

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

June 2006

New Members

- ◆ Backyard Broadcasting
- ◆ Barb's Bits & Bytes
- ◆ Conference & Travel Services
- ◆ Fairmount Veterinary Clinic
- ◆ Grant County Event Center
- ◆ Walnut Creek Publishing

Elections

Elections were held at the Annual Meeting and three new directors were elected to serve on the Gas City Area Chamber Board. Directors will serve a term of three years. Please allow us to introduce you to our newest board members:

Larry Terwilligar (Masonic Lodge #645)

- ◆ Married to Melody (Leach)
- ◆ Six children and 11 grandchildren
- ◆ Mother Eileen, father Bill (deceased), and brother Terry
- ◆ Retired from Sears after 26 years.
- ◆ Ward 1 City Councilman
- ◆ Handyman for Swan Realty
- ◆ Owner of L&L COIN
- ◆ Member of Gas City Masonic Lodge; currently Secretary
- ◆ Member of Fort Wayne Scottish Rite; 32nd Degree Mason
- ◆ Member of Mizpah Shriners; currently Hospital Van Driver
- ◆ Member of Gas City Kiwanis; currently on Board of Directors
- ◆ Hobbies: Coin collecting, gardening

Denny Smith (2 B Personalized)

- ◆ Married to Shellie (Bayless)
- ◆ 2 children: Garrison, 7, and Gannon, 4 months
- ◆ Lived in Gas City "my entire life: all 35 years of it!"
- ◆ Went to Ball State

Denny opened his business, Two Brothers Engraving, in a friend's garage in Gas City in 1994. He moved to Marion in 1995 and to his current location in 1997. Denny said "we just celebrated our

10th anniversary in business last year" and he has recently changed the business name to 2 B Personalized to better tell the story of what they do. Denny says "We no longer just engrave. Everything we sell can be personalized; shirts, plaques, gifts, signs, etc."

Scott Nicholson (Mutual Federal Savings Bank)

- ◆ Graduated from Mississinewa in 1988
- ◆ Graduated from Indiana University in 1992
- ◆ Married to Kathy (Brown) for 9 years
- ◆ Has a 6 year old son named Tyce and 4 year old daughter named Rani
- ◆ Black Lab dog named Justice

Member Update

Have you seen the "new look" at **Grant County Plumbing & Heating**? Grant County Plumbing & Heating has remodeled and invites you to stop by and give them a chance to show off the new showroom. They have become a Full House Specialist! They specialize in energy-efficient equipment and now offer windows, doors (home and garage), siding, and roofing. Of course, they still offer plumbing, heating, electrical, and water systems, as well as bath remodeling: everything from the roof down, which includes going under the house with water lines, etc. Remember, all Chamber members are given a 10% discount (maximum \$500).

To celebrate their new showroom, they are inviting you to a **FREE Hog Roast** with all the trimmings at Grant County Plumbing & Heating on **June 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.** There will be face painting, clowns, balloons, and great door prizes.

Director's Luncheon

Sixty-seven community leaders attended the May Director's Luncheon. Presentations were made by **Stacy Sample of Salin Bank & Trust** and **Valerie Abram of WLBC Backyard Broadcasting** (Muncie). WLBC is a new Chamber member and was welcomed by the President-Elect. Valerie Abram and Maya Garner distributed client needs analysis forms (extras are available in Chamber Office) to ascertain information about the business community in an effort to better serve the area.

Salin Bank & Trust recently relocated to Gas City and is excited about its new location. Over the past 16 months, Salin's Grant County offices have grown from \$24M to over \$38M in commercial loans while maintaining continued growth in customer deposits. Salin has four branches in Grant County and offers a wide variety of products. Stacey invited everyone to stop by and see all Salin has to offer. Membership plaques were presented to Backyard Broadcasting, Barb's Bits & Bytes, and Conference & ! Travel Services.

Perfect Attendance Chairman Susan Bournique thanked her committee and informed those in attendance that there were 93 students with perfect attendance this year. Salin Bank & Trust was presented with a picture of its recent grand opening.

Louis Rodriguez informed attendees that Grant County Plumbing & Heating has reopened its shop with a remodeled building and showroom. He invited everyone to a hog roast that the business will hold June 24 th.

Anita M. Rice was applauded by the President-Elect for her efforts in coordinating the Diplomats.

Volunteer Gratitude Baskets

Volunteer Gratitude Baskets were presented at the Annual Meeting as a part of National Volunteer Week. Jennifer Jones coordinated the effort this year and she did a great job! Plastic file boxes were filled for each of the volunteers (all kinds of goodies; i.e., coupons for free meals and free gas; BBQ aprons; sets of mugs; just to mention a few items.) On behalf of the volunteers and the Gas City Area Chamber, thank you for assisting the Chamber in thanking those who give so generously to their community and Chamber all year long.

Important Dates

- June 1 Board Officers Meet (7:30 a.m.)
- June 1 Seniors' Perfect Attendance Award Ceremony (7:30 p.m.)
- June 3 Firecracker Saturday
- June 6 John Maxwell Seminar (Ft. Wayne)
- June 8 Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 a.m.)
- June 9-11 Jubilee Daze
- June 13 Job Fair - Hontz Hall
- June 13 Concert In The Park (7:30 p.m.)
- June 20 Business Mentoring Group (8 a.m.)
- June 20 Concert In The Park (7:30 p.m.)
- June 21 Director's Luncheon
- June 22 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline
- June 27 Concert In The Park

Concerts In the Park Schedule of Entertainment

June 13: Mississinewa Valley Community Band; Free ice cream - Compliments of Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Services (prior to concert)

June 20: Mercy Sakes (Variety/ R&B, pop, blues, jazz, swing)

June 27: Upward Praise (Gospel)

July 11: Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra; Bottled Water - Compliments of Conference & Travel Services

July 18 The Park Avenue Band (Blues, jazz, latin)

July 25 Heartland Big Band

Concerts in the Park Sponsorships

Thanks to the generosity of many local businesses and individuals, the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present six concerts for your pleasure. If you have not yet contributed and wish

to do so, send checks payable to the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce and mail to 316 E. Main Street, Gas City 46933 (earmaredk "Concerts In The Park").

3rd Annual Gas City Area Chamber Golf Outing

Friday, July 14, 2006

Club Run @ Walnut Creek Golf Course

See Registration Form on last page of this newsletter.

The 3rd Annual Gas City Area Chamber Golf Outing will be Friday, July 14, 2006. Your Chamber anticipates raising over \$3,000, which will help support the many Chamber-sponsored activities through the year that directly and indirectly benefit the businesses in our community.

On behalf of this year's Chamber Golf Outing Committee, I ask for your participation in two ways:

1. Golf Registration entry (yourself or a four-person team); and/or
2. Business sponsorship.

A business can sponsor the outing in several ways:

Hole-In-One Sponsor = opportunity to display a vehicle, lawn equipment, jewelry, etc. at the golf course; your company or organization's name will be displayed on the Hole-In-One hole during the outing. (\$200 Sponsor plus prize worth \$2,500 - \$20,000 value, incl. National Hole-In-One Association insurance cost).

Contest Hole Sponsors = provide Longest Drive & Closest to the Pin contest hole sponsor and prizes; your company or organization's name will be displayed at the contest Tee station during the outing (\$100 Hole Sponsor plus prize worth \$75 -100 value). Sponsors may staff the hole with employees to meet and greet golfers during outing.

Hole Sponsors = your company or organization's name will be displayed on the Tee station and/or the Green sponsorship during the outing. (\$100 per Hole Sponsor location) Sponsors may staff the hole with employees to meet and greet golfers during outing.

Oasis Beverage Sponsors = your company or organization's name will be displayed at the 1st Hole and on the Oasis golf carts during the outing (\$100 Sponsor).

Give-a-way Sponsor = provide miscellaneous business give-a-way items to be distributed to each golfer.

All sponsors will be listed in the press releases before and after the event.

Your company or organization will be highlighted as an outing sponsor in the Chamber Notes Newsletter at www.GasCity.com.

Sponsoring is a relatively inexpensive, but a very effective, way to promote your business to the community and to your fellow Chamber Members.

In conclusion, I want to THANK YOU again for your support as a member of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce. Without faithful members such as you, we would not have the successful community that we all enjoy today. A member of our planning committee will follow up on your experience with a phone call within the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Banks at (765) 673-6460 or the Chamber office at (765) 674-7545. Thank You! Join us for an afternoon of sun, fun, and networking with community business. See you on July 14th.

Annual Gas City Area Chamber Golf Outing
Friday, July 14, 2006
11:00am Registration & Lunch / 12:30pm Shotgun Start

Driving Range usage available 1 hour prior to start

Location: CLUB RUN
At Walnut Creek Golf Course- www.walnutcreekgolf.com

Registration

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Single / # in Team _____ x \$65.00 per individual = \$ _____
(4 person team incl. 18 holes, cart, lunch & beverages)

Names of Attendees

Mulligan

Two per person for \$10.00 or Team for \$40.00 = \$ _____
(4 person team. max. 8 mulligans per team)

Hole Sponsorship

Hole Sponsorship _____ x \$100.00 per tee/green = \$ _____
(Submit Company Name / business card with registration - Deadline June 30)
Sponsoring a hole is an excellent way to promote your business.

Volunteer

_____ I/We would like to volunteer

Prizes:

Give-a-ways
Hole Contests - Hole-In-One, Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive
Team Prizes - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

Complete & Return by July 5 to:

Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce
316 East Main Street, Gas City, IN 46933
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Make checks payable to: *Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce*