

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

April 2008

The Chamber Mission Statement: To Promote, Nurture and Develop the Community and Character of the Gas City Area through cooperative efforts from Business, Industry and Education.

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.

Important Dates

Visit www.gascity.com to link to the online Community Calendar sponsored by IMI

- 04/03/08 Board Executive Officers Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. - **Chamber Office Conference Room**
- 04/10/08 Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. - **Chamber Office Conference Room**
- 04/15/08 Small Business Mentoring Group @ 8:00 a.m. - **Chronicle-Tribune Office Conference Room** - Meetings by appointment only; call the Chamber Office 674-7545.
- 04/22/08 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline
- 04/29/08 16th Annual Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Dinner Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. - **Grant County Event Center**

Director's Luncheon Recap

The monthly Director's Luncheon was held at Eastview Wesleyan Church on Wednesday, March 19 with 57 members and friends in attendance. Janet Blake, Chamber President, presided making the following announcements:

- ◆ New member, **Matthew's Chamber of Commerce** was introduced and presented with their membership plaque. **Hometown Animal Hospital**, Dr. Mary Gary, was introduced with husband Brian Dill and presented with their commemorative ribbon-cutting photo.
- ◆ New Diplomat members, Bill Rock, Garon Losure and Darin Webb were introduced.
- ◆ Traveling "Golden Fork Award" - introduced last month is given to the business that has the most representation each month at the Director's luncheon - was passed to Able Hands Homecare. Good Job!!!
- ◆ The Board of Directors at its regular March Board meeting shall elect the Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Officers and board members shall not serve simultaneously. Officers may serve more than one term subject to a majority vote by the Board of Directors (Rev. 10/02)
 - Due to a resignation, the Vice President is already in place and that is Michael Powell.
 - By unanimous vote, Candace Eck was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer.
- ◆ Congratulations **Marion General Hospital** on being one of two hospitals in Indiana named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Healthcare.
- ◆ Congratulations to **STAR Financial Bank** on their new Home Office grand opening in Marion.

- ◆ Small Business Mentoring Group presented a free seminar by Rick Leibowitz from East Central Indiana Small Business Development on 'Business Basics - Starting and Operating a Small Business.' Twenty-five people gathered at **Flores Restaurant** to help determine if and when it is the right time for them to start a business.
- ◆ No monthly Director's luncheon in April due to the 16th Annual Membership meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 29 at the Grant County Event Center.

Guest speakers were as follows:

- ◆ **Marion General Hospital** - Mission is to be the first choice for healthcare services and promote wellness in our region. MGH Vision is to expand delivery of healthcare services using best practices and by leading a collaborative approach involving physicians, staff, business leaders and our community. Marion General Hospital is a non-profit, 150-bed, acute care hospital located in Marion with an additional eight locations.
- ◆ **Able Hands Homecare** offers affordable skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, infusion therapy, home health aide and homemaking services. Home care is a wide range of health and social services that can be delivered at home to any age recovering, disabled, or chronically ill persons in need of medical, nursing, social, or therapeutic treatment and/or assistance with the essential activities of daily living. Home care is less expensive than other forms of care, improves quality of life, is both effective and efficient, reduces stress, offers personalized care, is safe, promotes healing, prevents or postpones institutionalization, keeps the elderly independent, and keeps families together.
- ◆ **Indiana Blood Center** on-site for the 2nd Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce hosted blood drive is raising awareness of the need for blood and blood donation, and continuing to recruit new and dedicated donors so the needs of our community's growing demands can be served. All blood collected by Indiana Blood stays in Indiana.

Thanks to Diplomat Greeters: Mark Siegelin and Nancy Bryant

Dues Time

April is the month that Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce membership dues invoices are mailed. Please renew your membership promptly. It has been a pleasure serving you and we hope to continue our association and look forward to another year of growth and prosperity for all.

Register to vote by April 7

Monday, April 7, is the registration deadline for voting in Indiana's primary election May 6. To register or update your current registration, visit www.in.gov/sos/elections/vote_reg.html. Complete the Voter Registration Form and return it to your county's voter registration office or the Indiana Election Division. You may also register by visiting your county voter registration or clerk's office, any BMV license branch or public assistance office. Once you've registered, visit www.indianavoters.com to locate the polling place where you will cast your ballot on Election Day.

Quote of the month...Remembering Staff Sgt. Collin J. Bowen, Fallen Soldier and Hero

"In this life there is no finish line, but we are to always keep pressing forward."

-- Fr. Richard Weisenberger, St. Paul Catholic Church

Diplomats

The Gas City Area Diplomats provide a personal handshake from the Chamber to new businesses. They are a distinguished service group and a lasting first impression of the commitment the Chamber gives to the community and the businesses it serves. Three new members have joined in recent months. Please welcome **Garon Losure, Bill Rock** and **Darin Webb**.

Election - Per Bylaws Article VII Section 1-6

Section 1 - Annual Election Time: The annual election of the Board of Directors of the Chamber shall be held during the month of April at the annual meeting of the members.

Section 2 - Directors Nominations: The nominating committee appointed by the President, consisting of one chamber member and two members of the board of directors, shall nominate at least three candidates who shall be members in good standing in the Chamber. Said list of nominees shall be sent to the membership immediately following the regular March Board Meeting.

Section 3 - Election Procedures: The nominated slate of Directors shall be elected by majority vote of membership in attendance at the annual April membership meeting.

Section 4 - Directors Term: The Board of Directors shall be composed of nine duly elected members in good standing of the Chamber. Annual elections will yield three members elected for a three-year term. New elections will yield replacements for the term that has expired. No board member shall serve more than six years consecutively. Directors shall serve staggered terms of office. All newly elected Board members shall attend an orientation class in May and will be seated at the regular May Board Meeting and shall be a participating member thereafter.

Section 5 - Voting: Each person, firm, association or corporation shall be entitled to one vote held on any question of in the election of directors. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. No firm, association or corporation shall be entitled to more than one vote, regardless of the number of paid memberships held.

Section 6 - Judges: The president shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, at least three judges who are not members of the board or candidates for election. They shall have supervision of the election and after auditing the ballots will issue certificates of election.

Members of the nominating committee are Chairman Larry Terwillegar, Dennis Banks, Dawn Brown, Dave Huffman and Denny Smith.

Judges are Kelly Ailstock, Nancy Brown and David Penticuff.

Candidates nominated for Board of Directors are Dennis Banks, Star Financial Bank; Aleta Goins, Howe Financial Services; Jim Goodpaster, JC Consulting; incumbent David Penticuff, Chronicle-Tribune Managing Editor; and incumbent Dorine Ward, York House.

Volunteers Color Our World

Volunteer Week April 27 - May 3, 2008

Thank you for taking the time to care. Your pride and commitment shows in all that you share. We appreciate your hard work and inspiration. Following are our Chamber volunteers and their comments when asked why they volunteer and what they like most about volunteering for the Chamber.



Gwen Black



Marilyn Brown



Anita Rice



Alice Shively

Gwen Black says, "Because Penny asked me to volunteer." Gwen calls members (without e-mail) each month to remind them of the Director's luncheon and she also assists with registration at the monthly luncheons. Meeting new members each month at the luncheon is what she enjoys most about volunteering for the Chamber.

Alice Shively says, "I simply wanted to give back to the small community I grew up in even if it is in small portions at a time. What I like most about volunteering for the Chamber is that it makes me a happy girl to help someone who sincerely appreciates it and being able to call Penny Garrett - friend."

Marilyn Brown says, "I enjoy working with Penny and have developed a friendship with her over the years." Marilyn is a people person and enjoys meeting new people. She wanted to do something to keep her mind active after retiring from Thompson.

Anita Rice says, "Having been a Director of Volunteers with 35 years of VA Voluntary Service experience, it is only natural that I become a volunteer myself upon retirement. I enjoy my continued professional association with the business community, I love Gas City and feel I can contribute to the growth through the Chamber."

Welcome to our MGH Surgery Department

By Pamela Hunt, R.N., BSN, MSN

Administrative Director of Surgical Services

The news that you are having surgery often times brings feelings of fear. Unlike many areas of Marion General Hospital, the surgery department is marked with "DO NOT ENTER" signs, which prohibit you from knowing much about what goes on behind closed doors.

Who are the people behind the masks and what are their roles in the safe and effective completion of

your surgical procedure? What is the purpose of all the equipment, the special lights, the instrumentation, the hats, masks, special clothing, and the cold environment? Where will you be when you wake up and who will be with you?

MGH's surgical services would like to help alleviate those fears and invite you into the surgical suite for a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on during the surgical procedure. During our public open house on Sunday, April 27, 2008, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., you will be able to enter our surgery department.

MGH's Ambulatory Surgery department is a 9-bed unit where patients are admitted prior to surgery. MGH maintains and operates in five surgical rooms - three general surgical rooms, a room specially designed for orthopedic cases and one room specially designed for Cesarean section deliveries. Within the surgery department, there are two endoscopy rooms for scope procedures. Patients recover in a six-bed Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) staffed with professional nurses at all times. Because your need for surgery can arise at any time of the day, there is staff available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

During the open house, you will meet the people who guide you safely through the surgical procedure. You will learn about the nurses who prepare you prior to surgery, the operating room registered nurse, the surgical scrub, the patient care assistant and the PACU nurse who is at your side after the procedure. The entire MGH surgical staff is proud to bring you this information, to show you the technology and share with you the mystery behind the closed doors.

MGH Surgery Open House
Sunday, April 27, 2008 - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Marion General Hospital Surgery - 5th Floor
441 N. Wabash Ave.
Marion IN

Websites of Interest

Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce - www.gascity.com
Grant County Growth Council - www.grantcoindevelopment.com
United States Small Business Administration - www.sba.gov
United States Department of Commerce - www.commerce.gov
State of Indiana - www.indiana.gov
Indiana State Chamber of Commerce - www.indianachamber.org
Indiana Workforce Development - www.hoosierdata.in.gov
Indiana Polling Places - www.indianavoters.com.

Time Gets Better With Age (Words of wisdom from all ages!)

I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there.

- Age 29

I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

- Age 30

I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it.

- Age 42

I've learned that you can make some one's day by simply sending them a little note.

- Age 44

YAWN

Tom had the problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work. His boss was mad at him and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it. So Tom went to his doctor who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. Tom slept well and in fact beat the alarm in the morning. He had a leisurely breakfast and drove cheerfully to work. "Boss", he said, "The pill actually worked!" "That's fine", said the boss, "But where were you yesterday?"

Chamber Spotlight on Business

Introducing Lisa Schoolman, owner of **Boutique 125**, a new and gently used clothing and retail store that features name brand clothing for juniors located at 238 E. Main Street, Gas City, Indiana. Lisa always dreamed of owning her own business, which she realized when cleaning out her daughters' closets. Lisa's favorite community event is the Ducktail Run and her favorite vacation spot is anywhere in the U.S. in their RV. She likes rummaging but admires most her husband Tim because he is the hardest worker she knows and he is extremely devoted to family. Some day Lisa would like to write a book and be on Oprah! Welcome, Lisa, and congratulations on your new business and how wonderful for Gas City that you occupied an existing storefront.

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 submitting articles for publication in the Chamber Notes. Students, freshmen through senior grades, are using skills they are learning by making contact with area businesses, making their request, interviewing and writing "Business Spotlight" articles for publication. Following is a feature article submitted by Mississinewa High School.

Boutique 125 - By Chelsea Montgomery

Driving down Main Street, you may notice a new addition to Gas City's businesses. Lisa Schoolman is the manager of Boutique 125 on 238 E. Main Street in Gas City.

"We have all sorts of name brand including Hollister, Aeropostale, American Eagle, UA, and Old Navy," said Schoolman.

The Boutique has been opened about six months. "I thought that Gas City needed more clothes stores, so I opted to put one in," she said.

Schoolman has a daily routine. "I come in and I organize, and make sure that everything is exactly where it needs to be," said Schoolman.

Schoolman enjoys her job. "Another day of fun, I love my job so I can't really say anything bad about it," she said. "I really enjoy seeing and having all my costumers each and everyday."

The resale shop's prices vary, depending upon the brand and type of clothing item. "Jeans sell about the most, but then we do have a lot of people buy shirts too," said Schoolman.

The store currently has four employees who work "non-stop" on the weekdays and it is open weekdays from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Cheers to...

The Small Business Mentoring Group of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce for their coordination of monthly free seminars for anyone interested in how to better manage their business. David Penticuff, Chairman is commended for his insight and tireless efforts to bring this opportunity to our community.

Letters to the Editor...

Chamber Members: Anderson University announces certificate for managers.

Anderson University's School of Adult Learning will kick off its nine month Certified Manager Certificate program designed for working adults from 6:00-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning April 9 and ending December 18, 2008. Classes will meet at the Anderson University Flagship Center conveniently located at Exit 22 on I-69 (2705 Enterprise Dr.) in Anderson. The certificate will help managers at any level demonstrate their ability to effectively manage people in the workplace. Upon successful completion, participants will earn 15 credit hours toward an Associate's or Bachelor's degree, as well as the Certified Manager Certificate of Achievement. The program has been approved for displaced workers eligible for TAA benefits through WorkOne and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. For more details, including financial aid and TAA eligibility information, please contact Jill Guion by phone: 765-641-4546 (toll free 877-428-2765) or by email: jrguion@anderson.edu.

Kerrie M. Aborn, Director, Professional Development Services

**WAL★MART D.C. 7055
CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK
Charity Golf Tournament
May 6, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.
Walnut Creek Golf Courses - Gas City IN
To reserve your team, call 765-677-7000**

Team Information... 2-person scramble; \$75 per player entry fee; includes green fee, cart, lunch and door prizes; limited to first 48 teams to register; shotgun start at 10:00a.m.

Hole Sponsorship... \$150.00 - Deadline for Hole Sponsorships, team sign ups and player fees will be April 22, 2008

DECA News Release

Chamber Members: On Sunday, March 9 - Tuesday, March 11, fifty-six Mississinewa High School DECA members joined with 1400 other teachers and students from over 60 schools to participate in the 62nd Annual State DECA Career Development Conference held in Indianapolis at the Downtown Marriott Hotel. Students attended general sessions, competed in marketing/occupationally-based events, and received many awards.

Each year the top six schools receiving the most competitive points are recognized. This year Mississinewa High School DECA received the 4th place award. Munster High School was 1st, Carmel High School 2nd, Brownsburg 3rd, Park Tudor 5th, and Frankfort High School was 6th.

The following students were recognized at the conference:

1st place Zach McVicker Technical Sales
2nd place Abby Goodpaster Learn & Earn Written Project

2nd place	Shelby George	Apparel & Accessories Series Overall Winner 1st place Marketing Information Management Role Play 3rd place Operations Role Play
3rd place	Dustin Altman	DECA Quiz Bowl Team
	Corey Jeffrey	DECA Quiz Bowl Team
	Josh Kennedy	DECA Quiz Bowl Team
	Daniel Watkins	DECA Quiz Bowl Team
3rd place	Wes Mills	Sports & Entertainment Overall Winner
3rd place	Rowdy Dawson	Public Relations Written Project
	Kait Linn	Public Relations Written Project
4th place	Kandace Gulley	Community Service Written Project
	Katelyn Simpson	Community Service Written Project
	Megan Williams	Community Service Written Project
5th place	Dustin Altman	Internet Marketing Management Decision Making Team
	Daniel Watkins	Internet Marketing Management Decision Making Team
6th place	Adam Young	Restaurant & Food Service Series Overall Winner
6th place	Alyson Arrendale	Hotel & Lodging Series Overall Winner
Top 10 Finalists ..	Beau Corey	Travel & Tourism Management Decision Making Team
	Nathaniel Fleming	Travel & Tourism Management Decision Making Team
	Tom Jeffries	Elected State Vice-President of Technology
	Katelyn Simpson	Elected District 3/6 President
	Caitlin Corbin	Gold/Diamond Chapter Awards
	Darcy Cunningham	Gold/Diamond Chapter Awards
	Shelby George	Gold/Diamond Chapter Awards

The Mississinewa Chapter was also recognized as a Diamond Chapter and Gold Chapter. These distinctions are based upon written documentation verifying activities in community service, leadership development, public relations, membership development, vocational understanding, and social intelligence. Caitlin Corbin, Darcy Cunningham, and Shelby George prepared the documentation for the Gold Chapter Awards Program.

Becky Kammeyer, Mississinewa High School DECA Advisor

An Alert to Accredited Businesses & Employees

from the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana

The 809 Area Code Scam is for real. It is being distributed throughout the United States and Canada.

If you receive an E-mail, phone call, page, or other means of communication, alerting you to call this area code for one of these reasons: a sick relative or friend, you've won a sweepstakes or lottery, you have outstanding debt and if you don't call immediately, your credit score could be in jeopardy, you are

being considered for employment, they want you to become a mystery shopper, or a variety of other ploys...you could easily become the victim. Foreign countries are now using US area codes, so consumers are being tricked to calling a number that will cost them in the long run.

Other area codes are being used as well, so beware and do not call or respond if something shows up! Check it out first.

Here's how it works: Once the victim places a call, he is connected to a fax machine, lengthy recorded message, or a pay-per-call service with a hefty up-front fee, all intended to keep him on the line as long as possible while the clocks tick and charges mount. The scammer's foreign phone company then bills the victim via his local phone company, splitting the monies collected with the scammers and leaving the victim little or no recourse since the foreign phone company operates outside US jurisdiction and is not subject o US laws.

A victim might realistically be taken for \$25 to \$100, but there have been higher amounts.

Alerts have been posted at the site of the National Fraud Information Center alerting businessmen especially to "fax back" solicitations employing the 809 callback trick, as well as other web sites. Consumers can also contact the Federal Communications Commission to file a complaint.

Scammers are working 24/7. They are not slowing down. They are consistently looking for ways to clean you out. Think before you act. All it takes is a few minutes of your time to get the right answers. Use your common sense at all times and in all situations.

**TWIN CITY HEALTHCARE
GAS CITY/MILL TWP LIBRARY**

**Announce Their 1st Annual
CHILI COOKOFF!!!**

Everyone Welcome - April 5, 2008 - 12:00-2:00p.m.

All proceeds to be donated to Gas City/Mill Twp Library
\$10.00 to enter - \$1.00 to taste - Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Twin City Healthcare
627 E N "H" St, Gas City IN 46933
Phone 765-674-8516

**Board of Directors
2007-2008**

Officers

Janet Blake, President
Next Level Communication, Inc.

Scott Nicholson, President Elect
Mutual Federal Savings Bank

Michael Powell, Vice-President
Mississinewa School Admin

Candace Eck, Secretary-Treas.
Dulin, Ward & DeWald, Inc.

Mark Sullivan, Ex-Officio
Irving Materials, Inc.

Members

M. Kelly Ailstock
*Renbarger Insurance & Financial
Services, Inc.*

Dawn Brown
*Community Foundation of Grant Co.,
IN, Inc.*

Nancy Bryant
Gas City-Mill Twp. Library

Fran Cheney
Good Neighbor Pharmacy

Scott Murphy
Wal-Mart Distribution

David Penticuff
Chronicle-Tribune

Denny Smith
2 B Personalized

Larry Terwillegar
Masonic Lodge #645

Dorine Ward
York House

Interns

Beth Alston
Mutual Federal Savings Bank

Nichole Schroeder
Indiana Business College

Executive Director

Penny A. Garrett

Remember to shop local in the year 2008!