

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

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President's Letter

It has been a few months since I have stood before you at the luncheon. I humbly thank you for the rousing rendition of happy birthday. As I write this it is Ducktail Run weekend. I am proudly confident in knowing that this community has once again made all the travelers welcome. Just the simple task of offering a smile and a nod will keep them returning. So when the shoe is on the other foot and you are traveling, take the initiative and offer that smile first. Every time the opportunity presents itself be sure to tell everybody about our area. Being proactive puts our name in the back of people's minds and that is a good thing.

Mark Sullivan

Meet Our Editor

Kelsey Violet Warren serves as the Gas City Area Chambers editor-in-chief. She is 19 years old and majoring in English and Communications at Taylor University where she is a freshman. She has plans to go into journalism and in high school she was editor of the school paper for two years. She works as a tutor at the Taylor Writing Center and is employed by Gas City's own Holiday Inn Express. Kelsey tells us "the Gas City community-wide rummage sale is the highlight of her summer!" Kelsey is doing a fine job for the Chamber and we want to applaud her willingness to serve the community.

New Members

- ◆ Cycles Unlimited
- ◆ Minnetrista
- ◆ Renbarger Insurance & Financial Services, Inc.
- ◆ D. R. Ruth PC Repair
- ◆ China Buffet (under John Guo's ownership)
- ◆ Great Occasions Catering
- ◆ Tomorrow's Angels LLC
- ◆ Sophie's Ice Cream Deluxe
- ◆ Holy Family Catholic Church
- ◆ Ride & Leather
- ◆ Mississinewa Management, Inc.
- ◆ Hairbenders
Welcome Back...
- ◆ American Cancer Society (under new leadership, Abby Croft)

New Face in the Chamber Office

Anita M. Rice is now volunteering one day a week in the Chamber. In addition to accepting a position as an office volunteer, Anita is the Chamber's Diplomat Coordinator and has served in that capacity since the Diplomats were established. Anita is a recent retiree of the Indiana Northern VA Medical Center, where she was employed for more than 30 years. Anita was the Chief of Voluntary Service for the Marion and Ft. Wayne campus and brings a wealth of skills to the Chamber and our community.

Important Dates

- Oct. 5 Board Officers Meeting (7:30 a.m.)
- Oct. 12 Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 a.m.)
- Oct. 14 Community Day – Westview Wesleyan Church
- Oct. 17 Business Mentoring Group (8 a.m.)
- Oct. 18 Director’s Luncheon
- Oct. 22 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

Community Day – Have a free oil change, get a free hot dog, have a free haircut and enjoy unlimited time and treasures such as a petting zoo, kid’s games, moonwalk, financial seminar, and car wash (whew). Visit Westview Wesleyan Church at 1300 W. 6th Street, Jonesboro, on Saturday, October 14th to enjoy any of these activities. If you, personally, or your business would be willing to help make the day happen, call 765.674.8558.

November 8 – Be sure to attend the **Health Fair** at York House, 725 W. 50th Street. I’ll be there getting my flu shot. Flu shots will be available that day from 2-5 p.m. Dorine Ward, Director, will let us know more details.....watch next month’s newsletter for details.

Director's Luncheon

Another great luncheon turnout – almost 100 people enjoyed a menu of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, Jell-O salad, glazed carrots, rolls, dessert, and drink at the GRANT COUNTY EVENT CENTER. No one left hungry! In fact, a second dessert was served when the President, Mark Sullivan, was surprised with a birthday cake (the big 4-0) while his wife, Brenda, let the chamber members in a birthday song.

Lisa Rapp of the GRANT COUNTY TOBACCO COALITION was the primary speaker and provided numbers and tobacco facts along with ideas about stopping the smoking habit. One of the best ways is.....don’t start. ? Lisa and others in the community are striving to create a healthy and smokeless Grant County. Lisa was quick to say that she understands that it is difficult to stop smoking but the Grant County Tobacco Coalition is anxious to assist those who wish to quit. Marion General Hospital is going smoke-free this year and there are several businesses who are promoting a smoke free environment, such as the Blu 49, Steak-n-Shake, and Moorehead . Donations can be made to the Tobacco Coalition and are tax deductible. Businesses can contact Lisa if they are interested in providing programs to assist their employees in smoking cessation.

Three new chamber members, MISSISSINEWA MANAGEMENT, INC.; D. R. RUTH PC REPAIR; and GREAT OCCASIONS were presented with membership plaques. CRANDALL ENGINEERING was presented with a photograph of their recent ribbon-cutting ceremony. Several people attended the luncheon for the first time and we hope they will return. We will return to Eastview Wesleyan Church in October for the luncheon – will we see you there?

The door prize, a book entitled Murder on Gallatin Street, was donated by David M. Payne, author. The book is available at Good Neighbor Pharmacy.

Member Update

The Wellness Center - Working to Keep You Well

In reality, most Americans struggle with obesity. No one has enough time in their day and most people don't want to exercise. However, there are many benefits of regular exercise: increased energy, improved health, good social outletting, improved self-esteem, increased potential for lifestyle change, and a healthier, longer life.

The Wellness Center, 4411 S. Adams St., Marion, IN, offers many services and tools to help one set and reach a goal for a healthier longer life. Just to name a few of the services and tools the Center offers, one may participate in a group exercise program, personal training, fitness assessment, exercise prescription, body composition analysis, health risk appraisal, tanning, and gymnastics. Also, childcare is available at minimal cost. Call 765.674.4455 today. MAKE THE CHOICE for a healthier longer life.

Project Leadership is excited to be the new home of Leadership-Grant County. Classes will begin Wednesday, October 4th, at 8:00am-5:00pm at the Marion Public Library, Room B. Leadership-Grant County will meet the first Wednesday of each month until May 2007. Over the years, 412 alumni have learned more about their county, discovered and/or invested their talents, improved their leadership skills, and developed business and personal relationships with fellow classmates. Your influence grows only when your network grows. Cost of the class is \$300. To register, call 651-0650 or e-mail jbrady@projectleadership.org or khighley@projectleadership.org.

Predictions

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value,"

-- *Marshall Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre*

"Everything that can be invented has been invented,"

-- *Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, US Office of Patents, 1899*

"I don't know what use anyone could find for a machine that would make copies of documents. It certainly couldn't be a feasible business by itself."

-- *the head of IBM, refusing to back the idea, forcing the inventor to found Xerox*

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

-- *Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943*