



# The Beacon

March 26, 2009

## 2009 Business Expo

The Michigan City Area & Greater LaPorte Chambers of Commerce are partnering to bring Chamber members the 2009 Business Expo on Thursday, March 26 at **Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa**. From 3 - 4 pm will be Business to Business networking and from 4 - 7 pm, the expo will be open to the public. Come out and enjoy a great night of networking!

## Business After Hours

Join **Dunebrook**, 7451 W. Johnson Rd., at this Business After Hours to kick-off Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Awareness Month on Wednesday, April 1 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. The theme is "Blue Wednesday" and guests are invited to wear blue - join them to learn why! There will be a Mayoral Proclamation at 5 pm; Arm Candy will be selling cash & carry purses with proceeds supporting Dunebrook; a live broadcast and drawings. There will be wraps from **Arby's**, cookies from **Family Express** and refreshments. RSVP by March 31.

## Second Quarterly Meeting

The Chamber's Second Quarter Membership Meeting will be at **Harbor Grill**, 12 On The Lake on Wednesday, April 8 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Gary/Chicago Airport spokesman will be the guest speaker. The Business Sponsor will be **WorkForce Health**. They will discuss their new business and all that they can offer in occupational health. The non-profit spotlight will be **Habitat for Humanity**. Lunch will be a seafood combination plate. If you need an alternate lunch, please note on your reservation. The cost is \$15. RSVP by Friday, April 3.

## Imagination Station

Please take a "coffee break" on Wednesday, April 1 at 9 am for a Mayoral Proclamation at **Imagination Station Early Learning Center**, 1200 E. Coolspring Ave. Mayor Chuck Oberlie will proclaim April to be designated as the Month of the Young Child in Michigan City. Refreshments will be provided.

## Leadership LaPorte County

**Leadership LaPorte County** invites you to a Breakfast with Leaders on Friday, March 27 from 7:30 - 8:45 am at Memo's Restaurant, 1714 E US 20. The cost is \$12 per person for a full breakfast. Also prizes, networking and information. Bring lots of business cards to share. The speaker will be Roberta Janssen. Ms. Janssen is a new resident of La Porte County with a solid background in leadership, academia, and business. She will share her first impressions and experiences in La Porte County, her vision for a new leadership project, and how you might get involved. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP and pay at the door. Call Abbey at 325-3207, Jim at 797-4407 or email [abbey@leadershiplaportecounty.com](mailto:abbey@leadershiplaportecounty.com).

## Opportunity Enterprises

Tickets are still available for **Opportunity Enterprises'** annual Celebration of Achievement banquet which honors the clients, staff, and community partners. The event will be held on Thursday, April 2, 11:30 am - 1 pm, at Strongbow Inn in Valparaiso. David Roche is the event's keynote speaker. RSVP by March 27. Tickets are \$35 and should be purchased prior to the event. For more information, contact Allison Thomas at [Allison.Thomas@oppent.org](mailto:Allison.Thomas@oppent.org) or 219-464-9621, ext. 239.

## Lubeznik Center for the Arts

**The Lubeznik Center for the Arts** announces May 16, as the date for "A Night in Venice VI: A Masked Ball" at the **Pottawatomie Country Club**. The annual event is the premier fundraiser for the Center and is themed after the Venetian Carnival. Proceeds will support educational programs and exhibits throughout the year. Guests are encouraged to create and wear masks. Tickets are \$130 per person or \$1500 for a table for ten and can be purchased by calling 874-4900. Sponsorships are also available.

## Thought of the Day

*"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."*

-Cicero

*Please route to your staff*

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

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