

WE'RE SAILING AHEAD

Cedar Lake
Chamber of Commerce

MAY 6, 2009

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We want to extend a warm welcome to our newest Chamber members, **The Steeple Gallery, LTD.;** **IARE Pest Control Services, LLC.;** and **Donelli's Pizza.**

The **Steeple Gallery** which opened in 1999, is owned by Samantha Dalkilic-Miestowski and is located in a beautiful old church at 11107 Thiel St. in St. John IN 46373.

Samantha sells original fine art from local, regional and state artists as well as artists from the Chicagoland area and International artists. She offers custom framing and art classes for adults and children. In addition, the gallery can be leased for corporate and private parties and small weddings. Art hanging and installation is also available.

You can reach the gallery at 219 365-1014 or Fax to 219 365-1015. Email to samowner@sbcglobal.net or her web site is: www.thesteeplegallery.com.

William Kelley is the owner of **IARE Pest Control Services** whose mailing address is P.O. Box 489 Schererville, IN 46375.

William, who is also called Pete, offers general pest control for such things as roaches, ants, mice, mosquitoes and spiders.

In addition if you have a pesky squirrel, raccoon or other critters trying to get into your home or business, he also does animal recovery.

You can reach him at 219 730-9897 or email to pk196877@yahoo.com.

Donelli's Pizza has joined the Chamber with owners John and Heather Brannon.

Many of you will remember the Brannon name, John or JC as many of us know him, is the grandson of one of the chamber's former presidents, the late Robert Brannon.

Donelli's is located at 9707 W. 133rd Ave. While it is mainly a carryout restaurant, they offer delivery service and limited dining inside.

Their restaurant offers pizza, subs, beef sandwiches and more.

You can reach them at 219 671-2980.

Stop in and say hello to these new members, and network with them.

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MONTHLY
MEETING
1ST THURS.
7P.M.

Watch for the
opening of
HAPPY
GEORGE'S
FDC CAFÉ
MAY 26

KID'S FREE FISHING DERBY IN JUNE

The Chamber's annual Cedar Lake Kid's Free Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, June 6 right here at the Welcome Center. The event will begin at 8:30a.m. and go to 1p.m. Children ages 1 thru 12 years old can participate. We ask that Moms and Dads or grandparents accompany the children because there is no one to watch each child as they fish. Adults will be on hand to hand out the poles, bait the hooks and remove the fish. For everyone's information, we support a catch and release program during the derby.

As in past years, the first 100 children will receive

free cane fishing poles. Free bait is also available.

In addition, Corky's Dogg House will serve hot dogs to everyone and the Chamber will offer beverages. We are hoping for some additional surprises that day.

Thanks to Ralph Spanier and his crew of fisherman we will also have some wonderful prizes for the children who catches the longest fish.

Bring your children down for the day and have some fun. No rain date is scheduled at this time.

GOLF OUTING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

While it's hard to believe, the snow and ice are finally gone and our golfers are ready for their favorite past time. Some are probably on the course as I write this newsletter..

Chairmen John Schutz, Al Bunge and Deana Sutton are busy putting the final touches on the Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing scheduled for Sunday, June 14 at the South Shore Country Club,

14400 Lake Shore Drive. CL

The event is a Scramble format and tee offs will begin at 9:00a.m. Tickets will be \$70.00 in advance and \$75.00 after June 1. The ticket price includes golf, a shared cart, dinner and drinks on the course.

The organizers plan for an exciting day and as a special feature, they will be offering a brand new
"2009 DODGE CHALLENGER" for

a Hole-in-One. Of course this means the first Hole-in-One only! It is sponsored by Center Chrysler, Dodge Jeep of CL The event will consist of the usual food and beverages plus great prizes. If you would like to sponsor a hole, the cost is \$50.00. Please contact the office at 374-6157 or one of the chairmen for hole sponsorships and reservations. Tee times will be set thru the office.

FLAG DAY IS ALMOST HERE

Chamber Vice-President Robert Carnahan has made all the plans for the annual Flag Day celebration scheduled for Sunday, June 14 here at the Welcome Center.

For those who would like to march in a small parade that day to open the festivities, they will meet in the East Side Dairy Queen parking lot and leave from there at 5:30p.m. to walk to the Welcome Center where government officials will join with communities throughout

the nation and say the Pledge to the Flag.

The Cedar Lake Town Council has also proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day and urges citizens to pause at 6:p.m. for the 232nd anniversary of the Flag of the United States.

Refreshments will be served at the event. The public is asked to attend.

FIRST CEDAR LAKE TOWN GALA IS A SUCCESS

Our first Cedar Lake Town Gala was a resounding success and we want to thank all the Chamber officers, board of directors, members and friends for their overwhelming support. It was a sold out event! We even had a waiting list of 30 people who had called to late to get tickets.

The Lighthouse Restaurant management and staff were a

great help to us as we planned this first gala and we owe them many thanks for their efforts.

The food and drink were delicious, the floral decorations fantastic and the entertainment provided by the Scott Pazera Quartet were great to listen and dance to.

And thanks to Wahlberg Photography, everyone had the opportunity to have their photo-

graph taken. We also want to give a special thank you to President Thomas Carroll and his staff at Lake Shore Public Television who previewed their new documentary "Greetings From Cedar Lake" at the event. Everyone who attended got a free copy thanks to Lake Shore. This documentary was supported in part by WPM Construction, LLC. Copies of the documentary will be at the office.

2010 CENSUS PREPARATIONS ARE BEGINNING

It hardly seems possible that it is almost time for the 2010 census. But census workers are beginning to start taking information in the community and we want all our residents to be counted.

While things are in the planning stages, it is important to remind

everyone how much the area relies on those numbers to secure state funding for the community. Census data determines the allocation of government funding. Every year, more than \$300 billion in federal funds is awarded to states and communities based on census data. In the last cen-

sus there was every indication that Cedar Lake lost funds because of a poor count. We don't want that to happen again.

As a business owner or an associate member encourage family and friends to complete their census questionnaire. It will be simple and short.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS LOST A GALLANT LADY

The Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce Officers, Board of Directors and members would like to extend their sympathies to Town Council President Dennis Wilkening and his sons Fire Chief Todd Wilkening and Assistant Fire Chief Dean Wilkening on the loss of their wife and mother Barbara Wilkening. Barb

as most of us knew her, died on Friday, May 1.

Barb was not only the head of the Fire Department Women's Auxiliary but also had served on the Cedar Lake Town Council and the Hanover Community School Board. She also served as a Democratic Precinct Commit-

tee woman.

Many residents have tasted her famous Chili at the Democratic Fund Raisers and also enjoyed her quick wit.

She will be truly missed.





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MEMBER EVENTS YOU MIGHT ENJOY

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday Brunch has started at the South Side Pizzeria. Owner Keith Piszro opened his doors for the first time for brunch on April 26 and said he is pleased with the number of customers. Hours will be 9a.m. to 1p.m. Reservations are not necessary.

GOLF OUTING BENEFITS CL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

If you are looking for another golf outing, keep in mind the 2009 SULLY SCRAMBLE which will be held on Sat. July 25 at the Indian Ridge Golf Course in Hobart In. It will be a 8:00a.m. Shot

Gun Start. Thanks to organizer Don Sullivan, this golf outing benefits our own Cedar Lake Boy's and Girl's Club. Tickets are \$70.00 if paid by May 31 or \$75.00 after. Tickets are limited to the first 128 golfers to sign up. For more information go to thesullys@verizon.net

GROUP ART SHOW

New member, the Steeple Art Gallery will host an opening reception on Saturday, May 9 from 2 to 5p.m. featuring an exciting group of 25 talented local artists. Reservations are required for the opening but the featured works will be on display from that date until August 31 at the gallery.

RSVP at 365-1014.

SECOND REGATTA THE YACHT CLUB

A second regatta has been planned for the Cedar Lake Yacht Club this spring. Club Secretary Pat Kardos said the I-20 regatta will be held on Sat. and Sun. May 16 and 17th. They expect to have 3 races on Sat. and 2 on Sunday, weather permitting. The races will begin at 10a.m.

The Welcome Center is the perfect place to watch the races. Bring a lawn chair, your favorite coffee or beverage and snack and enjoy!