

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

May 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.

Welcome New Members

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Important Dates

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

- 05/01/08 Board Executive Officers Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. - **Chamber Office** Conference Room
- 05/08/08 Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. - **Chamber Office** Conference Room
- 05/13/08 Small Business Mentoring Group @ 8:00 a.m. - **Chronicle-Tribune Office** Conference Room - Meetings by appointment only; call the Chamber Office ph. 674-7545.
- 05/21/08 Director's Luncheon @ 12 Noon - **Eastview Wesleyan Church** (Guaranteed reservations required NLT May 16, 2008. Call 674-7545 and leave message to make a reservation.)
SPEAKERS: US Postal Service and ARBOR Education
MENU: Lasagna, Corn or Peas, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Banana Bars, Drink - \$6.00
GREETERS: Diplomats Susan Bournique and Mark Storey
- 05/22/08 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home Welcomes New Director

Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, a non-profit hospice agency located at 205 S. Washington St., has hired Lisa French to serve as director. French has an extensive background in hospice care in a variety of disciplines, including music therapy, marketing and program administration. She comes to VNHH from a hospice agency in Indianapolis. French joins other new Marion VNHH staff members David Bennett, R.N., Maria Porterfield, R.N., and the Rev. Jeff Timmons, who serve as key members of the agency's interdisciplinary staff.

Bennett, a Kokomo native, and Porterfield, who has 33 years of nursing experience, most recently at Marion General Hospital, are case managers, providing hospice and palliative care in patients' homes and in long-term-care facilities.

Timmons joins the team as a spiritual care coordinator. A Grant County native, he comes to VNHH after 15 years as an associate pastor at Sunnycrest Baptist Church in addition to being active in the Marion community.

French, Bennett, Porterfield and Timmons join an experienced hospice team that includes Lauren Zwirn, LCSW, social worker; Kim Kindle, R.N.; Jack Huizinga, R.N.; Angie Kelly, R. N.; Deb Smith, office manager; Missi Williams, CNS; Kelli Charles, CAN; and Rosie Phillips, R.N., Massage Therapist. B.D. Patel, M.D., medical director oversees hospice care.

"I am fortunate to be working with this terrific team of experienced professionals who are dedicated to providing compassionate, end-of-life care to patients in Marion and the surrounding counties," states Phyllis Hermann, R.N., B.S., CHPQ, vice president of clinical services.

For three and a half years, the VNHH staff have coordinated hospice care in patients' homes and in long-term-care facilities. Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance generally cover hospice care. As a non-profit agency, VNHH has funds available (from grants and donations) to assist patients who have limited or no financial resources.

For more information, please contact VNHH at &765) 668-0885 or (800) 396-7396 or via e-mail at vnurse@indy.rr.com.

Director's Luncheon Recap

No luncheon in April due to the proceedings of the 16th Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting.

"Come Grow With Us"

Due to the publication deadline of the Chamber Notes, which occurred prior to the 16th annual Chamber membership dinner and meeting, the Image Award recipients and new board member election results will be published in the next issue of Chamber Notes.

Summer Sounds Great in Gas City

Concerts in the Park, sponsored by the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce, will begin its ninth season this summer. Concerts are free to the public and have been very successful. Community and businesses, corporate and individual financial support, is what is needed to continue the series and the cultural opportunity for our community.

If you wish to participate in the Corporate Art Series, please contact Mark Storey, Project Chairman at 765-674-8036 or the Chamber Office at 765-674-7545 if you have questions.

Quote of the month...

"It's an honor - they (fallen soldiers) are the real leaders - the kids that are out there defending our freedom."

-Mark Sullivan, who is an Air Force veteran, serves not only his community but also his fellow man as a member of the Patriot Guard, the motorcyclists who stand in flag lines at military funerals.

Correction prior to Election

Per Bylaws Article VII Section 6

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.

Judges were changed to the following: Barb Kitts, Celeste Draher and Darin Webb

Websites of Interest

Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce - www.gascity.com

Grant County Growth Council - www.grantcoindevelopment.com

Grant County Convention & Visitors Bureau - www.showmegrantcounty.com

Indiana State Chamber of Commerce - www.indianachamber.org

Indiana Workforce Development - www.hoosierdata.in.gov

Indiana Polling Places - www.indianavoters.com

State of Indiana - www.indiana.gov

United States Small Business Administration - www.sba.gov

United States Department of Commerce - www.commerce.gov

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

I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others.

-Age 46

I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies.

-Age 47

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

-Age 48

I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours.

-Age 49

Chamber Spotlight on Business

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.

Curves - by Lynn Sexton and Kasi Tucker

A place made for women, where women can make friends, build confidence, and become stronger as women. That's what you can find at Curves, located at 777 E. Main St, Gas City.

Marie Rigdon is the owner of Curves in Gas City. Starting Curves was a family decision. "My sister and I wanted to have a franchise, but it was all my sisters idea."

Her business has done well for all the work she has put into it. "There are 180 members right now. I started the Gas City business five years ago on June 23rd of this year. Before I could open it up though, I had to first find a building, and second remodel it. It took about six months for me to remodel the building and get the business started."

Losing weight is the goal of the members from Curves. "The members measure and weigh their selves each month, some may lose inches and some may lose pounds it just depends on the person and how hard they work."

This program is effective all over the world; you can go to almost anywhere and find a Curves. "There are 10,000 Curves all over the world. The great thing about having the business spread all over the world is, once you're a member from one Curves you can go to any Curves in the world and you're a member there too." Curves also offer an on-line weight loss program, supplements, and meal planning guides.

There are many different ways to lose weight and get in shape from various movements. "In Curves there is only one program 'Circuit' but there are different levels of the program. There are the beginners and the more advanced. The advanced do different positions at a harder level, and do a little longer." Curves have machines that work all different parts of your body. "Each machine works different parts of your body, and in between each machine you do you do cardio vascular exercise for thirty seconds. The best thing is you can customize your own work out for yourself."

Sorry men, Curves is for ladies only! "Women, only women should have a place to feel secure without having to worry about men watching them. Also men have a different style of body and build, the machines are almost exclusively built for a woman's build."

Curves are more than just a place to work out and lose weight. "Curves are a perfect place for women to go a few times a week for a thirty minute workout, and to get away from things like kids and responsibilities."

The women truly look out for one another at Curves. "We've made 'Sunshine boxes' for five women who were going through serious medical times. We support the Women's Shelter, Bridges to Health, and Relay to Life with regular monthly donations. At Christmas, our wonderful members bought Christmas gifts for 26 children from this area."

Rigdon said that between the classes offered to the rush of registering new members, she is always on her feet. "My day doesn't end when I walk out the door; I'm either thinking of new ideas for fun and/or games or shopping for prizes and necessities," she said.

Letters to the Editor...

We've Moved!

JamesDeanCountry.com is now ShowMeGrantCounty.com - your one-stop source for Grant County, Indiana lodging, dining and conference planning resources. Our new website features online ticket sales to all your favorite Grant County events and festivals. Please take a moment to update your bookmarks to www.ShowMeGrantCounty.com



Empowering Generations
CANCER SERVICES
OF GRANT COUNTY

a local tradition
2008 Event Calendar

cash4cancer - may 2.9.16.23.30

Look for us on the streets of Marion every Friday in May! This year's goal: Raise \$20,000 to assist underserved cancer patients in Grant County for medical, prescriptions and transportation services.

walk of hope - may 2

100% of proceeds will benefit the BESS (Breast Education Screening & Survival) Program to provide free mammograms to underserved or underinsured women in the Grant County area.

motorcycle parade - june 6

Some Walk, We Ride! 100% of proceeds will be used to support ongoing client needs and services.

father's day prostate run - june 14

100% of proceeds will benefit the PSA program to provide free prostate cancer screenings to underserved or underinsured men in the Grant County area.

Lucky 13 annual golf scramble - june 19

Join us in this festive and fun scramble... voted one of the best in Grant County! Be looking for the lucky pot o' gold! This is your lucky day... support local cancer patients and their families in our area!

For more information or to register for any of these great events, visit www.cancerservicesgrantco.com
Or call 765-664-6815 keeping it local!

Anderson University Supply Chain Certificate Begins June 3

Companies investing in supply management professionals are better able to deliver high quality goods and services at the lowest possible cost. The Anderson University Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Certificate, offered by AU's Professional Development Services department, is a four-course, non-credit program designed for people who want to quickly enhance their value in the workplace. Participants will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. beginning June 3, 2008 and ending December 16, 2008. Classes will be conveniently held at the Anderson University Flagship Center, located at Exit 22 on Interstate 69 (2705 Enterprise Dr.) in Anderson. Displaced workers eligible for TAA benefits through WorkOne may receive tuition assistance. For more information, contact Kerrie

Aborn by phone at 765-648-2889 (toll-free: 877-428-2765 ext. 2899) or by email at pds@anderson.edu and/or visit the website: www.anderson.edu/pds.

-Kerrie M. Aborn, Director
Professional Development Services

5th Annual Gas City Area Chamber Golf Outing

Friday, July 25, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m. Registration & Lunch

12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

Driving Range usage available 1-hour prior to start

CLUB RUN

At Walnut Creek Golf Course - www.walnutcreekgolf.com

For additional information and registration form go to

<http://www.gascity.com/2008GolfRegistration.htm>

-Scott Nicholson, Chairman

Remember to shop local in the year 2008!

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