

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

August 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 Message

The Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce participated in the Kiwanis 4th of July Parade. Kudos to the Kiwanis Club of Gas City for a great job; fun was had by all.

Congratulations to the students who were awarded recognition for Perfect Attendance and Outstanding Attendance. Many thanks to the Perfect Attendance committee for an excellent job.

Our Concerts In The Park are coming to an end; I must say THANKS to Mark Storey for his untiring work and support of the Chamber. Anyone who knows Mark knows that he never seeks acknowledgement but many accolades are deserved for him making sure the Concerts are a success and that each person in attendance receives his personal greeting. Thank you to everyone for coming out to enjoy the Concerts and when you see Mark out and about on the streets of Gas City, say "Thank You."

Please try and attend our Chamber of Commerce Director's monthly luncheon where you can network your business and enjoy a good meal, too. See you next month.

Janet Blake

Welcome New Member

ISB Consulting Group LLC

672 W. Reade Avenue, Upland IN 46989

Telephone: 765-948-7050 Contact: Ian A. Blair

Important Dates

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

- 08/02/07 Board Executive Officers Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. - **Jackie's Restaurant**
- 08/09/07 Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. - **Chamber Office** Conference Room
- 08/14/07 Business Mentoring Group @ 8:00 a.m. - **Chamber Office** Conference Room - Call the Chamber Office 674-7545 for reservation.
- 08/15/07 Director's Luncheon @ 12 Noon - **Eastview Wesleyan Church** (Reservations required NLT August 10. Call 674-7545 and leave message to make reservation.)
- 08/22/07 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline
NOTE: Please note that the Small Business Mentoring Group now meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month; this is a change from the previously scheduled 3rd Tuesday.

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.

Director's Luncheon Meeting

On Wednesday, July 18, forty-one community leaders and business people gathered at **Eastview Wesleyan Church** for the monthly Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce Director's luncheon. Attendees enjoyed a Parmesan chicken dinner followed by business of the Chamber presented by Janet Blake, President. New member **All In One Disposal** was announced. **Mark Storey**, Corporate Art Series Chairman was acknowledged for his outstanding support and presentation of a banner season of "Concerts In The Park." The Chamber Golf Outing Chairman, **Dennis Banks** was applauded for his diligence in presenting the most successful golf outing fundraiser to date. Dennis and his committee are commended. Blake reminded members of the Chamber Golf Car Raffle, \$1 per ticket may be purchased on-line, www.GasCity.com.

Gilead Ministries, Bill Sparks, Outreach Coordinator presented the program. Everyone remained seated; everyone faced forward and listened attentively while Sparks captured everyone's attention. He related his own personal story of how cancer touched his life when receiving a call from his brother telling him that their father had been diagnosed with cancer. Cancer is a dreaded word but will affect us all either personally or by a loved one, close friend or acquaintance. He left us with the message to... "Begin today to help someone else."

Kelly Snyder served as the Diplomat greeter at the luncheon.

Diplomats

Welcome **Dennis Banks** and **Nancy Bryant** as our newest members to the Diplomats. The Diplomats are a group of Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce members who may be called upon to serve as ambassadors at special functions. New members are always welcome; contact Anita Rice, Diplomat Coordinator, at the Chamber office, ph. 674-7545.

Chronicle-Tribune Under New Ownership

Paxton Media Group LLC, a private, family-owned media business based in Paducah, Kentucky added the newspaper (C-T) to its chain. The acquisition makes the *Chronicle-Tribune* the 10th Paxton newspaper in Indiana and the company's largest in the state. The chain owns 31 newspapers in nine states. Paxton was founded in 1896. Neal Ronquist, C-T's new publisher, said the *Chronicle-Tribune* is a well-respected newspaper.

Chamber Note: Mr. Ronquist is the featured speaker at the August Chamber Director's Luncheon so you will have the opportunity meet, greet and welcome him.

-Excerpt from July 3, 2007 C-T

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:

Mike Anderson Chevrolet by Kristin Johnson

Mike Anderson Chevrolet is located in downtown Gas City at 119 East Main Street. Part of the Mike Anderson Auto Group, the business assists customers in new and used car sales, collision repair and automobile servicing. Robert Althouse started out washing cars in 1985, but has moved up to part owner of Mike Anderson Chevrolet in Gas City, a position he's held since 2000.

The company offers the opportunity for advancement. Althouse said he has been employed by Mike Anderson Chevrolet for 15 years but has served as a manager there for the past 12 years. Currently, the car dealership employees about 30 people, ranging from sales people to repairmen to car washers. When hiring new employees, Althouse looks for honesty and self-motivation.

A common motto at Mike Anderson Chevrolet is to "make the customers happy and help them with all their auto needs."

Although the job does sometimes take him away from his family, Althouse always looks forward to coming to work and helping people each day. He offers the following advice: "Look forward to what you do every day or life will get you down and you'll struggle every day." So pick something that you will like to do and work your way up like Althouse has done!

Mike Anderson Chevrolet operates Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

What exactly is Indiana Internet?

Indiana Internet is an internship-matching program linking employers, students, colleges and universities by providing both high-tech and high-touch support. It is a powerful high-tech Web-based search, matching and reporting system coupled with "high touch" personal assistance, a toll-free hotline to answer questions and provide internship guidance, resource materials, creating or expanding high quality internship opportunities within the state.

Indiana Internet was formed in 2001, shortly after a series of Indiana Chamber - led studies that demonstrated the state's "brain drain" issue. The Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce initiated and operated the program in partnership with the University of Indianapolis. With continued funding from the Lilly Endowment, in May 2004, the organization was granted 501(c)3 tax exempt status and was moved to the Indiana Chamber, the state's largest business advocacy organization.

"We believe that internships afford a great opportunity for companies to introduce themselves to prospective employees and we will be encouraging increased participation by the state's business community", offered Indiana Chamber President Kevin Brinegar.

They took a QUACK and won!

The 1st Annual Carey Services Duck Race at the Splash House grand opening on Saturday, July 7 was a ducky event. Proceeds from the Duck Race went to support client activities at Carey Services and the United Way of Grant County. Funding will support such things as hearing aids, eyeglasses, wheelchairs and wheelchair repair that are not reimbursable by Medicaid or other funding sources.

Carey Services was established in 1954 through the efforts of parents of persons with disabilities and concerned citizens of our community. Their purpose in 1954 still serves as the underlying philosophy that drives Carey Services today...creating pathways towards self-sufficiency with personal satisfaction.

They took a QUACK and won! The winners of the duck race were: \$1,500 CASH 1st Place - Paul Widener, \$500 CASH 2nd Place - John Yount, \$250 CASH 3rd Place - Southworth Ford. Congratulations to the winners and Carey Services for an innovative, fun and successful event.

2007 GOLF OUTING RECAP

The 4th Annual Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing was held on Friday July 13, 2007. The Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following businesses for their participation with a Team Entry, Hole Sponsor, Oasis Sponsor, Food Court and contributors making this year's outing a success:

- ◆ Host and Sponsor: Walnut Creek / Club Run Golf Courses
- ◆ Team Winners:
 - 1ST PLACE: Tom Drook, Josh Peters, Ray Harris and Tim Weiland
 - 2ND PLACE: Larry Henn, Jim R. Baker, Larry Litke and Mike Hicks
 - 3RD PLACE: John Ferguson, James Davis, Dave Weaver and John Kennedy
- ◆ Contest Winners:
 - Closest To The Pin, Hole # 8: Adam Riggle
 - Closest To The Pin, Hole # 12: Jeff Watts
 - Longest Drive, Hole #5: Mike Hicks
 - Longest Drive, Hole # 10: Steve Gorrell
- ◆ Fantasy Golf Putting Contest Winners:
 - 1ST PLACE: Dennis Ott
 - 2ND PLACE: Kara Christian
 - 3RD PLACE: Robbie Riddle
 - 4TH PLACE: Wayne Seybold

THANK YOU to all the PLAYERS and the following CONTRIBUTORS and SPONSORS: Walnut Creek & Club Run Golf Courses, Randy & Sara Ballinger, Mindy Ballinger, Jon Liddick & Staff, 2B Personalized, American Woodmark, Angels Of Mercy, Arby's Roast Beef-Gas City, Balloons, Flowers & Gifts, Bo's Twin City Auto Service, Bright House Networks, Cancer Services of Grant Co., Carey Services, Chronicle-Tribune, Colonial Oaks Health & Rehabilitation, Community Foundation of Grant County, Creative Fuel Design, Dulin, Ward & DeWald, Inc., Electric Cars & Carts-Marion, E-Z Go Golf Carts, Gilead Ministries, Good Neighbor Pharmacy, Grant Co. Sheriff Dept., Harner's Service Center, HR Simplified, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Indiana Municipal Power Agency, Indiana Wesleyan University, Insurance Management, Irving Materials, Inc., J.G. Consulting Group, Jones Concrete,

Lance's New Market-Gas City, Lay's Potato Chips-Leroy Battieger, Lowden Jewelers, Manpower, Marcia Atkinson, Marion General Hospital, Marion Philharmonic Orchestra, Marion School Employees Federal Credit Union, McDonald's Restaurant-Gas City, Mike Anderson Chevrolet, Mississinewa Valley Paving, Mutual Federal Savings Bank, Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Services, New Hope Hospice, Next Level Communications, Nicholson Realty, Olynger Management Corporation, Oradat Builders, Owen's Hardware, Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Packaging Corporation Of America, Price-Leffler, Salin Bank & Trust, Save-On Liquor, Sophie's Ice Cream-Gas City, Star Financial Bank, Starbucks-Gas City, The Cove, The Ice House, The Splash House, Thermtch Systems, Thompson Trucking, Tim Harris, Twin City Journal-Reporter, Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Wal-Mart DC #7055, Wal-Mart 1294-Marion, Walter Wood Realtors, WBAT/ WCJC Radio, Wesleyan Health Care and Zion Mortgage Solutions.

Volunteers: Alex Armstrong, Darlene Baker, Jim Brunner (MC), Lindsey Dewitt, Celeste Draher, Barbara Mitchell and Jordan Tittle.

And a SPECIAL THANKS to the **GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE:** Cheryl Baker, Paula Barrett, Larry Henn, Scott Nicholson, Tonya Miller, Stacy Sample and Denny Smith.

Thanks again to all participants, contributors, sponsors and volunteers. See you next year!

Dennis Banks, 2007 Golf Outing Chairman

Personal regarding Penny...our Chamber Executive Director had a recent emergency appendectomy followed by scheduled cataract surgery on both eyes and is back at work doing fine. We always miss you, Penny, and wish you the best in health.

Get well wishes to...Charlie Garrett (Penny's husband) who is convalescing from total hip replacement. He is also recovering well and we hope to see him back shopping around town soon.

Kudos to...Mark Storey for his outstanding chairmanship of the 2007 Corporate Arts Series. The summer series was an inviting social event offered free-of-charge at the Eugene "Beaner" Linn Band Shell in the Gas City Park enjoyed by thousands of local and surrounding county and state visitors. Thanks also to the many donors, without them we could not continue to have such an enjoyable program. The sponsors are to be commended for their support in bringing to our community quality entertainment. Mark is responsible for the bookings, securing sponsorship and all the particulars (numerous details) associated with each event. Mark is present at every event, welcoming almost every attendee by name, makes the introductions, helps with set-up and cleans up afterward and doing so with a smile, never ruffled, even when dark clouds threaten rain at the last minute. Mark, the Chamber appreciates your tireless efforts and by response of the many concertgoers - you rock!

Kudos to...Dennis Banks for his organization skills and diligence in accomplishing the most successful golf outing to-date. Dennis organized his committee and utilized all his resources to (it seemed effortlessly) sign up 23 teams, secure over 40 sponsors and net a fundraising profit for this 2007 fourth annual and largest Chamber event. Thanks are also extended to the many sponsors and contributors toward making this the best golf outing yet. Dennis, your quite reserve and project leadership are commendable attributes. This Chamber thanks you for your hard work!

Kudos to...David Penticuff for bringing to our community the opportunity for small business owners to learn how to break into big time. A dozen interested members of the community and chamber representatives along with small business owners and others heard from Vernice Mathis, business development specialist for U.S. Small Business Administration, who enlightened them on loans and federal business programs that small businesses can use. Thanks, David, for hosting this opportunity.

DWD Technology Group Announces New Staff

DWD Technology Group, a division of Dulin, Ward & DeWald, Inc. with offices located in Fort Wayne, Marion, Huntington, Indiana and Toledo, Ohio is pleased to announce that **C.J. Kaufman** has joined our Toledo office as a Senior Systems Consultant. He comes to DWD with a strong background in software consulting including Platinum for Windows, Dynamics Great Plains, MAS 90, BusinessWorks and Peachtree.

DWD Technology Group, the technology consulting division of Dulin, Ward & DeWald, Inc. is a Microsoft Certified Partner specializing in the evaluation, selection, implementation and support of accounting, network and business management systems. DWD Technology Group strives to implement the best technology solutions for the specific needs of your business. DWD Technology Group offers numerous products and services ranging from the design and implementation of networks to complete business management software. For more information contact Sherry Simerman, Marketing Manager, at (260) 423-2414 or visit www.dwdtechgroup.com.



Letters to the Editor

To all our sponsors of our 5th annual charity car show. Thanks for your support of things for door prizes or goody bag items or cash donations. We had 98 cars show up this year and we're able to make \$1400 for our charities. \$700 was given to "We Care" and \$700 was given to Mooseheart/Moosehaven for a total of \$3500 to each charity in the 5 years of having the car show. Thanks again.

Gary W. Dalton, Car Show Chairman

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The Gilead Ministries Board of Directors invites you to Help Us Help Cancer Patients; join us on August 17, 2007 for this year's...

GILEAD MINISTRIES CELEBRATION SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY AUGUST 17, 2007 - 2:00 PM SHOTGUN START

Lunch Included	Arbor Trace Golf Club
Hole In One Prize	2500 E 550 N - Marion IN 46952
Longest Drive	1st Place - \$300
Longest Putt	2nd Place - \$200
Straightest Drive	3rd Place - \$100
Putting Contest	

\$50 Player; \$200 Team. Celebration Hole Sponsors \$100. Take this opportunity to Honor or Memorialize your loved ones. Sponsor a hole in Honor or in Memory of a special person or loved one. Up to 5 names per sign. Mail pre-entries to: Gilead Ministries, PO Box 134, Jonesboro IN 46938 Questions: Call 664-3734. To register a team, call 662-8236.

Dear Friend,

It's that time again, for the 20th annual Twin City "We Care" Golf Scramble. This fundraiser is the one way we get our money for the "Toys for Kids". Once again it will be held at the Walnut Creek Golf Course on Saturday, September 8, 2007.

20th ANNUAL TWIN CITY WE CARE GOLF SCRAMBLE
"TOYS FOR KIDS"
WALNUT CREEK GOLF COURSE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
4-PERSON "BRING YOUR OWN TEAM"

We Care purchases toys with the money earned from this event. Parents are allowed to pick out one primary toy (approx. \$25), one secondary toy (approx. \$7.50) and several stocking stuffers (approx. \$2.00 ea). Each child also gets 3 pair underwear, 3 pair socks, a sweatshirt, hat and pair of gloves. All teams go off on #1; preferred tee times are available with team entry fee. Please drop off or mail entry forms to:

Walnut Creek Golf Course
400 South 7453 East, Marion IN 46953

FOOD SERVED AFTER YOUR ROUND
"TWIN CITY WE CARE" THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are looking for sponsors for the holes. They will have your name or business on them. The price is \$50.00 for half a hole or \$100.00 for a hole.

If you would like to sponsor a hole please send your money and what name you want to use on the hole to JoAnn Frame at 505 E.S."F" Street, Gas City IN 46933.

The community has been great in the past supporting "We Care" and with the loss of jobs and various other layoffs many from the Gas City, Jonesboro and Mill Township area; we fear the need will still be as great this year as in the past. Your support would be appreciated.

JoAnn Frame, Twin City We Care

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**2nd Annual Across the River Motorcycle and Trike Show
September 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2007 - Jonesboro IN**

Thursday 7 p.m. - Hangout at Ride N' Leather Shop
Friday 5 p.m. - Main Street closes for show / Registration starts
Friday 5 p.m. - Saturday 4 p.m. / Burn out contest 8 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-Poker Run Sign-up, Bikes out at 10 a.m.; 2 p.m.-Rodeo Events;
5 p.m.-Live Band Admission \$1
Sunday 9 a.m.- CMA Church Service; 2 p.m.-Parade; 3 p.m.- Awards

Contest Events - Come and Go Bike Show, Poker Run, Awards, Burn-out Pit, Neon Light Contest, Hang-out, Rodeo Games, Dyno Contest. **Changes to win for ALL** - Door Prizes, Raffle, Awesome Trophies, Gifts from Sponsors, Special Awards. **Things to see and do** - Lots of Bike parking, Venders, Food, Ducktail Car Show, Parade

Corrections

Susan Miller, Mutual Federal Savings Bank is one of our newest members to the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Her name has been omitted the last two months from the Board of Directors listing by error of the publisher. We welcome Susan to the Board and express our apologies.

So You Think You Know Everything?

Palindromes are words such as 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' spelled the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.

Board of Directors 2007-2008

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