

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

April 2009

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!

17th Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Eastview Wesleyan Church
414 North 10th Street, Gas City, Indiana

Dinner promptly at 6:00 p.m.

\$25 Per Seat or a Pre-Paid Full Table of 8 for \$175
RSVP by April 13, 2009



“It Takes Villages”

Important Dates

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

- 4/01/09 Board Executive Officers Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. – Chamber Office Conference Room
- 4/08/09 Small Business Mentoring Group @ 8:00 a.m. – Chronicle-Tribune Office Conference Room – Meetings by appointment only; call the Chamber Office ph. 674-7545.
- 4/09/09 Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. – Chamber Office Conference Room
No Chamber Luncheon in April. Please join us at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- 4/22/09 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline
- 4/28/09 Annual Membership Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Boom Town 1892 / Old Hickory Shaft Golf Tournament

Committee continues to work on the event planned for June 19 & 20, 2009. Exciting events are being planned!

Friday, June 19, 5-10 pm – Thompson Ray House, 4th & Main, Gas City – Event Activities include: Golden Glove Boxing Tournament, Entertainment, Food & Retail Vendors

Saturday, June 20 – Walnut Creek Golf Course – Event Activities include: Old Hickory Shaft Golf Tournament, 1892 Period Games, Food & Retail Vendors

Watch for more details on this exciting new event!

GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING

The Cellular Connection-Gas City

Janet Blake
126 E Main Street, Gas City, IN 46933
765.677.0668



10th Annual Concerts in the Park 2009

Thanks to all who give year after year, and I invite those who have not, please consider supporting this series.



First Concert will be June 9th with the Mississinewa Valley Community Band and free ice cream compliments of Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service. Concerts are held June and July on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Eugene Linn band shell, Gas City Park.

Sponsors are listed in a program which is provided at the performances.

Donation Levels: Contributor (\$15-\$24), Sustaining (\$25-\$49), Sponsor (\$50-\$74), Motivator (\$75-\$99), Patron (\$100-\$149), Guarantor (\$150-\$249), Benefactor (\$250-\$499), Investor (\$500-\$749), Maestro (\$750-\$999), Gold

Baton (\$1000-\$1499), Performance Partner (\$1500-\$3499), Platinum Underwriter (\$3500- Up).

Election – Per Bylaws, Article VII

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 (1) chamber member and two (2) members of the board of directors, shall nominate at least three (3)

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 (Rev. 10/02).

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 (9) duly elected members in good standing of the Chamber. Annual elections will yield three (3) members elected for a three (3) year term. These new members will make-up the by-laws review committee. New elections will yield replacements for the term that has expired. No board member shall serve more than six (6) 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 (Rev 10/02).

Section 5 – Voting – Each person, firm, association or corporation shall be entitled to one (1) 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 (1) 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 (3) 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.

Nominating Committee Members: Larry Terwillegar, Chair; Dawn Brown, Vice-Chair; Nancy Hoover, Nancy Bryant and Celeste Draher.

Board of Director Candidates: **Denny Smith**, 2B Personalized; **Larry Terwillegar**, Masonic Service Lodge #645; **Scott Murphy**, Wal-Mart DC 7055.

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

I learned that everyone can use a prayer. – Age 72

I learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. – Age 82

Quote... *“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.”* – Albert Einstein

MEMBER & COMMUNITY NEWS ...

Come Eat With The Easter Bunny



All the Eggs, Pancakes, and Sausage You Can Eat

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Breakfast Served 8:00 - 10:30 am, Egg Hunt 11:00 am

Hontz Hall (Gas City Park)

Tickets: Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 \$2.00

Come Hunt For the Golden Egg!

Sponsored by the Gas City Kiwanis Club

Miller's Merry Manor Names New Admission Director

505 N Bradner Ave, Marion, (765) 662-3981

John Velasquez, Administrator of Miller's Merry Manor - Marion recently announced the appointment of Desra Rhodes, LPN to the position of Admissions Director. In her new position, Rhodes is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the admission process including pre-admission communication and evaluation; acting as liaison between healthcare entities, and potential residents and their families; and community awareness and education.

Rhodes brings Long Term Care experience to Miller's following nursing assignments in both Skilled and Alzheimer's Care, as well as positions as a Nephrology Clinical Nurse and Occupational Health Nurse. Rhodes resides in Montpelier, Indiana with her husband of 17 years and two sons, and she enjoys reading, music, camping and fishing with her family.

Miller's Merry Manor specializes in Medicare-Certified Rehabilitation and offers a variety of health and support services, and amenities which include Private Medicare Suites. Velasquez and Rhodes can be contacted for more information by calling Miller's Merry Manor – Marion at 765-662-3981 or by email at MarionAdm@millersmerrymanor.com



Marion General Hospital Selected as a 2008 Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospital



Today, Marion General Hospital was named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare.

The award recognizes hospitals that have achieved excellence in clinical outcomes, patient safety, patient satisfaction, financial performance, and operational efficiency. This is the second consecutive year MGH has been selected for this honor and the third time in the sixteen-year history of the award.

"We are proud to be a community-based hospital that strives to be nationally recognized for the care we provide. This award reinforces our commitment to provide world-class quality acute care services to our Healthcare Community," states Paul L. Usher, president and CEO.

The winners were identified through an in-depth analysis, the *Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals®: National Benchmarks* study 2008.

The study evaluated 3,000 short-term, acute care, non-federal hospitals in nine areas: mortality, medical complications, patient safety and average length of stay, expenses, profitability, cash-to-debt ratio, patient satisfaction, and adherence to clinical standards of care. The winning hospitals were announced in the March 30 edition of *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

"The 100 Top Hospitals winners raised the bar again this year, delivering a higher level of reliable care and greater value for their communities," said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs at Thomson Reuters.

If all Medicare inpatients received the same level of care as Medicare patients treated in the winning hospitals:

- More than 107,500 additional patients would survive each year.
- Nearly 132,000 patient complications would be avoided annually.
- Expenses would decline by \$5.9 billion a year.
- The average patient stay would decrease by nearly half a day.

More information on this study and other 100 Top Hospitals research is available at www.100tophospitals.com.

Contact: MGH – Ann Vermilion at 765-662-4849 or Randy Deffenbaugh at 765-662-4014

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
 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

We encourage our members to support “OUR” local economy by doing business with other members & by “Shopping Locally”. We can do together what we can not do alone!

2008-2009 Board of Directors

Officers

Janet Blake, President – *The Cellular Connection-Gas City*
 Scott Nicholson, President Elect – *Mutual Bank*
 Michael Powell, Vice-President – *Mississinewa School Admin.*
 Dave Huffman, Secretary-Treasurer – *Via Credit Union*
 Mark Sullivan, Ex-Officio – *Irving Materials, Inc.*

Directors

Dennis Banks, *STAR Financial Bank*
 Dawn Brown, *Community Foundation of Grant County, IN, Inc.*
 Nancy Bryant, *Gas City-Mill Township Library*
 Aleta Goins, *Howe’s Financial Services, Inc.*
 Scott Murphy, *Wal-Mart Distribution Center #7055*
 David Penticuff, *Chronicle-Tribune*
 Denny Smith, *2B Personalized*
 Larry Terwillegar, *Masonic Lodge #645*
 Dorine Ward, *York House*

Chamber Staff

Nancy Hoover, *Marketing & Office Administrator*
 Celeste Draher, *Office Manager*