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# Lifeline

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**WILLIAM G. GODWIN, ESQ.**  
**GARY COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT**  
**TO ADDRESS CHAMBER LUNCHEON**



William G. Godwin, President  
Gary Common Council

The Gary Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce as the guest speaker of our monthly General Membership Meeting/Luncheon Mr. William G. Godwin, President of the Gary Common Council, on Monday, March 14, 2022, 12:00 Noon, at Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana Council Oak Steak House, 5400 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gary.

President Godwin’s topic is “Strategies for Moving Gary Forward: A Councilman’s Perspective.” Come out and hear strategies that could affect the City of Gary, Northwest Indiana and the entire business community.

The meeting/luncheon is open to all interested parties. The cost is \$25 per person. Call the Chamber office (219) 885-7407 to reserve your seat(s) today. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for networking.

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**February General Luncheon**

You have to be at a Gary Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting/Luncheon to know what’s behind these photos from our February 14th luncheon.

(L) Mr. Clarence Hulse, Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation Michigan City’s was the February guest speaker. He’s looking at Chuck Hughes, Chamber President/CEO, in total astonishment at what’s being said.

Register today for the March luncheon, spend your lunch hour with us, get a timely message from our featured speaker and see for yourself what Chuck will be up to next!

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**Welcome New Chamber Members**  
**In attendance at February Luncheon**

- **i9 Sports—Everett Holmes**
- **Fulcrum BioEnergy, Inc.—Dana Wesolek**
- **Bruce Curry—Bruce E. Curry**



Mayor Jerome A. Prince presents Phenomenal Women Awards Brunch, March 26th. Vendor Shopping & Brunch. For vendor and ticket info call City Hall: 219.881.1300

***Congratulations!***

- **Notre Dame Federal Credit Union** lifts minimum wage from \$16 an hour to \$17 an hour in less than a year.
- The American College of Cardiology has recognized **Methodist Hospitals’** Northlake and Southlake campuses for their expertise in treating patients with chest pain. Methodist was awarded Chest Pain Center Accreditation in February 2022.
- **The Times Media Co.** NWI Executive Editor Marc Chase, a top news leader and 18-year veteran journalist, has been promoted to Midwest regional news director for Lee Enterprises. Mark will work with others to develop and execute news strategy for the corporation.



**WORLD CIVILITY DAY**  
**COMMUNITY CIVILITY COUNTS**  
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### What's Up Chuck?



Chuck Hughes  
President/CEO

### WORLD CIVILITY DAY

Reminder: World Civility Day is approaching. The workshops go fast so please reserve and we want all of you to attend and be a part of the committee that welcomes people from here and around the world. The date is April 27<sup>th</sup>. See you....

### Horizon Bank Recognizes "Gary Students on the Horizon" at Gary Chamber of Commerce Annual Lakeshore Classic



Gary elementary and middle school "Students on the Horizon" were recognized for their hard work and perseverance this school year at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeshore Classic.

"I appreciate Horizon Bank for recognizing ten of our middle school students for their outstanding achievements and look forward to working with Horizon Bank to help students with banking and financial literacy," stated Principal Walker of Gary Middle School.

Other schools recognized: Banneker at Marquette (4), Williams Elementary (4), McCullough Elementary (4), Gary Middle School (10).

Pictured with students: Telethia Barrett of Horizon Bank—Gary Branch located at 3599 Grant Street. Call Telethia, (219) 200-4045 for all your banking needs..

- **The Times Media Company** "Best of the Region" voting has begun. Promote your business or help those you know that are listed. For info contact: Maria Avila, 219.933.3281.
- **Legacy Foundation** announces the promotions of Erica Fizer to Donor Engagement Director and Maranda Engquist to Marketing and Communications Manager.

## GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR

March 14, 2022	<b><u>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON</u></b> Hard Rock Casino Council Oak Steak House 12:00 Noon Guest Speaker: William G. Godwin, President Gary Common Council
March 16, 2022	<b><u>Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting</u></b> 9:00 a.m.
March 25, 2022	<b><u>Education Committee Meeting</u></b> 11:30 a.m.
March 28, 2022	<b><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u></b> 11:30 a.m.



### Member News:

- ▶ A Proclamation from Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, The month of March 2022 has been designated as "**Disability Awareness Month**" to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities in many states and communities across the nation.
- ▶ The Indiana Chamber of Commerce recently released its Best Places to Work in Indiana list for 2022. It honored 125 Indiana businesses in various industry sectors and Merrillville-based **Centier Bank** was among those honored. The honorees will be recognized at the 2022 awards celebration on May 12 in Indianapolis.
- ▶ Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced the appointment of former Congressman Pete Visclosky, who represented the 1st Congressional District for more than 30 years, as Chairman of the **Gary/Chicago International Airport Authority** (GCIAA). Visclosky will serve as GCIAA chairman until January 31, 2026.
- ▶ **19 Sports Spring Sign Up**—Age appropriate instruction that's fun for kids & convenient for parents. All skill levels welcome. No tryouts! Program starts April & June. For information call: 219.255.2989 or online at: [i9sports.com](http://i9sports.com) (see flyer).
- ▶ **DWest Association Advisors, LLC**—Employee Retention Credit (ERC). If your business suffered during the pandemic, you may be eligible for significant tax credits. Contact William Gossett email: [dwestassociationadvisors@gmail.com](mailto:dwestassociationadvisors@gmail.com) or call (219) 985-5662 for information (see flyer).
- ▶ **March 3-17, 2022—Indiana University Northwest Center for Professional Development** Project Management Fundamentals certification online program. Earn a certification today. For information contact Jana Szostek at [jaszoste@iun.edu](mailto:jaszoste@iun.edu) or 219.980.6910 (see flyer).
- ▶ **West Side Theatre Guild** announces the 2022 Spring Revised Schedule. For additional information call 219.977.2198:
  - March 10, 2022—Black National Convention 50th Anniversary Celebration—NATIONTIME. Virtual experience free online.
  - April 8, 9, and 10, 2022—August Wilson Celebration FENCES, 7 P.M.
  - May 6 & 7, 2022—Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, main theatre 7 p.m.
  - May 8, 2022—Once on This Island, Virtual experience online.
- ▶ Nora Glenn, President of Marquette Park Playground Committee, Inc., will again sponsor "Storyhour", a summer reading program for kids. Nora is looking for guest readers to pick a storybook or two and read to the kids. Also any contribution to the program is accepted. Contact Nora at [noraglenng99@gmail.com](mailto:noraglenng99@gmail.com) to get on the calendar.



MAYOR JEROME A. PRINCE  
PRESENTS



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**March 3 -**  
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Online Program

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Contact Jana Szostek  
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