

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

February 2007

President's Letter

It has been a month since the legislators have descended upon the City of Indianapolis. All the Representatives and all the Senators are there doing what they believe is in the best interest of you and the State of Indiana. You may be surprised to find out that they often get very little input from their constituents. I would like to encourage you to get involved or at least take an interest in keeping up with the current events. Watching law being made can be like watching sausage being made; it is not for the faint of heart. What these good folks do down there can have an effect on our everyday lives and we should take action to be attentive today as opposed to just being mad in November.

Mark Sullivan

New Members

- ◆ **New Hope Hospice**
- ◆ **Milliner Printing Company, Inc.**
- ◆ **First Data Merchant Services**
- ◆ **Wal-Mart Distribution Center 7055**
- ◆ **Energize - ECI**

Important Dates

Visit www.gascity.com to link to the online Community Calendar.

- 2/01/07 Board Officers Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. – **Starbucks**
- 2/08/07 Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office Conference Room
- 2/20/07 Business Mentoring Group @ 8:00 a.m. – **Edward Jones** Conference Room – Call Chamber Office 674-7545 by February 16 for reservation.
- 2/21/07 Director's Luncheon @ 12 Noon – **Eastview Wesleyan Church** (Guaranteed reservations required NLT 2/16 – Call 674.7545 – Leave message to make reservation.)
- 2/22/07 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

Nominating Committee 2007-2008

The Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for “Interesting”, “Hard Working” and “Idea Orientated” persons for the Board of Directors. There are three vacancies on the Board of Directors for 2007-2008. Term for these three vacancies is 3 years. Please contact Chamber Office if interested or if you know someone that might be interested. Phone: 765/674-7545.

Director's Luncheon

Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce Directors welcomed 95 members and guests to the January luncheon held at **Eastview Wesleyan Church**. Chamber Diplomats Susan Bournique and Pegg

Richards were on hand to welcome attendees. A buffet lunch consisting of hotdog, cole slaw and choice of soup with drink was served and a plate of brownies was enjoyed at each table. President-Elect, Janet Blake, presided at the meeting in the absence of President Mark Sullivan. The following new members were introduced and received their new member plaques: **New Hope Hospice, First Data Merchant Services, Milliner Printing Company, Inc.** and **Wal-Mart Distribution Center 7055.**

Erica Cunningham, **Moorehead Technologies & Network Services**, was the featured speaker. Now serving over 2500 customers in 17 counties, Moorehead Technologies has become a leader in central Indiana as the voice and data solutions provider.

Many thanks to **Milliner Printing Co.** for donating writing tablets imprinted with the Chamber logo for each place setting.

Special Thanks To

Bernie Kaltz, Associate Member; Becky Kammeyer, **Mississinewa High School**; and Dave Penticuff, **Chronicle-Tribune** Managing Editor; for their sponsorship of four DECA meals. DECA students from Mississinewa High School are guests of the Chamber at the monthly luncheons held during the school year. Their attendance lends them the opportunity for career development and Chamber members the opportunity to become acquainted with future business leaders. Members are encouraged to sponsor the meal cost for DECA students and may donate extra dollars each month or an annual amount. Contact the Chamber Office if interested in sponsorship.

Kudos To

Marion General Hospital for their donation of 34 defibrillators to the community schools - such a generous gift and priceless to our residents. We applaud you, Marion General Hospital, for giving back to the community in a very special way.

Mississinewa DECA Receives Honors

Forty-two **Mississinewa High School** DECA students received honors last weekend at the Districts 3 & 6 Career Development Conference held in Fort Wayne. Competitive events included written tests in marketing, entrepreneurship, economics and math, management, accounting and industry-specific topics. Students also compete in a role-play/case study that is given as an oral presentation to judges. Competition was among seven schools and approximately 425 students, judges, chaperones and teachers were in attendance. Mississinewa brought home the most first place honors claiming rights to eight individual events; 17 students received 1st – 3rd place honors and 25 received honorable mention. These students and voting delegates have qualified to attend the State DECA Career Development Conference to be held in Indianapolis in February. Those who win at the State Conference will advance to the international level of competition to be held in Orlando in April.

News from a Member

Riverview Apartments and Fairview Apartments are seeking low-income multi-family housing applicants at this time. Please notify any of your friends, relatives or employees who might benefit from becoming a resident of their community. Riverview and Fairview are federally subsidized. One- and

two-bedroom apartments with all appliances include on-site laundry facilities and superior on-site management. Call Carol Stoltz, Property Manager at (765) 674-3710 or (800) 743-3333.

Hoosier Hospitality in Gas City

An I-69 traveler experiencing car problems stopped at McClure Oil on November 28, 2006 to investigate a loud scrapping noise. A man, in a dark blue truck, noticed his problem, and approached the traveler. It seemed a large piece of molded plastic had come loose, bent and lodged under the car. Not knowing what to do, the man offered to assist and asked the traveler to follow him a mile west into town. The traveler did and within a few minutes he was under the car with plastic tie wraps, which temporarily fixed the problem. He refused to take any money and the traveler could not remember his name.

“There are still a lot of good people in this world and this gentleman is at the top of the list. He was kind, generous and helpful.” --Happy Traveler

Best Christmas Lights Ever

The Eugene “BEANER” Linn Memorial Park is indeed an outstanding park. The park offers year-round activities to pleasure not only the local residents but attract interest from communities near and far. Most recently the Gas City Park Board made vast improvements to the annual Christmas display. The 2006 seasonal displays were nearly doubled and offer more businesses and individuals the opportunity to sponsor and support the park’s endeavors. All the while we have been enjoying these efforts but without a name. The Park Board invited the Mississinewa elementary schools to participate in a contest for naming the display. The “*Best Christmas Lights Ever*” submitted by Kay Ehmer, Northview Elementary, was the winning entry.

Ponder This...

“Stewardesses” is the longest word typed with only the left hand and “lollipop” with your right.

From the Desk of Penny Garrett

Button up your overcoat; winter has arrived! In spite of the cold weather, we had a great turnout at the January luncheon. Thanks to all of you who support the luncheon through attendance, presentations, or sponsorship of DECA students. I believe this community is a leader when it comes to attendance at a luncheon meeting – THANK YOU!

One of the Diplomats shared how much she enjoyed “meeting and greeting” at the January luncheon. She said everyone seemed very thankful for her assistance and it was a pleasure to meet so many members. Have you ever thought about being a Chamber Diplomat? It is my belief that every businessperson IS a Diplomat for this City, their business and for the Chamber. Every time you introduce yourself to someone new at the luncheon, you make him or her feel welcome. When you invite someone new to sit at your table, shake a hand and/or answer questions...this is the “warmth” I brag about when I am inviting people to join our Chamber. As a Diplomat for your business/the city/the chamber, reach out and spread the warmth that I believe this chamber exudes. I have also been told when businesses are looking to relocate, they visit the city, the restaurants, etc. and “test out the attitude” of the front-line employees (waitresses, clerks, secretaries). If employers “lead by example”, their first-line employees (some employers are the first-line employees) are more apt to follow suit. Isn’t it great - you and I have the opportunity to impact this community one luncheon at a time?

Concerts In The Park 2007

Question: What comes to mind when you think of the following?
 Tuesday nights, summer time, (June & July) giant tenderloins/
 corndogs lemon shake-ups, Gas City Band Shell, bug repellent,
 lawn chairs / blankets, visiting with your friends and neighbors,
 LOTS OF PEOPLE, & MUSIC under the stars! Or in case of
 rain, a GYM?

If you said, CONCERTS IN THE PARK, then you win the prize!

This year begins our 8th season of Concerts in the Park. We are anticipating another great year. Our donor base continues to increase as well as the number of attendees at our concerts. Last year our average for concert attendance was over 600. The Mississinewa Valley Community Band drew around 2000 for that concert alone!

As we begin our 8th season, please consider supporting this series.

Mark Storey
Chairman, Corporate Art Series

Board of Directors 2006-2007

Officers

Mark Sullivan, President
Irving Materials, Inc.

Janet Blake, President-Elect
Next Level Communication

Susan Knapp, Vice-President
Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home

Nancy Hoover, Secretary-Treas.
Associate Member

Members

Cheryl Baker
Mississinewa Valley Paving

Dennis Banks
STAR Financial Bank

Dr. Philip Catey
Catey Dentistry

Fran Cheney
Good Neighbor Pharmacy

Scott Nicholson
Mutual Federal Savings Bank

Michael Powell
Mississinewa School Admin

Denny Smith
2 B Personalized

Kelly Snyder
F. C. Tucker

Larry Terwillegar
Masonic Lodge #645

Executive Director

Penny A. Garrett



Nomination Form: Community Image Awards 2007
Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

Sponsors:

Salin Bank & Trust Company
Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service
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: _____

Mail Form To: Gas City Area Chamber | 316 E. Main St. | Gas City, IN 46933

