

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

July 2007

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

The Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has approved a Golfcar Raffle. The tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased from various Chamber Member businesses and banks within our city, any board member, from the Chamber Office and are also available for purchase on line at www.gascity.com.

The Concerts In The Park continue to draw a large supportive crowd each Tuesday evening thanks to Mark Storey, Corporate Arts Series Chairman, and the Diplomats for making attendees feel welcome. If you have not had the pleasure of attending, please come out and support the Chamber at this event. The music is great and the weather has been very cooperative.

If you missed the last luncheon, you missed a lot fun. The feedback has been very positive from our members in regards to getting to know other businesses, their owners and representatives. Call the Chamber Office now to guarantee your reservation for the July luncheon.

Please support your Gas City Area Chamber members.

Janet Blake

Welcome New Members

All In One Disposal, 8251 S 400 W, Jonesboro IN 46938.

Telephone: 948-4451 Contact: Tara Eastburn

Introducing New Chamber Member

JG Consulting Group, Inc. Owner: James H. Goodpaster

JG Consulting is a Sales and Marketing business providing merchant services and marketing strategies to businesses. In 1990, Jim and a partner had to close their home-based business because they did not qualify for certain merchant services. In 1992, Jim was introduced to a company in California that provided those merchant services to all types of businesses. He saw this as an opportunity to help business owners have access to all merchant services in the hopes that he could help them stay in business along with achieving their goals. He says that he is blessed to be able to do what he does and as far as jobs go this is his dream job. His favorite community event is the James Dean Festival and he likes to vacation in California - visiting friends and business colleagues or Las Vegas - playing poker and seeing the sites. His

hobbies include golf, poker, woodworking, crossword puzzles, Sudoku or pretty much anything as long as it is a challenge. He admires anyone who goes beyond his or her comfort zone to try something new or to take up a new endeavor. His greatest accomplishment is helping people become successful and knowing that he had a small part of that success. He has yet to shoot par in a round of golf and hopes to accomplish that soon. He joined the Air Force in 1982 and served his country for 10 years. In 2001, he decided to move back to Marion so he could be around friends and family. He has lived all over the world and says he can truthfully say it is good to be back home. Jim is originally from Marion and we are glad you're back. Welcome home.

Important Dates

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

- 07/05/07 Board Executive Officers Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. - City Hall
- 07/10/07 Business Mentoring Group @ 8:00 a.m. - Chamber Office Conference Room - Call the Chamber Office 674-7545 for reservation.
- 07/12/07 Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. - Chamber Office Conference Room
- 07/18/07 Director's Luncheon @ 12 Noon - Eastview Wesleyan Church (Guaranteed reservations required NLT July 13, 2007 - Call 674-7545 and leave message to make reservation.)
- 07/22/07 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

Old Fashioned Fourth

The festival will be two days, July 3 and July 4. The fire department will be doing "The Big Show." We are in the process of ordering the fireworks and they promise a bigger and better show than last year. It's hard to believe it could be a bigger or better show than last year. Food vendors, flea markets, craft booths, baseball games, little Prince & Princess contest, fire truck rides, Janelle Stone's Fun Services and of course the Kiwanis parade beginning at K-Mart on July 4th. There will be live music July 3rd and on July 4th running throughout the day until the BIG SHOW; which will kick off at dusk or approximately 10:00 p.m.

Camping will be allowed from Saturday, June 30 through Thursday, July 5. Campsites are limited and must be prepaid at the Clerk-Treasurers Office located in City Hall, 211 East Main Street, ph. 677-3079.

We need your help this year!!! We always ask and you always come through. Our bank account starts with \$62.00 and the fireworks and entertainment will cost us approximately \$12,000 so any donations that you could give would be a great help and greatly appreciated.

Remember, all proceeds go to the Fourth of July Festivities!!! Please send your donations to:

Old Fashioned Fourth
805 S. Broadway
Gas City, Indiana 46933

If questions, please contact Old Fashioned Fourth Chairman, Bill Rock, Jr. at 674-5295.

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
Contact Dennis Banks (765-673-6460)
or the Chamber Office (765-674-7545) for more information.

5th Annual Gas City Moose Lodge 1778 Open Charity Car Show - July 14, 2007

REGISTRATION: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, \$10.00 day of show

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$8.00, ends July 1, 2007

Awards at 3:00 p.m., must be present to win. This is a judged show, awards to Top 50: Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior, Governors Choice and Best of Show. All proceeds go to charity.

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Lunch: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (hot dogs and hamburgers)

Large 50/50 Raffle - Games - Fun - Fun - DJ K-C's Rock-N-Roll Oldies

Dash plaques and goody bags to first 100 Cars. For more information call Moose Lodge 765-674-7011 or Gary Dalton 765-674-0616.

Golfcar Raffle - \$1.00 per Ticket

4-passenger **2002 E-Z-GO** TXT gasoline golf car complete with: NEW black body, tan seats and standard tan sun canopy, 90-day full warranty from delivery (Professional Golfcar Corporation), headlights with recessed tail lights and brake lights, chrome wheel covers, chrome side rails, chrome pinstripes and dashboard. The drawing will be held at noon on Sunday, September 30 at the Ducktail Run Car Show (you need not be present to win). Contact the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce for more information or visit www.GasCity.com. Tickets may be purchased on-line.

Community Box Office Opens

The Community Box Office and Visitor's Center will provide visitor information and is a one-stop shop for tickets and packages for events around Grant County. They are located in the Centrum Mall and offer one of a kind service of which we are especially proud of in our 'small' community and thanks go to Indiana Michigan Power who has agreed to sponsor the box office for the next five years. Members of the Marion-Grant County Chamber Ambassadors and the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce Diplomats were on hand to cut the ribbon and open the Community Box Office.



Director's Luncheon Meeting

The June meeting of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce was held at the **Eastview Wesleyan Church**. There were approximately 50 individuals who enjoyed sub-sandwiches served with sides of macaroni and cheese, baked beans, strawberry shortcake and drinks. Janet Blake, President presided and invited everyone present to introduce themselves.

Acknowledgements included recognition of **Mark Sullivan** who was presented with the Past President's plaque and thanked for providing the Chamber with two consecutive terms. **Mark Storey**, Corporate Art Series Chairman, gave members a recap of the Concerts In The Park which we are enjoying our seventh season. Concerts are held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. through July. Sponsors were acknowledged and members were invited to sponsor an event in conjunction with the concerts to take advantage of those attending the concerts and give their businesses name and face recognition. **Dennis Banks**, Golf Scramble Chairman reminded members of the July 13th event and welcomed registration and sponsorship. New members **China One Restaurant**, new owner Ping Z Gang, and **Home Loan USA** were not present but welcomed.

Jim Brunner, **Mid-America Radio** was introduced as the guest speaker. He gave an enjoyable and comical look back over 60 years of broadcasting to the local community. WBAT 1400 AM celebrating 60 years of broadcasting offered ads on WBAT radio at 1947 prices. Two tickets each to a Martina McBride and Bob Dylan concert were awarded. Thank you, Jim, and congratulations WBAT on 60 years of continuous broadcasting, local support, coverage and listening enjoyment.

Diplomat greeter for the luncheon was **Karen Owen**.

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:

Jackie's Family Restaurant by Shelton Sumner

Jackie Ingle and her husband own Jackie's Family Restaurant, which serves a variety of foods including American and Mexican cuisine. They are known for their home-cooked meals served in a friendly, family-style restaurant environment. "We cook steak, pot roast, and make homemade pies," said Ingle. In addition, breakfast is served anytime and daily lunch specials are offered.

For Ingle, there are many advantages to owning the restaurant. "I like meeting the people and being your own boss," said Ingle. Located at 105 N. Harrisburg Ave., Jackie's has been a Gas City staple for two decades. "I grew up in Gas City and I love these people," said Ingle. "Gas City has been good to us for 20 years."

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."

Congratulations to... Caleb Crandall and Lyndsey Gosser on your engagement Vincent Smith and Whitney Ross on your neptuals

Get well wishes to... David Kahkola

Condolences to... Ricardo Flores upon the passing of your brother

Kudos to... The Primitive Inn as highlighted by Indiana Municipal Power Agency in a recent publication.

Letter to the Editor

A sampling of hand-written notes received from DECA students following the May Director's luncheon.

Dear Chamber of Commerce Members:

I want to thank you for your kindness this past year. It was great to be able to attend as many luncheons as we did and it was an excellent experience. I would like to take this time to thank the members for paying for our meals that is extremely generous and we really appreciate it. It's great to see new things happening in the community and how newer businesses are doing. Thank you again; we really appreciate your support. --Sincerely, Samantha Blake

Dear Chamber of Commerce Members:

I really enjoyed every luncheon I attended. It was awesome to get to know the business people in our area. Plus, every luncheon I learned something new (like when the Starbucks was getting built in Gas City). Thank you to everyone who prepared meals. All of the food was great and so much better than school lunch! It was a great opportunity for me! --Sincerely, Heather Smith

Dear Chamber of Commerce Members:

I would like to say thank you for sponsoring the Mississinewa Chapter of DECA for the luncheons for this year. It has been an honor to attend the luncheons and have the opportunity to interact

with the community leaders there. I have learned a great deal and am very appreciative of this experience. Thanks again. - Sincerely, Alex Armstrong

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Dear Gas City Area Chamber:

As part of Indiana's continuing effort to battle identity fraud, card tampering, and underage drinking, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles will issue new driver licenses and identification cards starting in June 2007. These identity documents will include many of the most advanced and innovative ID security features available to fight counterfeiting, photo swapping and tampering. These security features include:

- ◆ Vertical format for Under 21.
- ◆ Printed Variable Data, only detectable with a black light.
- ◆ IDMarc, a security feature only detectable by a validation device.
- ◆ UV Ghost Portrait.
- ◆ 2D Barcode on back.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 317-232-5914 or rstiver@bmv.in.gov or our public affair director, Anne Valentine at 317-232-1936 or avalentine@bmv.in.gov. -Sincerely, Ronald L. Stiver, Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner

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John R. Haney Successfully Passed the Fundraising 50 Certification Exam

Fort Wayne, Indiana – June 20, 2007
DWD Technology Group, would like to congratulate John R. Haney, CPA, Systems Consultant in the Fort Wayne office, for successfully passing the Fundraising 50 Version 7.0 Certification Exam. Congratulations John!



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2007-2008**

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So You Think You Know Everything?

The sentence: “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog” uses every letter of the alphabet.