

GAS CITY & JONESBORO CHAMBER NOTES

The Official Voice of the Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce

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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!



NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS: Please note for your records that our e-mail address has been changed to gascitychamber@indy.rr.com. Thanks!

Also, if your e-mail address changes, please be sure to let the Chamber office know so we can update your information on our web page, www.gascity.com, and so we can stay in touch with you.

CHAMBER PRESIDENT HONORED



The Cellular Connection is proud to be a part of the Gas City community! It has been over a year now since Janet Blake decided to join their team, which is the largest Verizon Wireless premium retailer in the Midwest. The Cellular Connection couldn't be more proud of how the business has grown in Gas City. Recently TCC's Gas City location was recognized throughout Indiana, Michigan, and Kentucky for "year over year growth from 2008 to 2009 by **122%!**" This means out of all the agents in Indiana, Michigan, and Kentucky, the store in Gas City has seen the most growth. Thank you, Gas City, for believing in The Cellular Connection! Thank you, Janet Blake, and team for believing in the community and providing them the best store customer service. The Cellular Connection is committed to providing the best customer experience in wireless and look forward to doing so in 2010.

Terrific Trivia: Abraham Lincoln, who invented a hydraulic device for lifting ships over shoals, was the only United States President to ever be granted a patent.

GOVERNOR DANIELS ENJOYS OVERNIGHT STAY IN GAS CITY

Dennis and Becky Banks hosted Governor Mitch Daniels in their home February 4 for the evening. During the 2004 campaign the governor made a habit of staying with local families when traveling the state and it's something he really enjoys. Dennis is the president of STAR Financial Bank in Gas City and Becky is a research consultant for IU in Bloomington.



JuicePlus+ is the next best thing to fruits and vegetables. JuicePlus+ provides whole food based nutrition in convenient capsule form, and it helps to bridge the gap between what we should eat and what we actually eat every day. JuicePlus+ is supported by independent clinical research published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. JuicePlus+, James and Margo Lipetri, is one of our newest Chamber members. Please see more about them listed below under New Members. Welcome!

ANNUAL MEETING BASKET RAFFLE



The way the basket raffle works is that you choose which basket(s) you would like to win. Buy a ticket for each basket (or more than one for each basket which could increase your odds of winning the basket!), write the number of the basket on the ticket as well as your name and phone number and give it to the person who sold it to you. At our Annual Meeting on April 27, a ticket for each basket will be drawn and the owner can take it home.

Pictures of the baskets are posted to our web site at www.gascity.com. They are physically located in the windows at Crandall Engineering at 236 E. Main Street, Gas City. Each month they will be showcased at the Member luncheon. Tickets are available from the Chamber office or from participating businesses at \$1 each or 6 for \$5 as well as on PayPal.

The proceeds will go toward *Concerts in the Park* and *Perfect Attendance*, both worthy projects.

L. E. A. D., INC.

"L.E.A.D., Inc., in partnership with the Chamber, held two very successful Wine Tastings, February 5 and 6. The "blizzard" did not keep the true wine connoisseurs home! Bill Pattison painted a beautiful mountain scene on a 24 x 30 inch canvas in a two-hour period on Friday, February 5. After the painting was completed, Grace Henderson, owner of the Light House, a custom framing business, donated a frame and also prepared the painting for framing that evening. A Silent Auction was held for the painting. The Light House is also one of our newest members in the Chamber. We welcome her and thank her for her donation to L.E.A.D., Inc."

CENSUS 2010:

The U. S. Census bureau is hiring for the 2010 census. Contact 1-866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov for more information.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

We would love to hear from you about news within your organization and your successes that we might include them in the Chamber newsletter. Please send them to gascitychambervolunteer@indy.rr.com before February 22, 2010.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

City Security & Audio, Artistic Expressions Publishing, Inc., Light House, A-1 Home Improvements, and JuicePlus+.

Brothers Greg and Mike Dyer own and operate City Security. They are located in Marion. Their phone number is 664-0492. They specialize in security systems, audio/video systems and burglar/fire alarms.

Bill Pattison is the owner and artist at Artistic Expressions Publishing, Inc. Bill is located at 111 E. S. “C” Street in Gas City. His telephone number is 317-502-6213. Bill specializes in pencil drawing and oil paintings. His website is www.billpattisonstudio.com. Please take a look at his talented workmanship.

Grace Henderson is the owner of Light House, a custom framing business located at 204 S. Nebraska Street, Marion. Their phone number is 661-9063.

A-1 Home Improvements of Sweetser is owned by Jim Johnson. They are located at 116 E. Main Street, Gas City. His phone number is 765-618-7983.

James and Margo Lipetri are the owners of JuicePlus+ located at 117 Walnut Drive, Gas City. Their phone number is 674-5332. Take a look at their website, www.juiceplus.com to learn more about JuicePlus+!

Please join us in welcoming these new members to the Chamber! Give them a call, invite them to the luncheon with you, and encourage them in their involvement in the Gas City area.

MEMBER LUNCHEON:

Promote your business or organization – There is still space available to speak at the monthly Chamber luncheons. The cost is only \$25 and includes 1 meal. Speakers receive 10-15 minutes to address a captive audience.

Members may also provide a door prize. If you plan to donate a door prize, please let us know so that we can “mark” the programs with a colored dot! Everyone looks for them.

Thank you to Peter Wallace for sharing the **Boom Town** video at the January Member’s luncheon. It was great!

csa – COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

You are invited to attend the **7th Annual CSA Business After Hours** on February 16, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at CSA (3rd floor). An evening full of fun! Light refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be available. Bring your business logo and your work clothes. Dawn Darga of Designs will do a photo shoot with you in your work attire. Jim Brunner will interview you for the radio. We will video tape you for Brighthouse. Great marketing opportunity for your business!

Important Dates

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



- 2/11/10 Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. – **Chamber Office** Conference Room
- 2/17/10 Director’s Luncheon @ 12 Noon – **Eastview Wesleyan Church** (*Guaranteed reservations required by February 12. Call 674-7545 to make a reservation.*)
MENU: Meat Loaf, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Chinese Slaw, Cherry Cake and a Drink –
Cost: \$6.00
- 2/22/10 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline – Please send us info about you!

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

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!

Did you know? 10% of the salt mined in the world each year is used to de-ice the roads in America.

2009-2010 Board of Directors

Officers

Janet Blake, President – *The Cellular Connection-Gas City*
Dawn Brown, President-Elect – *Community Foundation of Grant County, IN, Inc.*
Scott Murphy, Vice-President – *Wal-Mart Distribution Center #7055*
Dave Huffman, Secretary-Treasurer – *Via Credit Union*

Directors

Dennis Banks, *STAR Financial Bank*
Nancy Bryant, *Gas City-Mill Township Library*
Caleb Crandall, *Crandall Offices*
Aleta Goins, *Howe's Financial Services, Inc.*
David Penticuff, *Chronicle-Tribune*
Louis Rodriguez, *Grant County Plumbing & Heating*
Denny Smith, *2B Personalized*
Larry Terwillegar, *Masonic Lodge #645*
Dorine Ward, *York House*

Chamber Staff

Nancy Hoover, *Marketing & Office Administrator*
Mary Lou Fisher, *Office Assistant*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

June 18 – 19, 2010

You won't want to miss it!

