



# The Beacon

April 2, 2009

## 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.

## 2009 Golf Outing

Save the Date! The Chamber's 2009 Golf Outing will be Monday, June 8 at **Pottawattomie Country Club**. There will be new events that you won't want to miss! Mark your calendars, more information will be coming.

## ATHENA Award Nominations

ATHENA® Award Nomination Forms are now available! This prestigious award will be presented at a luncheon to honor the nominees on Thursday, May 14 at **Blue Chip Casino's** Orleans Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The founder of ATHENA International, Martha Mayhood Mertz will be the keynote speaker. Women In Leadership LaPorte County will also have their symposium in conjunction with this presentation. Contact Andrea at [afalbo@mcchamber.com](mailto:afalbo@mcchamber.com) for a nomination form. More information will be coming soon!

## Focal Point Survey

Member cooperation is asked for the purpose of adding their opinions about economic conditions in the local area. Please take this quick survey at [www.pnc.edu/faculty/rutledge/survey.html](http://www.pnc.edu/faculty/rutledge/survey.html). The Focal Point survey results will be presented at the Economic Briefing Breakfast on Tuesday, April 28 at PNC beginning at 7:30 am. Members have until April 19th at 3 pm to respond to the survey. Your time is very appreciated.

## Washington Park Zoo

**The Washington Park Zoo** opened on April 1. Zoo hours are from 10 am - 5 pm, 7 days a week with the gates closing and last admission at 4 pm. Entrance fees for adults are \$5.50 (12 & up), \$4.50 for children ages 3-11, and \$4.50 for seniors ages 62 and up. Children ages 2 and under are free.

## Lubeznik Center for the Arts

Are you funny, can you tell a good story, write poetry, recite a monologue, play an instrument or sing a song? Do you want to try your hand at improv? It's open mic evening this first Friday, April 3 beginning at 5 pm at the **Lubeznik Center for the Arts**. Lubeznik Center's acting and improv teacher will lead an evening of improv games with improv class members. Just watch or join in the fun and test your skills at improvisation, and have an uproarious time doing so. Enjoy light appetizers and beverages throughout the evening. The cost is \$6 for LCA members and \$8 for non-members. This is part of their First Fridays @5 series.

## Portage Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Portage Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 6th Annual Business Opportunity night on Thursday, April 23 at Woodland Park in Portage from 4 - 7 pm. The cost is \$3 or free with a business card. Booth space is available for \$175 for members of the Portage Chamber and \$210 for non-members. New businesses can exhibit for \$90. Contact 219-762-3300 for more information.

## Marquette Mall

**Marquette Mall** will host a Lionel Train Show on April 4 and 5 from 11 am - 5 pm. The Lionel Modular Train Club will showcase extensive displays of model railroads. Come and see beautiful model train layouts and working trains. Great fun for train lovers of all ages!

## Thought of the Day

*"There is only one success: to be able to spend your life in your own way."*

*-Christopher Morley*

*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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