



December 3, 2009

Holiday Mixer

The Chamber's 2009 Holiday Mixer will be hosted by the **Marquette Foundation** (Marquette Catholic High School) in the Scholl Center, 306 W. 10th St., on Thursday, December 10 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Celebrate the Season in Michigan City! Join your fellow Chamber members in sharing the holiday spirit. There will be a special performance by the Marquette Singers. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served along with beer, wine, soft drinks and a "special holiday cocktail." RSVP by Monday, December 7.

Michigan City Area Schools

Members of the **Michigan City Area Schools'** Superintendent Search Committee will hold a Forum for the public on Wednesday, December 9 from 7 - 9 pm at the Elston Middle School auditorium. The purpose of this forum is to give the public an opportunity to provide input to the Search Committee regarding the qualities they believe a new MCAS Superintendent should possess. Chamber members should go and share the importance of Career/Technical training, workforce training, and faithful focus on the school system's Strategic Plan. Comments and suggestions for the Search Committee can also be submitted online at www.mcas.k12.in.us, click on the icon for "Superintendent Search".

Franciscan Home Care

Franciscan Home Care and St. Anthony Hospice, 1225 E. Coolspring Ave. Suite 1E, is partnering with the Salvation Army to collect food and toys for those experiencing hardships this holiday season. A food collection bin will be placed in the main lobby of their offices. Non-perishable items including canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, cereal and baby food is being requested this season. All food will be sent to the Salvation Army distribution center on December 19. For more information, please call the offices of Franciscan Home Care and St. Anthony Hospice at (219) 877-1605.

Washington Park Zoo's Zooltide

On December 5 and 6 celebrate Zooltide and the Festival of Lights at **Washington Park Zoo**. Join in the time honored tradition and visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, delight in the holiday music, enjoy the luminaries, make a free holiday craft and warm up with some hot cocoa. Times for each day are 5 - 7pm. This year the Zoo staff decided the event should benefit the children and families of the Sand Castle Shelter, so in place of the regular admission they are asking each patron to bring in a non-perishable food item. **The LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau, WIMS** and Captain Ed's Candy Island will also have drop boxes for donations through December 6. Admission rates will apply if patrons have not brought a food item. For more information please contact Julie Wozniak at 873.1425.

Opportunity Enterprises

A limited number of tickets remain for **Opportunity Enterprises'** Mimosas, Massages, & Manicures fundraiser scheduled for Monday, December 14 from 6:30 - 10:00 pm, at the Valparaiso Country Club, 2401 Country Club Rd. Tickets are \$30 per person and include one mimosa, and a choice of a mini-manicure or seated massage. In addition to appetizers, music, a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes, each guest who donates \$50 to Opportunity Enterprises will receive a chance to win a flat screen TV. Reservations are requested and space is limited. Register on-line at www.oppent.org or by calling Chris Schneidt at 219-464-9621, ext. 233.

Lubeznik Center for the Arts

Join the **Lubeznik Center for the Arts'** First Friday at Five on Friday, December 4 from 5 - 8 pm. Award-winning actor, director, and vocalist Sheree Wheeler-Gudeman will be singing holiday songs for your enjoyment. There will also be holiday music, food and drinks. Admission is free with a new, unwrapped child's toy or pet supplies. Bring your friends, enjoy the exhibits, and get in the holiday spirit!

Thought of the Day

"Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another."

-John Dewey

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The deadline for The Beacon is 3 pm every Wednesday. If possible, send articles in advance.

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