

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

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President's Letter

It is indeed an honor to be asked to step back into the Presidency of your Chamber. In truth, the real honor goes to Mark Galenski. I am delighted to have worked with him the last several years. Probably nobody displays more faith, fellowship, and compassion in everything he does. My hat is off to Mark and I hope we see him return soon.

Keep your eyes and ears open and your computer mouse poised at www.gascity.com. There are some exciting things coming and you sure do not want to miss them. I look forward to seeing you on the street.

Mark Sullivan

Director's Note

Mark D. Galenski resigned the position of President of the Gas City Area Chamber due to relocation. Per the Chamber by-laws, vacancies are to be filled by board election. Mark Sullivan (Ex-Officio) was asked if he would reassume the position, and he accepted.

New Member

◆ XPETEX, LLC

Important Dates

August 11 Simply Social (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
August 13 Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 a.m.)
August 18 Business Mentoring Group (8 a.m.)
August 18 Go Art Go Kart Race (6 p.m.)
August 19 Director's Luncheon
August 22 Newsletter article submission deadline

Simply Social

**1st Annual Chamber Membership Drive; ticket required to attend.
FREE Hot Dog & Ice Cream Lunch**

Join us **Friday, August 11** (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.) at Angle Acres Parking Lot, home of Good Neighbor Pharmacy, at 1030 E. Main Street, Gas City. Members receive 4 FREE tickets to "Simply Social"; tickets are to be used to invite non-members to join them as guests. Call the Chamber Office if you need additional tickets. Please USE your extra tickets. Invite those that are not chamber members to join you for a free hot dog and help us make our Chamber GROW. We want you as part of our team!

"In the end, all business operations can be reduced to three words: people, product, and profits. Unless you've got a good team, you can't do much with the other two." *Lee Lacocca*

Director's Luncheon

Sixty-one people enjoyed lasagna Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the Chamber luncheon. Paula Barrett from **Carey Services** informed members about **docu-SHIELD**. What would cost you over \$2 in staff time, equipment, etc., Paula said can be done for 15 cents by Carey Services. Secure document destruction is a necessity today, and Paula demonstrated how Carey Services can assist in this for a nominal fee. They provide the collection container, collect your material per a schedule set by you, and notify you after the material has been destroyed.

In addition to this presentation, attendees were invited to the Starbucks groundbreaking on July 27th and were encouraged to attend the Go Art Go Kart Race on August 18th at 6 p.m. Mayor H. Larry Leach shared information about his trip to Japan and Korea. Xpetex, LLC was presented with a membership plaque and Gary Hendricks shared briefly that his is an information specialist system company. He also detailed the variety of technology that the company offers.

Member Update

Loyal Order of Moose #1778

The Moose recently had its 4th annual charity car show, which generated \$1,100 income for local charities. There were 77 cars that arrived in spite of the 95 degree heat wave. There was a flyover by the World War Aircraft Museum from Mount Comfort Air Field, and Nancy Battinger sang the National Anthem. On the second pass the aircraft formed a missing man formation.

--Submitted by Gary Dalton, car show Chairman

American Woodmark Corporation

Did you know Gas City is home to a leading manufacturer and distributor of kitchen and bath cabinets? The place is American Woodmark Corporation and can found at 5300 Eastside Parkway. The Gas City center opened in November 1999 and offers approximately 230 cabinet lines, materials and finishers. Its products are sold nationally through a network of independent dealers and distributors and are sold directly to home centers and major builders. American Woodmark Corporation understands the importance of its employees and cares about the dignity and rights of each individual. Tammy Oden, HR Manager, says this understanding is at the root of the company's success.

--Submitted by Loretta Walker

American Promotional Events of Indiana

What started as a small newsstand in Florence, Alabama is now a nationwide firework distribution company, maintaining over seventy-five distribution and warehousing facilities across the country. American Promotional Events of IN resides at 1001 Evans Rd in Gas City. The popular fireworks distribution center is managed by Greg Whitton and Kevin Helfrich. For approximately thirty years, the Gas City TNT team has proven its dedication to commitment, quality, and teamwork by holding to the highest level of customer service available in the retailing industry.

For more information about American Promotional Events of IN, visit www.tntfireworks.com.

--Submitted by Loretta Walker

Did You Know?

A century ago, the average wage was 22 cents an hour.

.....crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't yet been invented.

.....there were only about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE USA!

.....average life expectancy was 47 years.

.....only 14% of the homes had a bathtub and only 8% had a telephone.

.....the maximum speed limit was 10 mph.

.....the average worker made between \$200-\$400 annually.

.....90% of all US doctors had NO college education (they attended so-called medical schools)

.....Most women washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

And TODAY we can transmit messages all over the world in mere seconds. Can you even imagine where we will be in another 100 years?

Election Day

Election day is November 7th. Visit www.IndianaVoters.com to check your voter registration and polling place location. You may also call the County Clerk's Office for further information at 866.IN1.VOTE.

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Not enough time in the day? Left with very little time to implement new ideas? Too busy doing your business to manage it? Step back-- look at the bigger picture. What you need is to find quality time so your business can grow.

Give some (not all) of your tasks to a coworker. If you don't have enough staff, you may need to consider a part-time employee. The cost could be offset by the revenue you generate through some innovative thinking. Test it...make a list of what you do every day...everything you do. Keep the list for several days, adding the jobs you missed the first time. Need more paper??

Once the list is done, take some time to reflect on the list and cross off things you would never delegate (like signing checks, etc.). The rest are possible candidates for delegation; some will jump out as obvious, and others you may be able to delegate but you will want to oversee for a period of time until you are comfortable that they will be done as you want. Once some of the burden is lifted, you will be able to guide in a much more focused way. Your staff will also feel more of an "ownership" in the business as you involve them directly. They may make suggestions they would not have made before and strive even more for the success of the business.

2006 GOLF OUTING RECAP

The 3rd Annual Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing was held on Friday, July 14, 2006. The Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank those that participated with a Team Entry, Hole Sponsor, or Food Court contribution. Other contributors also helped make this year's outing a success: Visit the www.gascity.com home page for a detailed listing.

Host & Sponsor: Walnut Creek/Club Run Golf Course

Team Winners:

1st Place: Larry Henn, Jim R. Baker, Larry Litke, and Mike Hicks
2nd Place: Tom Drook, Chris Oliver, Charlie Wallace, and Jim Wallace
3rd Place: Walter Wood, Marion Maynard, Tony Smith, and John Dishmon

Contest Winners:

Closest To The Pin, Hole # 8: Susan Bournique
Closest To The Pin, Hole # 12: John Christensen
Longest Drive, Hole #5: Nate Nicholson
Longest Drive, Hole # 10: Jim Wallace

Fantasy Golf Winners:

1st Place: Larry Henn
2nd Place: Larry Litke
3rd Place: Wayne Seybold

Thanks again to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers. See you at next year's golf outing!

--Submitted by Dennis Banks, Golf Outing Chairman