home
Dave Huffman	Marion School Employees Federal Credit Union
Mark Siegelin	Edward Jones
Lisa Crandall	Crandall Engineering

Thanks also to Stacy Asbury and Heather Zolner who were volunteers recruited by Kelly Snyder.

Director's Luncheon

Sixty-five people attended the January luncheon. Nate Spencer of **Leapfrog Technologies/Spencer Enterprises** provided information on the support his company lends to alleviate computer headaches. Nate said Chamber members are offered a 15% discount on Leapfrog's services with a \$100 minimal purchase (expires March 16, 2006). Interested? Contact nate@leapfrogtechnology.com or call (765) 506-1360.

Mayor H. Larry Leach welcomed the new businesses that were in attendance and talked briefly about the Wal-Mart project. He announced additional Christmas lights will be added to the Gas City Park. **Grime Busters** were presented their membership plaque and told the group "It's Us or Dust". Janice Prosser, **Cracker Barrel** Country Lady, provided two complimentary door prizes.

Fifty-seven enjoyed the tasty meal in February. Barry Hammel, of **VECTREN**, was the primary speaker and gave an informative presentation on what affects the price of gas and how to minimize the increase. He said VECTREN was extremely rigorous in being efficient to keep your labor cost down. VECTREN pays what the consumer does for gas and compared the average cost of gas usage in 1996 (\$362.00) to today's costs of \$927.00. VECTREN donates annually to the "Share The Warmth" program and matches funds donated to "Local Community Action".

DECA students participate in the Director's Luncheon as their schedule permits. Businesses may sponsor the cost of one or more students, one or more months. Please let the Chamber know if you wish to sponsor a student (\$6 each). Thanks go to the following for DECA Sponsorships in January & February:

- ◆ Dawn Brown, The Community Foundation of Grant County, Inc.
- ◆ Bernie Kaltz, Associate Member (sponsored 2 students)
- ◆ H. Larry Leach, Mayor of Gas City
- ◆ Becky Kammeyer, Mississinewa High School
- ◆ Max Nottingham, Indiana Wesleyan University

Register Now

Primary elections in Indiana will be held May 2. Only registered voters can vote. Voter registration deadline is April 3. Absentee ballots are available as are voter application forms at www.state.in.us/sos/elections/vote_reg.html.

IMI Community Calendar

Register your special events now at <http://gascity.com/events/communitycal.php>. Select "Submit an Event" and fill in the blanks.

Concerts in the Park

Summer is just around the corner and with summer begins our 7th season of "Concerts in the Park". This year is plans to be even bigger and better with several new groups. Our attendance has averaged over 600+ per concert. It is only with your financial support that we are able to provide the quality of entertainment that is expected. Many concert attendees are not native Grant County residents, but travel to hear the quality performers presented at "Concerts in the Park." Last season was undoubtedly our best, but also our most expensive. Unfortunately, some of our resources did not pan out and our concerts went into the RED by over five hundred dollars. Please help us retain the level of quality performances and performers that is expected from this tremendous series.

Mark Storey, Chairman, Corporate Art Series

TABS Business Conference | March 10th-11th, 2006

The **Taylor Association of Business Students (TABS)** is hosting the 2nd Annual Business Conference. The theme is "Dream Big: Discovering True Direction Day by Day." Taylor University alumni, colleagues, current students and nationally known speakers will join together Friday and Saturday March 10th & 11th, 2006 for an event you won't want to miss. All are encouraged to attend. The Business Conference presents a unique opportunity for local businesses to advertise or donate funds or other gifts in support of an educational cause. More than 700 are expected to attend. If interested in this opportunity, please contact Joel Kempson at joel_kempson@tayloru.edu.

What is TABS?

TABS, the Taylor Association of Business Students, is an organization designed to provide educational and social opportunities to the Business majors within Taylor University. TABS seeks to create an environment for the dedicated student to give and nurture competent, Christian leadership for the stewardship of resources. TABS objectives are to establish unity within the Business Community, create a good rapport with the surrounding community and be of benefit to members through TABS activities. With TABS, the sky's the limit!.

From The Desk of Penny Garrett

The Chamber is a hub of activity. The Corporate Art Series Chairman, Mark Storey, is screening entertainment for the 2006 Concerts. Susan Bournique, Chairman, says the Perfect Attendance Committee is beginning to brainstorm about the rewards that will soon be given students who meet the criteria. The Annual Meeting Committee, under the direction of Nancy Hoover, is planning a fine evening - be sure to pencil in April 25, 2006. You don't want to miss this one! Mark Siegelin, Image Award Chairman, is requesting nominations for the Community Image Awards. Nominating someone takes very little time and our leaders deserve recognition for their devoted service to their community (see Nomination Form on the next page). Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting. If you want to experience even greater rewards from your membership - get involved in one of these committees or throw your hat in the ring for one of the board positions. This is your Chamber and its success depends on you.



**Nomination Form: Community Image Awards 2006
Gas City Area Chamber**

Sponsors:

Salin Bank & Trust Company
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Edward Jones/Mutual Federal Savings Bank

I nominate _____ for the **Excellence in Business and/or Service Award**. This individual is an individual business/partnership/corporation or organization that has shown evidence of strong growth, demonstrated visions for their business or exemplified an attitude of service toward others. The nominee has demonstrated a willingness and history of going above and beyond the call of duty in their business or acts of service.

Reason for Nomination: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

I nominate _____ for the **Community Leadership Award**. This individual/business/group of individuals has consistently shown leadership in enhancing the image of this community. The nominee has demonstrated an ability and history of promoting a positive image for the Gas City/Jonesboro area.

Reason for Nomination: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

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