

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

October 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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following new members. We encourage members to do business with other members and shop locally.

Electric Cars and Carts

Ethan Struwe – Manager

120 W Main, Gas City, IN 46933

Phone: 765.677.9500 ~ Fax: 765.651.0798

Email: ethan@electriccarsandcarts.com ~ Website: www.electriccarsandcarts.com

Family Dollar

Sara Fetterhoff

1023 E Main, Gas City, IN 46933

Phone: 765.674.3305

Kay Can!

Kay Jones - Owner

Phone: 765.948.3182

Email: cayekan@aol.com ~ Website: www.kay-can.com

Old National Bank

Stephen A. Smithley - Vice President

100 S Washington St, Marion, IN 46952

Phone: 765.671.2065 ~ Fax: 765.671.2054

Email: steve.smithley@oldnational.com ~ Website: www.oldnational.com

Sitecon

Greg Edmonds - Owner

Mailing: 6 Webb Court, Marion, IN 46952

Phone: 765-671-9539 or 1-800-Sitecon

Email: edmonds@sitecon.com ~ Website: www.sitecon.com

YMCA

Kelly Snyder

123 Sutter Way, Marion, IN 46952

Phone: 765.664.0544 or 765.664.0548

Email: kellydsnyder@yahoo.com ~ Website: www.grantcountyyymca.org

Important Dates

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



- 10/01/08 Board Executive Officers Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. – **Chamber Office** Conference Room
 10/14/08 Small Business Mentoring Group @ 8:00 a.m. – **Chronicle-Tribune Office** Conference Room – Meetings by appointment only; call the Chamber Office ph. 674-7545.
 10/09/08 Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. – **Chamber Office** Conference Room
 10/15/08 Director's Luncheon @ 12 Noon – **Eastview Wesleyan Church** (*Guaranteed reservations required by October 10.* Call 674-7545 to make a reservation.)
 SPEAKERS: Dulin, Ward & DeWald, Inc. & Canten Floral Company, Inc.
 MENU: Parmesan Chicken, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Layer Salad, Fluff, Drink
 Cost: \$6.00
 10/22/08 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

Custom Comfort Heating, Cooling & Plumbing

Friday, October 24, 12:30 pm

6210 S Lincoln Blvd, Marion, 765.674.1511

Please join Custom Comfort Heating, Cooling & Plumbing in celebration their 20th Anniversary. Join us at 12:30 pm to celebrate their 20th Anniversary and congratulate them. Open House: 12 – 5:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Boutique 125 Open House

Monday, November 3, 11:30 am

238 E Main Street, Gas City, 765.618.8465

Please join Lisa Schoolman, owner of Boutique 125, during her Anniversary Open House. Join us at 11:30 am to celebrate Boutique 125's 1st Anniversary and congratulate Lisa on a successful first year in Business. In celebration, Boutique 125 will be running a sale all week. Light Refreshments will be served.

Voter Registration

The deadline for registering to vote in Indiana for the General Election is **October 6, 2008**. To learn more about getting involved in the 2008 elections, some resources are: www.indems.org, www.indgop.org, www.indianavoters.com. For registration details visit www.in.gov/sos/elections.



**CONGRATULATION
SUSAN COMBS!**

2008 GOLF CART WINNER

“Thank You” Golf Cart Committee,
Board of Directors, Volunteers and
Community for your support!

Director’s Luncheon Speakers

We are currently looking for speakers for 2009. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to promote your business. The cost is only \$25 and includes 1 meal. Speakers receive 10-15 minutes to address a very captive audience. As an added benefit to you and your business, you may provide a door prize. This opportunity is available for speakers as well as attendees. Hurry, space will fill up fast! Book your desired month now!

Thank you “*The Center Group*” and “*Project Leadership*” for speaking at our September Director’s Luncheon. Everyone appreciated learning more about your programs. Also, thank you “*The Center Group*” for donating 2 3-month full service memberships and “*Balloons, Flowers & Gifts*” for donating the flower arrangement. What great door prize drawings! We also want to thank our diplomat greeter, Aleta Goins of Howe’s Financial Services, Inc. and volunteers working check-in, Gwen Black and Tom Harris.

RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE



Smitty’s Truck Wash, Inc.
Ribbon Cutting & Open House
 6050 E 500 S, Gas City
 765.506.7384
www.smittystruckwash.net



The Primitive Inn
Open House
 125 W Main St, Gas City
 765.674.2466



Mar-Brook Campground
Recognition of new owners
 94 Schaefer Dr, Gas City
 6690 E 600 S, Gas City, 765.674.4383
www.marbrookcampground.com



Hometown Animal Hospital
Open House
Mary L Gary, DVM
 94 Schaefer Dr, Gas City, IN 46933
 765.674.7387

Member News and Updates

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. We also encourage members to visit www.gascity.com and verify their membership listing is current. Please send your information and updates to the Chamber office – Phone: 765.674.7545; email: gascity@comteck.com; Fax: 765.674.1152.

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.

Westview Wesleyan Church, by Alanna Brown



Rev. Mark Deisler is the pastor at Westview Wesleyan Church in Jonesboro. Although he has been with the church for six years, it was just last year that he became senior pastor.

A typical Sunday morning attendance is 300. “We have an hour of Sunday school first thing each Sunday. Nearly 200 people come and gather for this time of Bible study groups. Following the Sunday school hour, we will have our morning worship service. This generally includes announcements, singing, giving of tithes and offerings, prayer and Biblical message delivered by one of the pastors... or occasionally a guest speaker.”

Deisler likes his job very much.

“God is always good about bringing along blessings, which help keep us encouraged. Being a pastor means working in an ever-changing environment. It means sharing all the joys and sorrows of life with others,” he said. “I love being a pastor. It provides me many great opportunities and puts me in a unique position to be a help and encouragement to others.”

But, along with the good, comes the bad.

“I do get disappointed and sometimes when I see individuals making bad choices with their lives. The choices we make come with consequences, and sometimes we work with people who insist on a pattern of poor choices. I regularly work with people whose lives are being destroyed by selfishness, and many times they won't make the changes needed that will make their life better.”

Being a pastor can have some memorable moments.

“Probably the ones that bring the most joy are those which involve children. Dedicating babies to the Lord is quite an experience. This stands out as a great memory.”

Deisler is very thoughtful and prayerful regarding his job.

“I always come in prayer for those who will be attending that day. I never know who will come and what types of problems they may be experiencing. I never know what God wants me to do with any particular service, so I always give the service to the lord through prayer. I have many details which I also need to work through on Sunday morning, but my primary thoughts and prayers are on the people and how god might meet with them on that day.”

Deisler gets a lot of support from others within the church.

“We have a large number of volunteers to help each Sunday morning. Most preparations happen prior to Sunday morning, so the morning is more about implementing the plans for that given day. We generally have 6-8 individuals passing out bulletins. We have about 18-20 who volunteers as teachers and helpers with the children. There are others who use special talents such as musicians and technical arts individuals,” he said.

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

I learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. -Age 65

Quote... *“I haven’t failed. I’ve found 10,000 ways that don’t work.” – Ben Franklin*

Breast Cancer is the #1 Cancer Diagnosed in Grant Count!



The BESS (Breast Education Screening Survival) Programs of Cancer Services of Grant County has been providing free mammograms for 8 years to the women of Grant County. During this time, 16 women’s lives have been saved as a result of early detection.

Call Cancer Services of Grant County at (765) 664.6815, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm and schedule your free mammogram today. Do not delay and gamble with your health. Just a few minutes out of your day may save your life.

Historic Thompson-Ray House

407 E Main Street, Gas City

Private Parties and tours are now being scheduled at the Historic Thompson-Ray House. Contact the Chamber office at 765.674.7545 to schedule you tour or event.

For information on the history of the Thompson-Ray House visit www.leadinc.us. LEAD Inc, in partnership with the city of Gas City, Indiana and local visionaries, is working to preserve a Grant County historical home and develop a youth leadership training center. The house will have public meeting space and house programs that develop leaders through education, service and community.



Donations are currently being accepted to refurbish this historic landmark and tax deductible contributions can be made through a fund at the Community Foundation payable to LEAD Inc. For information on donating through the Community Foundation call 765.662-0065.

Ways to help - Donate your time: Research the history of the Thompson-Ray House, and participate in ongoing activities to educate the community about the Thompson-Ray House and the history of Gas City.

Make a financial pledge: LEAD Inc requires financial commitments from area donors to ensure the Community Focus Fund grant can be secured. Pledges can come in the form of one-time donations or written pledges to give once the grant is secured. ***Send pledges and donations to Thompson-Ray House Preservation Society, PO Box 225, Gas City, IN 46933.***

For additional information visit www.leadinc.us or call (765) 251-3546.

Multiply Your Community Donation!

This ***new*** Endowed Matching Program is a wonderful way to support your favorite non-profit’s endowment or to start one of your own and earn \$1000 - \$5000 in matching grant money!

Check out our website at <http://www.comfdn.org/endowedfund.htm> to find the list of endowed funds that can benefit from this matching program. And, as always, let us know if we can help you with any of your charitable giving needs.

Community Foundation Provides Leverage to Donors

The Community Foundation of Grant County is pleased to announce a Matching Grant Program.

Donations totaling between \$5,000 and \$25,000 made to **new** or **existing** endowments will be matched at a 1:5 ratio as a way to leverage your charitable dollars as a donor.

(See table to the right for minimums and maximums —>.)

The match will apply to donations made between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008 or until the \$100,000 cap is committed, whichever comes first.

Increase your charitable deductions, improve the quality of life in Grant County, and make your money work for you all at the same time!

505 West Third Street, Marion, IN 46952 * www.comfdn.org * 765-662-0065



<u>Donation</u>	<u>Additional Match from Foundation</u>
\$5,000 minimum	\$1,000
\$10,000	\$2,000
\$15,000	\$3,000
\$20,000	\$4,000
\$25,000	\$5,000 maximum



Contact: Ann Vermilion at 662-4849 or
Randy Deffenbaugh at 662-4014
September 18, 2008

STANDARD AND POOR’S AFFIRMS MGH’S A+ BOND RATING FOR ITS SERIES 2002 BONDS

Only 12% of stand-alone, nonprofit healthcare organizations receive an A+ bond rating. *Standard & Poor’s*, the leading provider of financial market intelligence, and the world’s foremost source of credit ratings, has once again affirmed Marion General Hospital’s A+ bond rating on its Series 2002 Bonds. A *Standard & Poor’s* rating reflects a borrower's capacity to meet its financial commitments on a timely basis. The A+ rating reflects MGH’s . . .

- Market position as the sole community healthcare provider in Grant County, with nearly 64% of inpatient admissions
- Strong balance sheet as evidenced by a very solid 378 days’ cash on hand and a 206% cash-to-debt ratio
- Continued positive financial performance for a 10-month period ending April 30, 2008, despite challenging economic conditions.

“This bond rating means the Hospital is strong financially and able to take advantage of opportunities as well as bring some of the latest technology to the community,” states Paul Usher, President/CEO. “It also positions the Hospital very well to meet new challenges in the healthcare environment.”

FUTURESCAN 2008, a healthcare trend publication of the American Hospital Association’s Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development agrees.

“With the national healthcare challenges facing hospitals . . . higher rated healthcare organizations are better capitalized and will be better positioned over the long term to meet coming challenges.”

Grant County Humane Society

www.marionhumane.com



The Grant County Humane Society is holding a golf scramble Wednesday, Oct. 8th at Shady Hills Golf Course in Marion. Lunch is 11:00am with a shot gun start following at noon. Entry fee is 50.00 per person or 200.00 per 4 man team which includes green fees, cart, lunch, prizes, beverages and snacks throughout the event. Closest to the Pin and Hole in One contests will be held. Hole sponsorships are also available for 100.00. Please contact Stacy Sample at Salin Bank 668-3550 ext 3592 to sign up or get more information. There are over 200 animals currently in the shelter which are NOT going to be moved to the new facility! Donations to the shelter can be in many forms such as cash, food, litter, cleaning products, office supplies, etc. However, the real issue is rescue. The humane society has 60 days from now to find homes for these wonderful animals. If you want to rescue a dog or a cat, now is the time! Please help in any way you can.

Twin City We Care PayBack Bingo

Friday, October 10, 6:00 pm

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9	27	41	59	68
14	26	43	57	70
5	23	35	55	66
7	30	36	56	67
6	29	42	58	64

Instead of the Longenberger Basket bingo that Twin City We Care has done for the past several years, this year, Twin City We Care will be doing a PayBack Bingo on Friday, Oct 10 at Hontz Hall, starting at 6pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 or may be pre-purchased at the Gas City Utilities office and Via Credit Union, Gas City branch.

In the past, Twin City We Care had to purchase several hundred dollars worth of Longenberger baskets and hope that we had enough interest to cover our costs and make a little profit.

Instead of purchasing baskets this year, Twin City We Care has randomly selected local merchants that have been faithful to Twin City We Care, and purchased 16 gift certificates/cards for our local merchants who have stood by and helped us help others.

Among the businesses selected are: Kmart; Flores; Pizza King; Blu 49; Blockbuster; Owens Hardware; Qwik Mart; Wal-Mart; Natural Wellness; Webb's Furniture Store; Lance's; Balloons, Flowers & Gifts; Cracker Barrel; Hairbenders; Pour House and Tastefully Simple.

Each bingo game will have a \$50 gift card/certificate for the prize.

All proceeds from the Payback Bingo will go towards helping needy families in the Twin City area at Christmas.

For more information, please contact either JoAnn Frame at 674-2906 or Betty Harris at 674-7133.

Thanks,

Betty Harris,

Secretary/Treasurer of Twin City We Care

Gas City Kiwanis Bowling Scramble

Saturday, November 8, 2-5 pm

Location at Crest Lanes, Marion. Cash Prizes. Call Nancy Hoover at 765.664.6805 for details and registration.



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

Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce – www.marionchamber.org

State of Indiana – www.indiana.gov

The Taxpayers Network – www.taxpayersnetwork.org

United States Small Business Administration - www.sba.gov

United States Department of Commerce - www.commerce.gov

The Official Business Link to the U.S. Government – www.business.gov

- Search for information, forms, and contacts from federal, state and local governments
- Find topics of current interest to the nation's small business community
- Get a listing of licenses and permits that apply to your business
- Watch videos featuring expert advice from successful entrepreneurs and small business owners

***We encourage members to do business with other members & shop locally!
We can do together what we can't do alone.***

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2008-2009**

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