

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

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Image Awards

Image Awards were presented at the Annual Meeting on April 25, 2006. The Community Image Award is a prestigious, custom made, crystal-styled award given to business and community leaders based on nominations from the chamber membership.

Excellence in Business and Service Award

Wright Repairs was presented the award for the Excellence in Business and/or Service. Criteria used in selecting this award involves: the individual business/partnership/ corporation or organization has shown evidence of strong growth, demonstrated visions for their business or exemplified an attitude of service toward others and has demonstrated a willingness and history of going above and beyond the call of duty in their business or acts of service.

Wright Repairs troubleshoots and repairs industrial motors and other machines. Wright started the business after the company he worked for fell on hard times. He started his business in a spare bedroom when he was 20 years old. Just 14 years later, he moved to the Gas City Industrial Park because he business had grown too large for the 4000 square foot company headquarters. Tom Wright, Owner, outgrew his second building this year, building a new 12,000 square foot facility in the industrial park.

Award Sponsor: Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Services

Community Leadership Award

The Community Leadership Award was awarded to **John M. Storey**. Criteria for this awarded involved: the individual/business/group of individuals consistently show leadership in enhancing the image of this community. The nominee is to have demonstrated an ability and history of promoting a positive image for the Gas City/Jonesboro area.

John M. Storey has been a pillar in this community for many years. He was raised in a church parsonage in Evansville, and is a graduate from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science. He became a licensed funeral director in Indiana and moved with his wife, Joy, to Gas City joining the Jay and Swift Funeral Home in 1960. In 1963, he acquired part ownership in the firm and the name was changed to Jay-Swift & Storey Funeral Home in 1963. In 1979, he became the sole owner. In 1987, John and Ben Needham merged Jay-Swift & Storey Funeral Home and Needham & Son Funeral Home to form Needham-Storey Funeral Service.

John cares about people and their needs and has dedicated his life to the service of others. He is an active member of the Lakeview Wesleyan Church, has served on the board of the Wesleyan Investment

Foundation for 35 years, and the Board of Trustees of Indiana Wesleyan University for nearly 35 years. Additionally, he has served on the boards of World Gospel Mission, Marion General Hospital, the Kiwanis Club of Gas City, and has served on numerous other boards and committees of church, civic, professional and educational organizations. John and his wife, Joy, are the parents of J. Mark Storey II and daughter-in-law Molly Storey, and daughter Beth Driscoll and son-in-law Dr. Dan Driscoll. They are blessed with 6 grandchildren.

Award Sponsor: Salin Bank and Trust Company

President's Award

The President's Award is given each year to an individual or group of individuals that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the communities they serve. The chamber recognized this recipient as possessing the qualities representative of the leadership in the Chamber (exemplary commitment to business ethics and excellence, volunteerism, etc.). This year, the President chose to present this award to: **Karen Niverson, CVB Director**.

Karen is a native of Grant County, born and raised in Fairmount and returned to her hometown with her husband, Charles, and two daughters in tow. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Ball State in 1983, and has been the Director of the Grant County Convention & Visitors Bureau for two years. She serves on the board of St. Martins, Walton Center Arts Society and the 2007 United Way Fund Drive. She is the Secretary of the Association of Indiana Convention & Visitor Bureaus and a past President of the Marion Rotary Club. Karen is an ambassador for the entire county and carries our message and welcome nationally.

Award Co-Sponsors: Edward Jones and Mutual Federal Savings Bank

New Members

- ◆ Movie Gallery
- ◆ Central Indiana Ethanol, LLC

Membership Dues

Membership Dues invoices were e-mailed, faxed or mailed the week of April 10th. If you have not received your invoice for 2006-2007, please let us know (765.674.7545). A hearty thanks to those of you who have already responded with payment - it is much appreciated.

The Chamber operates solely on dues income and your timely payment is needed. Dues are based on the number of employees, and your invoice should show the number of employees that is on record for your business/organization. If that amount has changed, please let us know as it affects your membership rate. Part-time employees are counted two for one (i.e., two part-timers make one full-time employee.).

Member Update

Walnut Creek Apartments is offering one-month free rent. Call them about special pricing 866.821.4317. Apartment features include: washer/dryer hookups, private entrances, contemporary kitchens, ample interior storage, central air and heat, patio or balcony, free exterior storage. Community features: 24 Hour Laundry Facility, resident clubhouse, internet workstations, play area and emergency maintenance. Open Monday - Friday (9 am - 6 pm) and Saturday (10 am - 4 pm).

Salin Bank & Trust Company has moved to 716 E. Main in Gas City. An Open House will be held May 3rd, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. Susan Bournique and Stacy Sample will be on hand to welcome guests, as will the Gas City Area Chamber Diplomats. Other VIP's you will get a chance to meet are Mr. Bill Salin and Mayor H. Larry Leach. Stop in and give them a Gas City Welcome!

New Member Spotlight

Bill D. Pattison, Artistic Expressions, Inc., describes his business as a publisher of limited edition prints and songs. Bill is originally from Gas City, and knew from childhood that he was to be an artist. Bill says if he were not in his current profession, he would be a professional fisherman. His favorite community event is the Ducktail Run and the 4th of July Fireworks. His dream vacation would be to go to Ireland (Bill is Irish) and his hobbies are painting, song writing, fishing and traveling. He most admires his parents, Max and Effiebelle Pattison. He names his greatest accomplishment as being in "Who's Who in American Art" and the one thing he would like to accomplish that he has not yet would be to have a major hit song on the radio. "I knew it was my destiny to move back to Gas City, when my father died in 1998," he says. "I'm very proud to be living here and am committed to help the future of Gas City.

(Note: Bill created a print entitled, "Historic Gas City" which he gave to the Historical Society to be used as a fundraiser for the Gas City Museum in 2000. It has been said that Bill Pattison "captures those fleeting moments in time, which are truly American". His graphite drawings and oil paintings have won over 100 awards, through juried exhibits and he has been featured in numerous publications. He has gained international popularity and has exhibited in Cyprus, Greece, and Canada. His work has been marketed in Japan, Brazil and South Africa.)

Did You Know?

Tanning is available in beautiful downtown **Gas City. L & R Uniforms** now have two tanning beds that include facial tanning. They can accommodate you whether you are 5'2 or 6'2 in their extra long tanning beds. Swedish Beauty and Australian Gold products are available for purchase. Call 674-9681 and make an appointment today.

Do You Know?

- ◆ Who was dubbed “Magic Shoes”? (hint: he was a Chamber President)
- ◆ What “real man” wore a kilt to a birthday party recently?

Publications Available

The Indiana Chamber has several publications available to assist you with numerous regulatory changes at the state and federal level. If you order and mention priority code LC106 you will receive 10% off your order. New and updated products include:

ADA Guide
The Supervisor's Handbook
The Interviewing Guide
Indiana Guide to Hiring and Firing (3rd Edition)
Indiana Guide to Monitoring Electronic Technology in the Workplace
Performance Appraisal Handbook
Environmental Compliance Handbook (5th Edition)
Indiana Taxation Handbook (3rd Edition)
The Sarbanes-Oxley Act: A Practical Guide for Private Companies
Employee Benefits Guide (3rd Edition)
FMLA Guide
Employment Law Handbook (5th Edition)

Go to www.indianachamber.com for a complete description of these and other compliance handbooks or call customer service at (800) 824-6885.

Important Dates

May 3	Salin Bank Ribbon Cutting & Open House 12 Noon – 2 p.m. (716 E. Main, Gas City)
May 4	Board Officers Meet (7:30 a.m.)
May 4	New Director Orientation Meeting
May 11	Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 a.m.)
May 16	Business Mentoring Group (8 a.m.)
May 17	Director's Luncheon
May 22	Newsletter Article Submission Deadline