



The Beacon

March 19, 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**. 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. The Month of the Young Child is a nationally recognized event devoted to the importance of young children's development and their access to high-quality early care. Refreshments will be provided by Imagination Station.

Petri Financial

There is only a month left to file your 2008 taxes on time! Call **Petri Financial** today to schedule your tax preparation. Their fees start at \$65 for electronically filed personal federal and state returns. If you have a small business, they can help with that too! With over 30 years combined experience, Tom and Amy are available to prepare your taxes and give you great tax saving advice! Call 878-0745 or e-mail service@petrifinancial.com to schedule or inquire about their services!

The LaPorte Savings Bank

LaPorte Savings Bank is pleased to announce the unveiling of www.couchloans.com - a quick, convenient way to access the bank's full service Online Mortgage Center from the comfort of your home computer. This user-friendly, secure site allows individuals to complete online applications to purchase a new home, refinance current home loans or apply for a home equity loan or line of credit. Applying online allows customers to lock in the low rate they want rather than waiting weeks for a face-to-face appointment and risking rates changing.

Curves

The Annual Food Drive is underway this month at **Curves of Michigan City**. New members will have their membership fee waived and join for free by bringing in a full bag of groceries. There's never been a better time to join! Call 872-1020 for more information!

LaPorte County Red Cross

Mark your calendar for this year's **Red Cross Classic Golf Outing** on Wednesday, May 20 at **Pottawattomie Country Club**. Registration/Continental Breakfast is at 7am and 7:45am is the Shotgun Start. An award luncheon will follow. You can register online at laportecounty.redcross.org. For more info, call 874-4247.

Thought of the Day

"We must become the change we want to see."

- Mahatma Gandhi

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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