

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!

Tickets for Annual Meeting baskets contributed by Chamber members will be for sale in the near future. Look for pictures on our website soon, www.gascity.com. Our Annual Meeting theme is a Hawaiian theme, "Future Progress – No Problem." The date is April 27, at the Eastview Wesleyan Church.

Those contributing baskets are: 2B Personalized, Balloons, Flowers & Gifts, Best Western, Catey Dentistry, The Cellular Connection, Dulin, Ward & DeWald, Inc., Family Hospice and Palliative Care, Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce, Gas City Bait and Tackle, Gas City-Mill Township Public Library, Good Neighbor Pharmacy, Grant County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Hometown Animal Hospital, Midwest Organic Coffee Company, Miller's Merry Manor, Owen's Hardware, Mississinewa School System, Pro-Prints, VIA Credit Union, Walnut Creek Golf Course, and Webb's Furniture.

The Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce has a **new e-mail address**. It is gascitychamber@indy.rr.com.



Reminder! The Chamber website has a community calendar. We would be happy to list your events on the calendar. Just call the office at 674-7545.

If you would like to speak at the Member luncheon, which is the 3rd Wednesday of the month, please let us know. The cost is \$25, which includes 1 luncheon, and for not-for-profit organizations, there is no fee, you would just pay \$6 for your lunch. Call the Chamber office at 674-7545. We'd love to hear from you!



Flamingo Flocking allowed the Chamber to award \$250 each to the Cancer Services of Grant County and to "WE CARE" at the December 16 Member's luncheon! Thank you for your partnership in flocking your family, friends and neighbors with the lovely pink flamingos. We are going to continue with the flocking as soon as the weather permits – so don't miss out! Contact the Chamber today!



The Kiwanis Tenderloin Fry will be held January 9 at the Mississinewa High School cafeteria from 4 – 7 p.m. You can get your tickets from any Kiwanis member or at the door - \$7 for adults, \$5 for children. Hope to see you there!

Did you know that the Holiday Inn Express in Gas City offers a beautiful indoor pool and whirlpool tub, a fitness room, complimentary breakfast bar, and free high speed internet? You can reserve a room online with no booking fees and if you find after reserving with them, you then find a lower rate, they will beat it! In addition, they have a meeting room that will allow for up to 40 individuals. Contact the Holiday Inn Express at 765-674-6664 or at hiexpress.com/gascityin.



Marion General Hospital is pleased to announce Kimberly Himelick, MBA, R.N., has been selected for a leadership role at Marion General Hospital. On Jan. 1, 2010, she became the new Administrative Director of Critical Care.

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, Tammy Cornelious, MBA, R.N., began her management duties as the new Administrative Director of MGH Emergency Services, which includes the Emergency Room, Admission Intake Unit and Ambulance services.

30! **Congratulations to Abbey Carpet celebrating 30 years in Marion!** The business still retains one of the founders as the current president and owner. It has been locally owned and operated since 1979. Abbey Carpet sells and installs all types of flooring, including carpet, wood, ceramic and laminate. They are located at 1405 S. Western Avenue.

2010 US Census Jobs! The U.S. Census Bureau is now hiring for the 2010 Census. These temporary, part-time jobs offer good pay, flexible evening and weekend hours, and the chance to work near home. Call 1-866-861-2010 (FedRelay 1-800-877-8339 TTY) or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Brrrr – if you’ve tried to contact the Chamber office within the last two weeks, we’ve had computer, phone, and furnace problems. Everything is up and running now!

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!

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