

# WE'RE SAILING AHEAD

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## OUR 35TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER A BIG SUCCESS

Howard Kellman, the voice of the Indianapolis Indians Triple A Baseball Team was the hit of the evening when the Chamber celebrated its 35th Anniversary on Sunday, September 17 at the Great Oaks After 4 Club.

Kellman, who is also a well-known motivational speaker, kept everyone listening as he recounted tales of current and former athletes. He also spoke about the reasons to persevere if you want to succeed in business and in life.

After speaking to the Chamber, Kellman left for Oklahoma City, where he announced the Triple A World Series. He said he felt this was quite an honor, we

agree with him.

Another hit of the evening was the wonderful prime rib dinner served by Thomas McAdams of Great Oaks. While many of our members have cut down on red meat, this dinner was really something special. We can't thank Tom and his staff enough for the wonderful service.

Our very special thanks must go to Charlie and Marilyn Kaper (CL Florist) for providing the beautiful flowers that graced each table. Someone at each table took a centerpiece home.

We also want to extend a special thanks to Patti Brongiel for the great cookies she found for us which

were served for dessert. The cookies were designed to resemble our whimsical fish project that has proved so successful.

We want to thank many fish owners for allowing us to bring their fish to decorate the club.

We want to note that 35 years ago this October, the Chamber received its Charter. That came about thanks to several businessmen and women who in 1971 felt such an organization was needed. One of the special people who attended our dinner was former Chamber Secretary Florence Wahlberg (Wahlberg Photography) who was instrumental in forming the Chamber.

## NEW COMPUTER ON BOARD

Thanks to Vice-President Bob Carnahan and Gordon Dickson, we are now in possession of a new Compaq Computer and new computer programs. Please keep us in your thoughts as we advance into a new age of

technology. For those of you who don't know, the office has been using a computer with "antique" programs in it. This is going to be a learning experience and we hope it will be a good one.

We plan to continue keeping you informed on what is going on in the Chamber and what events are coming up. With the new equipment, our newsletter will have a different look.

- MEMBERSHIP PICNIC
- VENETIAN NIGHT
- Some 45 members and their spouses attended our second annual Membership Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 2. The weather was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the great food and pleasant conversation. Following the picnic, seven decorated boats joined us for Venetian Night. The number was low, but those who entered did a wonderful job decorating their boats. Winners were Anne and Paul Zimmerman and Frank and Patti Brongiel. Honorable mention went to Bob and Cindi Gross and David and Jack Jostes for the most lights.

## BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS GIVEN

Our third and final Beautification Awards for 2006 have been given.

Chairman Sandy Dalkilic (RBB Real Estate) has given one residential award and two business awards this time. The residential award went to Vera Dines and Richard Whitlow at 14328 Beech Place. The business awards went to Lake Electric 13809 Morse St., owned by Ray Ferry and Sunset Harbor Condominiums built by WPM Construction at the corner of 133rd Ave. and Morse St.

Vera Dines and her partner Richard Whitlow have been on the Chamber's Garden Walk in the past and have beautified their large yard with hundreds of flowering plants including bright colored tulips in the spring and raised vegetable beds. The house, originally a summer cottage, has been beautified with Mother Natures bounty.

Ray Ferry, who has been in Cedar Lake for 20 years has completed a dream to give something back to the Town. He has installed a four-faced clock tower on the corner of his busi-



Send in the name of a business or residence that you think might merit a beautification award for 2007.

ness property on Morse St. across from Constitution Ave. The 16ft. bronze-colored clock tower is made of aluminum and has a tempest movement. The clock will sit in a park like setting surrounded by bright flowers, comfortable benches and delightful birdhouses.

The soft colors of the rainbow highlight the new condominiums located on the east side of our community. They received the third beautification award. When building started last year the new buildings brought people from several states to see what was happening on the lake. The first 40 units have been completed and another 22 are scheduled for construction in the next few months.

The next phase of our beautification awards program will start in spring of 2007.

## CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Chamber will again sponsor a Candidate's Night at the Great Oaks After 4 Club at 6:30p.m., Thursday, October 19.

Candidates from the local and township races will be asked to discuss their platform. Each candidate will be given up to 5 minutes and following their presentation the public will be able to ask questions.

We hope our residents and business owners will come out and listen to the candidates and ask them questions. These are difficult times and we need to have the best people in office to guide our town and townships.

There is no charge for the event and refreshments will be served.

## ATTEND A BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Shelly Faber of Century 21 South County Real Estate and her staff will host a Business After Hours Fall Open House on Tuesday, October 24 from 5p.m. to 7:3p.m. at 13211 Wicker Ave.

Shelly would like to take this opportunity to present her company and entire staff to her guests which includes our Chamber membership. A brochure is enclosed in this newsletter.

## NEW MEMBERS IN THE CHAMBER FAMILY

We want to welcome the newest members to the Chamber family.

First is a renewal for Curves for Women and new owner Sandi Eenigenburg, 12742 Wicker Ave. Sandi and her staff had a ribbon cutting on Mon., Sept. 18. They are looking forward to seeing our female chamber members. She has been kind enough to give us some Guest passes if anyone would like to have a free tour and figure analysis.

219 374-9577 or Fax at 374-9578

Classic Journeys owned by Ruth and Duke Van Der Veer, 12949 Calumet Ave. CL have joined. The business was established 10 years ago is considered one of the worldwide representative of Sandals and Beaches Resorts Of course they also represent all areas of travel. 219 374-9876 Fax to 374-8887 or E-mail to classicjourneys@comcast.net or Website classicjourneys.com.

Allied Bancard, LLC at 8840 Calumet Ave. joined the Chamber this week. The company is owned by Angelo Grecco and will be represented by Nick Sarnecki. Allied is the only full service payment processor in Northwest Indiana. They suggest their goal is to provide a great pricing and support to local merchants on their credit card and debit card processing. Telephone—219 577-4342 or Fax 866 601-3251

# AT&T REPRESENTATIVE TO TALK AT LUNCH

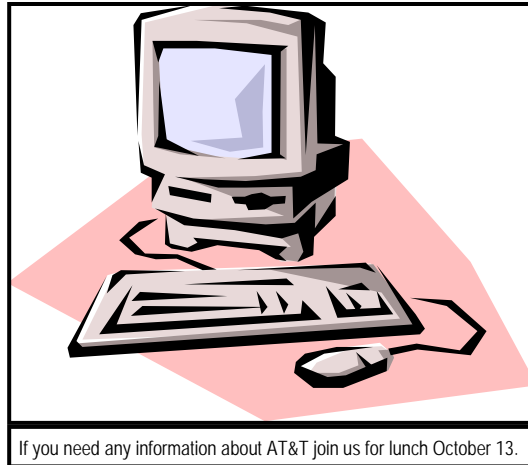
With the continuing changes in business communications today, the Chamber has invited Kurt Kenning with At&T to speak to members and guests at a luncheon meeting scheduled for noon on Friday, October 13 at the Cedar Lake Bible Conference Center.

Kurt is a hometown boy who graduated from Hanover Central High School a "few years ago".

This will not be a technical presentation but Kurt will speak to us about new products, plans and promotions. If anyone has any techni-

cal issues that they need to deal with, Kurt can refer them to the proper people at AT&T.

You can make reservations for lunch by calling the chamber office at 374-6157.



While the Chamber is hosting the luncheon, members can bring guests, so don't hesitate to ask a friend or someone you might know who is interested in dealing with AT&T.

For your information, the Chamber is having AT&T's high speed Internet service hooked up to our computer so we not only have a new computer, but we will also be able to send E-mails on a faster pace.

## FAREWELL TO A FORMER CHAMBER MEMBER

The Chamber of Commerce would like to extend its belated sympathies to the families of Marilyn Gross, former co-owner of Pinecrest Marina, and the family of Glenn Gintert, the co-owner of County Market.

The Gross family have been at the helm of Pinecrest for more than 50 years and although Marilyn and her husband Bob Sr. have been re-

tired from it, they are still remembered for operating a successful business.

The Gintert family have also been a mainstay in our community, owning the former Wilco Foods for many years.

Our deepest sympathies to all.



## PARADE OF LIGHTS JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY

It seems almost impossible to think that Thanksgiving is just two months away, and just two days after that is our annual "Parade of Lights". Now is the time to put your thinking caps on and plan to enter a float or a lighted vehicle in this wonderful holiday activity.

We want to make it worth your

while, so this years cash prizes for the winning entries have been increased. The first place winner will receive \$300, second place \$200 and third place \$100. There will also be two pizza party winners in the youth category.

Chairman Jean Eberle and her committee work hard to make this a

wonderful public event and you can tell they are successful by the number of people who turn out to see it each year. Remember, Santa arrives on the Chamber float and greets youngsters in the Town Hall following the parade. Donuts and hot cocoa are also served at that time. Call Jean at 374-7267 or call the Chamber at 374-6157.

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## Junior Miss Program Held October 8

Our 31st Annual Junior Miss Program which has been sponsored by the Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce for the past 3 years will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8.

The program will be held at 3p.m. at the Hanover Central High School Auditorium.

Eighteen high school senior girls participated this year, the largest number that program has ever had in our community. The girls were from both Hanover Central and Crown Point High Schools.

The winner of this program goes on to state competition and possibly national.. This event means a lot to a young women who might

not have the necessary money to start college.

The Junior Miss committee consisted of Chairman Dana Griner and Co-chairman Marilyn Kaper. Assisting them were Mary Joan and Gordon Dickson, Rick Griner, Charlie Kaper, Joe Justak, Christel Lea, Candi and Jerry Reiling, Kristan Schwalm, Monica Vecchio, Wendy and Paul Williams, Carol Teets, Julie Westerhoff and Diane and Jack Jostes.

The girls involved in the program included: Jennifer Gonsiorowski, Amy Bugajski, Amber Gyselinck, Amanda Parker, Beatrice Aguayo, Melissa Iwinski, Natalie Polisson,

Rachel Muncy, Jessica Rayburn, Samantha Camus, Samantha Plant, Christina Jaimes, Rachel Stinson, Ashley Stenger, Miranda Webb, Sarah Geraci, Anna-Marie Turturillo and Denise Rodriguez.