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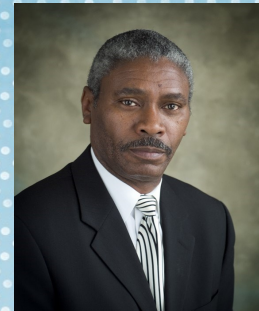
Please visit us @www.garychamber.com and catch a *lifeline*...



I would like to thank all who had a part in the success of this year's Lakeshore Classic. Our corporate luncheon featuring Jim Rose, Retired Sports Reporter was outstanding and the weekend games were exciting. To the Lakeshore Classic Committee & West Side H.S. I say a job well done.

Chuck Hughes, Pres/CEO

*Best Holiday Wishes
From Chuck, Jan & Jerome
Gary Chamber Board of Directors*



May I take this opportunity to commend everyone involved in the Lakeshore Classic. To our sponsors we owe you a debt of gratitude. To our Board and Chamber members thank you for your support. Please join us next year as we continue to present our signature event. Happy holidays to all.

Jerome Nelson, Board Chairman



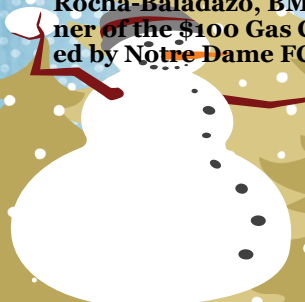
2023—What an Excellent Finish for an Excellent Year!



Lakeshore Classic Corporate Luncheon Keynote speaker, Jim Rose, Retired ABC 7 Sports Reporter. Pictured below: Esther Rocha-Baladazo, BMO Harris Bank winner of the \$100 Gas Card door prize donated by Notre Dame FCU.



Welcome! New members recognized at luncheon: (L-R) Ron Bartholomew, Andrea Puente: WNDU-TV; Latrice Farmer, Maad Queen Media; Gary Wordlaw, WNDU-TV; Chuck, Jim Rose, Don Barr, WNDU-TV; Douglas Thames, Corrine Witkowski of Geminus.



**GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
15TH ANNUAL LAKESHORE CLASSIC HIGHLIGHTS**



Gary Chamber of Commerce Office Hours for December

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| December 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE— OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON |
| December 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY—OFFICE CLOSED |
| December 31 | NEW YEAR’S EVE—OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON |
| JANUARY 1, 2024 | HAPPY NEW YEAR—OFFICE CLOSED |

Member Activities for December 2023—Additional Flyers Attached

- ▶**December 1 - 21, 2023—SMITH BIZZELL & WARNER FUNERAL HOME -“OPERATION TOY SOLDIER”-** Please help make a donation of toys to active & non-active duty military for their children. Drop unwrapped toys off at funeral home, 4209 Grant St., Gary. For more info: Call (219) 887-1852 or visit: www.smithbizzellwarnerfuneralhome.com.
- ▶**December 2, 2023 - Gary Historical & Cultural Society, Inc., Holiday Concert-** Featuring Gary Civic Symphony. VIP Reception 2-3:30 pm, Concert 4:00pm, IUN Arts & Science Bldg. 3415 Broadway, Gary. For ticket information call: (219) 680-7215, (219) 789-2783 or www.ghcsin@yahoo.com (see attached flyer).
- ▶**December 4 & 8, 2023—Larry Neff Center for Career Connections (Goodwill Industries),** 4610 W. Ridge Road, Gary. Job Search and Vision Board workshops. For addition information & to register call: (219) 964-4225 (see attached flyers).
- ▶**December 9, 2023 – The Chanute Aquatorium Society** with Woodland Child Development Center will host “The Polar Express” movie experience. A FREE event for children, Chanute Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Avenue, Gary. Help sponsor a child via Zelle at garyaquatorium@gmail.com. or mail to P.O. Box 3026, Gary, IN 46403. RSVP in Advance (see attached flyer).
- ▶**December 12, 2023—Center of Workforce Innovations,** a Regional Collaboration Virtual Meeting, 8am—10:30am. For info contact Shaun Sahlhoff at ssahlhoff@cwicorp.com or 219-462-2940 ext. 1034 (see attached flyer).
- ▶**December 16, 2023 – A Black Tie Formal 10th Anniversary of “The Color Purple”.** A Purple Carpet movie premier hosted by ECIER Foundation. Gourmet Hors D’oeuvres served. For sponsorship & ticket information call (219) 334-7690 or www.ecier.org (see attached flyer).

SAVE-THE-DATE: Monday, January 8, 2024

Gary Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting/Luncheon ♦ Marquette Park Pavilion

Guest Speaker: Mayor Elect Eddie D. Melton, City of Gary

♦ Reserve your seat/table now ♦ Call (219) 885-7407 ♦

Please join us!
We need your support.

The 39th Annual Christmas Concert Fundraiser
Featuring the Gary Civic Symphony Orchestra

Location: Indiana University Main Stage Theatre
Arts & Science Bldg, 3415 Broadway, Gary, IN

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Time: VIP Reception 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Concert 4:00 pm - Doors open at 3:30 pm

Ticket Costs: VIP Reception & Concert Tickets \$100
Concert Tickets only - Adults \$35, Youth \$15

Purchase tickets: Cash App (GIHISTORY)
Paypal (ghcsin@yahoo.com)
Eventbrite (Gary Orchestra)

or

Contact (219) 680-7215, (219) 789-2783

Gary Historical and Cultural Society, Inc.

Email: ghcsin@yahoo.com

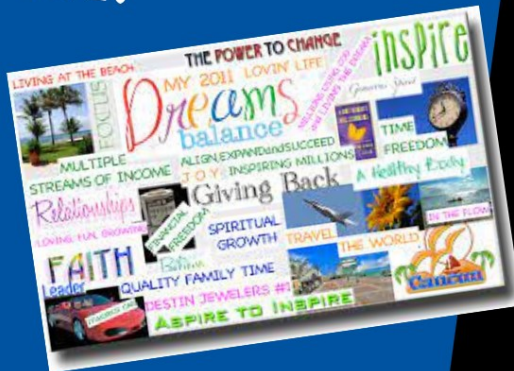
Web: www.ghcsinc.weebly.com

LARRY NEFF CENTER FOR
CAREER CONNECTIONS



VISION BOARD CREATION WORKSHOP

Come make a Visual
Representation of your
Career and Personal goals
for 2024!



Monday, December 4, 2023
2:00 PM-3:30 PM
4610 W. Ridge Road
Gary IN. 46408
Call 219-964-4225 to register



Chanute Aquatorium Society

In partnership with Woodland Child Development Center



SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER ONLINE

THE POLAR EXPRESS

"Seeing Is Believing, But, Sometimes,
The Most Real Things In The World
Are The Things We Can't See."

RSVP By November 22nd



Limited Spaces Available

Saturday
December 9
1pm & 4pm Sessions

Free Event Will Include

Free Food

Bus Rides

Cookie Decorating

Ornament Creating

Face Painting

Chanute Aquatorium

Miller Beach

6918 Oak Ave.

Gary, IN 46403



Children can dress up in PJs. Pictures will be taken for advertisement purposes.

Job Search and Interview Workshop



Friday, December 8th
2:00p-4:00p

Please join us in this workshop to learn the fundamentals of effective job searching techniques and interview preparation.



Larry Neff Center for Career Connections
4610 W. RIDGE RD.
GARY, IN 46408
Call 219-964-4225 to Register



You Are Cordially Invited To Attend
An Exquisite 10th Anniversary Celebration

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023
Doors Open at 6:00pm
Showtime 7:30pm (*with staggered times*)

Gourmet Hors D'oeuvres Served

Black Tie Formal

THE COLOR PURPLE

— A BOLD NEW TAKE ON THE BELOVED CLASSIC —

Individual Tickets \$110.00
Private Theaters Are Available

Imagine Theater
6550 American Way
Portage, Indiana



You're invited to Scams Lunch & Learn

Join us to learn about scams and how to protect yourself. RSVP at the link below or call Lauren Llanes at (219)902-4934.

Monday, December 11, 2023
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST

Chase - Goodwill Center for Career Connections
4610 W. Ridge Rd
Gary, IN 46408

Space is limited, please RSVP by December 8
at events.chase.com/300021758

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Regional Collaboration VIRTUAL MEETING



CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION + EMPLOYERS

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY to have a voice in the direction of CTE programming over the next two years. Please join us to ensure that our regional talent pipeline is strong and aligned with local workforce needs.

FEATURING

Level setting presentation • Program info from local CTE programs • Breakout discussions on topics

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

For more information, please contact Shaun Sahlhoff at ssahlhoff@cwicorp.com or (219) 462-2940 ext. 1034.

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BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP



LEARN HOW TO USE
THE TOP FREE
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FOR ALL YOUR
BUSINESS, HOME
AND SOCIAL NEEDS!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
2:00PM-3:00PM

LARRY NEFF CENTER FOR
CAREER CONNECTIONS

4610 W. RIDGE ROAD
GARY IN, 46408
Call (219) 964-4225 to Register

