

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

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Please route this newsletter to the other staff in your business to keep them up-to-date on services, functions and programs available to all employees of our member companies!

Have you had changes or improvements in your business? Have you received an award, reached a milestone or accomplished additional training? We want to know so we can share these things with your Chamber partners. Call, FAX, E-mail or send information to the Chamber office.

President's Letter

With school out and the advent of summer, we are in no way left wanting for activities. Gas City has a rich history of offering a variety of annual events throughout the summer months, sponsored by the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce. To name a few... the Annual Chamber Golf Outing, Concerts In The Park and also our Director's Luncheon held monthly throughout the year at Eastview Wesleyan Church on 10th Street.

Every month at the luncheon, Chamber members have an opportunity to network, become acquainted with each other personally, keep up-to-date on Gas City Area business news and newcomers and enjoy a good lunch as well, not to mention exposure... all for a minimal cost of \$6.00 and an hour of your time each month... definitely a worthwhile investment.

The Annual Golf Outing has been a popular event for golf enthusiasts and non-enthusiasts alike. Held at Club Run, all who participate enjoy a beautiful setting for a competitive, yet fun, event that has increased in popularity with each and every year. This is another opportunity for Chamber members to become involved. You can sign up to play (as a team, or as an individual), donate your time as a member of the committee, and/or donate (great advertising!) one of the many prizes offered at the outing.

Concerts in the Park are an on-going weekly event, held in the park Tuesday evenings (See Schedule Included in Newsletter), beginning at 7:30 p.m. and have drawn tremendous crowds with favorable response in the past. This year, we are expecting no less.

This is the second year the Chamber has participated in the Community School of Arts "Go Arts! Go Karts!" race; this competition has its share of fun and enjoyment. Last year, the Gas City Chamber of Commerce came in ahead of the Marion-Grant Co. Chamber of Commerce and we expect the same this year. For a fun and enjoyable evening, come out to support CSA and support our team!

This is only a brief synopsis of upcoming events. Visit www.gascity.com and view the community calendar for more activities and details.

I look forward to seeing you at the many community events.

Janet Blake

Kudos to...

Indiana Municipal Power Agency is sponsoring the cost of DECA students to attend the Director's luncheons for the 2007-2008 school year. Our thanks and appreciation on behalf of DECA students is extended to IMPA for their generous donation and support of this partnership that fosters the educational experiences of tomorrow's business leaders.

IMPA was formed to supply economic, reliable and environmentally responsible wholesale

power to its members. While power supply remains the Agency's primary goal, IMPA also provides support to member utilities in other areas, including engineering, accounting, economic development, government relations and communications. ISC, a not-for-profit subsidiary of IMPA, provides engineering and management services beyond power supply and transmission to municipal utilities as well.

Welcome New Members

China One (under new management), 6714 East Amy Way Drive, Gas City, IN 46933.
Owner: Pin Z Gang Telephone: 998-6688

Howe's Financial Services, 229 East Ninth Street, Jonesboro IN 46938.
Telephone: 674-3985 Contact: Aleta Goins

Home Loan USA, Telephone/FAX: 206-8191
Contact: Theresa Morris

JG Consulting Group, Inc., Telephone: 662-1554
Contact: Jim Goodpaster, President jim@jgconsultinggroup.com

Professional Golfcar Corp/E-Z Go, Telephone: 260-348-8123
Contact: Jason Liddick, Territory Sales Manager

Introducing New Chamber Member (joined in March 2007)...

New Horizons Youth Ministries is a state licensed therapeutic Christian education childcare institution for high potential, underachieving teens, established in 1971. Students are co-ed, aged 12 to 18, from strong Christian families. Their primary problems are low self-esteem, behavior problems, underachieving in school, problems with parents, poor peer choices and turning away from family faith and values. New Horizons is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization overseen by a board of directors consisting of former students, staff, parents of former students and prominent business professionals. New Horizons Academy is accredited by ACSI, NCA, Freeway and the state of Indiana. This academy offers both boarding and day school programs.

Important Dates

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

- 06/07/07 Board Officers Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. - Trejo's Gyros
- 06/14/07 Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. - Chamber Office Conference Room
- 06/19/07 Business Mentoring Group @ 8:00 a.m. - Chamber Office Conference Room - Call the Chamber Office 674-7545 for reservation.
- 06/20/07 Director's Luncheon @ 12 Noon - Eastview Wesleyan Church (Guaranteed reservations required NLT June 15, 2007 - Call 674-7545 and leave message to make reservation.)
- 06/22/07 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

Fourth Annual Gas City Area Chamber Golf Outing

Friday, July 13, 2007

Club Run at Walnut Creek Golf Course

18 Holes of Golf - Cart - Lunch & Beverages
Loads of Fun - Lots of Prizes - Sponsorship Opportunities

See attached registration and flyer for more information.

Introducing New Members to the Board of Directors...

Kelly Ailstock

Renbarger Insurance & Financial Services

Elected 4/24/07

Kelly Ailstock has been in the insurance business since 1990. She has experience in many insurance related fields including commercial lines, personal lines, group benefits, life and health insurance. Kelly is very active in the community and a member of both the Indiana Young Agents Association where she serves on the Communications Committee and the Grant County Young Professionals. She is a member of the Marion-Grant County and Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce. Kelly serves as a Diplomat for the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce welcoming new businesses to our area and also serves as the Gas City Chamber Annual Meeting chairperson and now serves on the Board of Directors. Kelly is a member of the Gas City Kiwanis Club as well.



Dawn Brown

Community Foundation of Grant County, IN, Inc.

Elected 4/24/07

Dawn Brown is the Community Development Officer at the Community Foundation of Grant County. This position is funded through a sustainability grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. Dawn is a native of Grant County and has a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Ball State University and a Master's Degree in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University. Dawn, her husband Jerry, and their sons Griffin and Dalton are actively involved in the community in an effort to make Grant County a better place to live, work and play.



Nancy Bryant

Gas City-Mill Twp. Library
Elected 4/24/07

Nancy Bryant is the Director, Gas City-Mill Township Public Library and has always lived in the Jonesboro/Gas City area. She graduated from Mississinewa High School in 1981, attended Indiana University and received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education in 1986 and Master's Degree in Library Science in 2005 from IUPUI. Her career began as a substitute teacher while also working as a bookseller at Waldenbooks in Marion where she became the Assistant Manager in 1991. In February 1994, Nancy began working for the Library in the Reference Department and then Children's Department and was hired as Library Director in August 2001. Duties include overseeing the day-to-day functions of the library, preparing budgets, developing collections, planning programs and managing a staff of nine.

**Susan Miller**

Mutual Federal Savings Bank
Appointed 5/10/07

Susan Miller is employed as a Business Development Officer for Mutual Federal Savings Bank. Susan graduated from Madison-Grant and from Indiana Wesleyan University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. Susan and her husband, Scott, reside in Gas City with their two daughters, Olivia (age 7) and Emma (age 3).

**Director's Luncheon Meeting**

Eastview Wesleyan Church hosted a baked potato bar luncheon on May 16 for 56 Gas City Area Chamber members and guests. Janet Blake, President presided and presented membership plaques to new members **Howe's Financial Service**, accepting Aleta Howe, and **JG Consulting Group, Inc.**, accepting Jim Goodpaster.

Announcements included mention of the Concerts in the Park series, the Chamber sponsored Golf Outing scheduled for July 13 and Dorine Ward asked for Perfect Attendance sponsorship commitments to be dropped off at the Chamber office. Members were reminded of the tax-deductible method of donating sponsorship funding to make payable to Community Foundation and earmark for the designated event.

New Board members Kelly Ailstock, Dawn Brown, Nancy Bryant and Susan Miller were introduced and welcomed. The DECA students were acknowledged and their sponsors - Becky Kammeyer, **MHS**; Barb Kitts, **Barb's Bits & Bytes**; Susan Knapp, **Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home**; and Jason Phillips, **Indiana Blood Center** - were thanked for supporting the DECA youth at the May Luncheon.

Jan Webster, **Twin City Journal Reporter** won a free computer tune-up from **Barb's Bits & Bytes** when answering correctly the Chamber website address www.gascity.com

York House provided the luncheon program. Christina Alvarado, Marketing Coordinator described the everyday living environment of York House, an assisted living residence. Their mission is to

enhance their residents' quality of life by creating a home-like setting that fosters independence, dignity and choice. Members were invited to experience York House's care and service and meet their residents with a personal visit.

Indiana Blood Center, Jason Phillips, Field Representative, enlightened members on the need to become a blood donor. He said that there is often only a two-day supply available and that 1,000 units a day is the average needed to keep a healthy supply. With advances in medical science and more complicated surgeries becoming available, more blood is needed. The volume of blood transfused is increasing at a rate of 6% per year. Less than 5% of healthy Americans eligible to donate actually donate each year. Adult males average 12 pints of blood in their body, females average nine pints. One blood donation is a pint and your body begins to replace the blood cells immediately. A healthy individual can safely donate whole blood every 56 days. If interested in hosting a blood drive, contact Jason at jphillips@indianablood.org or call 765-642-4547. One unit collected can save up to three lives. Diplomat greeters for today's luncheon were Susan Bournique, **Salin Bank & Trust Co.**, and **Mark Storey, Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service**.

GPS Adventures Opens at Minnetrista

Explore the latest craze in technology with *GPS Adventures*. Find out how global positioning systems are used not only for serious business, but for fun and recreation. This exhibit is opening nationally at Minnetrista on June 2nd. In honor of that opening, Minnetrista is hosting an Event Cache with Groundspeak, Trimble and Minotaurmaze. For details visit www.minnetrista.net

Small Business Mentoring Group...

Bernie Kaltz has been the chair for this group upon its inception and has done an outstanding job of establishing this groups' purpose and value to potential, new and existing members. Bernie has resigned his position as chairman and we now introduce David Penticuff, **Chronicle-Tribune** Managing Editor. Future committee meetings will now be held in the Chamber office conference room; appointments are required, call the Chamber office at 674-7545.

Business Spotlight

Mississinewa High School Partnership: April Dickey's high school Journalism students have partnered with the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce agreeing to contact area Chamber members and submit articles for publication in the Chamber Notes. Students, freshmen through senior grades, are using skills they are learning by making contact with area businesses, interviewing and writing "Business Spotlight" articles for publication. Following is a feature article submitted by Mississinewa High School:

Gas City Victory Lanes by Jasmine Lytle, MHS Journalism Student

Nancy and LeRoy Battieger, owners of the Gas City Victory Lanes, have renovated and changed the whole bowling alley for their first year, at 801 E. Main St. in Gas City, which is where Hoosier Bowl was the following years. "The people here are just so great, and to see lots of people come in and enjoy themselves," said Nancy, "it's been really nice." Nancy and LeRoy help families find something to do together by redoing the bowling alley and more. "We just added a cleaner and inviting environment for

families to come and enjoy our place," said Nancy. "Plus we had added more items to the food menu, shirts with our logo, catalogs for items like bags and shoes, and we also drill balls for everyone." They are open at 3 p.m. until 5 or 5:30 p.m. for open bowling then after that they have to get the lanes ready for the league bowlers. "We have to open this place up at 3 p.m. because my husband has another job and I have a teaching job in Anderson," said Nancy. Their business is long and very stressful to do, but it makes it worth it to see everyone come out with family and friends, and enjoy him or herself. The couple runs their business by: "Making sure that everyone is satisfied with everything and making sure everything is family oriented here," said Nancy. When they bought the bowling alley they had redone everything in it by gutting the inside of it. "We had to do a lot of hard work on making it look a whole lot nicer by taking out some of the walls to make more seating room, and we had also re-tiled, taking out old furniture and bringing newer ones in, and we had to paint a lot," said Nancy. In their first years as owners, some of their Youth League went to state on March 3; approximately half of their Youth League had been qualified to go. The owners love to help the Youth League out by helping them with their bowling and also Nancy makes them breakfast and sometimes their other foods. "I love to help the Youth League, and I also kid around with them, they're just really great kids," said Nancy. "My husband is really excited to be going with the qualified bowlers, and he's really happy to be going down there with them to cheer them on." Some of the Youth Leaguers are Corey Lawson 6th grader of R.J. Basket Middle School, along with Kye Brown, Garret Baker junior of Mississinewa High School. They all had fun and really want to go again next year. Corey Lawson said, "Oh yeah! I would love to go back there. It was fun to hang out with my friends and make more." "Yeah I would like to come back next year because maybe I'll be better next year," said Garret Baker. To get there they had to practice like crazy but some didn't even try because they were trying to have fun more than anything. "I had to put in a lot of effort and practice because I'm mainly the youngest one on the team this year," said Kye Brown. When they were there they had a lot of competition, but on the other hand they tried not to think about it like there were a lot of it. "A lot of competition was there and everyone was amazing (besides me)," said Baker. So Gas City Victory Lanes is an up and coming place for all ages to have fun with their family.

2007 Concert Schedule - Gas City Park - Tuesday Evenings - 7:30 p.m.

June 12 - MISSISSINewa VALLEY BAND (Big Band) - Free Ice Cream Social hosted by Needham-Storey-Wampner before the concert.

June 19 - INDIANAPOLIS JAZZ ORCHESTRA (Big Band)

June 26 - HOWARD LIVINGSTON & MILE MARKER 24 (Jimmy Buffet Style/South Florida Music)

July 10 - KELLAM & DEAKYNE (Variety Duo)

July 17 - ED CRAWFORD & THE MYSTERY MEN QUARTET (Gospel)

July 24 - TUXEDO JUNCTION (Big Band)

July 31 - RICK HOWARD, JR. (Country)

Chamber activity event sponsorships are always welcome. Checks may be made payable to the Gas City Area Chamber, earmarked "Concerts" and mailed to 316 E. Main St., Gas City IN 46933. If donation is to be tax-deductible, make payable to Community Foundation and earmark "Concerts."

Kudos to...

Mark Sullivan for replacing the toilet in the Chamber Office.
Thank you, Mark, for your last Presidential act of kindness.

Letter to the Editor

Hello, this message is to remind Chamber members of our ability to print 24' x 36' blueprints for the general public. All we need is an email or hard copy of the DWG file and time to print the sheets out on our plotter. We price the prints at \$3.00 per sheet and can also be printed in color upon special request. As always, the Crandall Office is here to assist builders, fabricators, contractors, developers and realtors.

We enjoy working with all of you and want to remind you of our willingness to assist you in every possible way.

Have a great weekend.
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So You Think You Know Everything?

"Our eyes are always the same size from birth,
but our nose and ears never stop growing".

Board of Directors 2007-2008

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REGISTRATION: 4th Annual Gas City Area Chamber Golf Outing

Friday, July 13, 2007

11:00am Registration & Lunch / 12:30pm Shotgun Start

Driving Range Usage Available 1 Hour Prior to Start

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

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

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

*NEW - 1st Place Team to participate in the Longest Putt Contest
immediately following the outing for a chance to win \$5,000 CASH*

Complete & Return by July 6 to:

Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

316 East Main Street, Gas City, IN 46933

PH. (765) 674-7545 or FAX (765) 674-1152

Make checks payable to: *Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce*

4TH Annual Gas City Area Chamber Golf Outing
Friday July 13, 2007 - Club Run at Walnut Creek Golf Course

The 4TH Annual Gas City Area Chamber Golf Outing will be Friday, July 13, 2007. **Your Chamber anticipates raising over \$3,000, that will help support the many Chamber sponsored activities through the year**, which directly and indirectly benefits 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 4 person team; (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/organization's name will be displayed on the Hole-In-One hole during the outing. (\$250 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/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/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
- ◆ NEW - Long Putt Contest Sponsor = the winning foursome will select one member of their team to make a 100 foot putt to win \$5,000 cash for their team; your company/organization's name will be displayed at the contest Putting Area during the outing (\$200 Sponsorship)
- ◆ Oasis Beverage Sponsors = your company/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 misc. business give-a-way items to be distributed to each golfer (Promote Your Business)
- ◆ All sponsors will be listed in the press releases before and after the event.
- ◆ Your company/organization will be highlighted as an Outing sponsor in the Chamber Notes newsletter 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 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 13th.

Anyone interested in serving on the golf outing committee can contact Dennis Banks 673-6460.

Dennis W. Banks
On behalf of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce