



Gary Chamber of Commerce

Lifeline

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“CONNECTING BUSINESSES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS”

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PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER FOR GLOBAL BUSINESSES TO ADDRESS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



The Gary Chamber of Commerce will hold its Monthly General Membership Meeting/ Luncheon on Monday, March 13, 2023, 12:00 Noon at The Chateau Banquets, 530 W. 61st Avenue, Merrillville, IN. Join the Chamber as we welcome Colin Renk, President & Co-Founder The International Center, Indiana-Germany Business Council as our guest speaker.

Mr. Renk leads The International Center’s programs and services department which includes intercultural workshops, trainings, and relocation services for Global Businesses. Prior to joining The Center in May 2022, Renk served as executive director of the America China Society of Indiana for nearly a decade which facilitated bilateral business connections between Indiana and China.

You are invited to hear how international trade and connections can benefit your business.

The cost of the luncheon is **\$25 per person**. Call the Chamber office (219) 885-7407 to **reserve your seat(s) today**. Payment required in advance.

• **LUNCHEON SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE** •



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GARY CHAMBER CELEBRATED BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Gary Chamber’s February General Meeting/Luncheon was honored to celebrate Black History Month with guest speaker Mr. Girard Jenkins, VP of Operations for McKissack & McKissack of Chicago. McKissack & McKissack, is one of the nation’s leading black-and woman-owned architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) companies. The luncheon guests were treated to little known City of Gary Black History facts. Pictured left with Jerome Nelson & Mayor Prince are: Ambra McCain-Roby holding a picture of her mother Claudia Nava McCain, the 1st Black City of Gary Clerk, John Roby holding a picture of his grandfather Wardell Fields, being the 1st Black city of Gary Policeman, and (center) Chuck Hughes is presented a certificate for being the 1st Black Play-by-Play Announcer and Sports Program Director for WWCA-Gary Radio, and (left) Fred Mitchell, Gary Tolleston High School grad was the 1st Black Sports Reporter for the Chicago Tribune Newspaper,



Girard Jenkins



Door prize: Portrait of M.L. King, Jr. hand painted by the clients of Trade Winds



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(L): Greeted by Mayor Prince were new Chamber members in attendance: (l-r) Travis Williams, Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Council of Carpenters Union: Sandra Johnson, Sandra’s Much Love Agency: Becky Mateja, Robin Sobomehin, Robin’s Social Coaching & Credit Repair: Kim Britton, of KJS Enterprise.



Community Civility Counts will host **World Civility Day on April 6, 2023**. Join us for the largest Civility event of its kind in the country. It will feature a full day of Civility themed activities beginning with Civility themed workshops at the Dean and Barbara White Center covering a variety of topics. The evening event at the Avalon Manor will feature prominent speakers, dignitaries and a host of others, including an awards celebration. Sponsorships available. For tickets, sponsorship and awards dinner information call the Chamber office: 219.885.7407.

BUSINESS-AFTER-HOURS



RETURNING YOUTH INITIATIVE



Business-After-Hours Networking Events are held monthly. You can spotlight your business at your facility or a facility of choice. Get to know your fellow Chamber members as well as members of the entire business community in a relaxed and fun filled atmosphere. Interested? Contact Chamber Ambassador Adrian Wells 404-592-7345 or Jan 219-885-7407 to schedule your BAH today. Pictured: Returning Youth Initiative BAH held at The Beach Café, 903 Shelby St., Gary on 2/16/23.



GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE — UP COMING ACTIVITIES

March 13, 2023	<u>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON</u> The Chateau Banquets, 530 W. 61st Avenue, Merrillville	12:00 Noon
March 15, 2023	<u>Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting</u>	9:00 a.m.
March 17, 2023	<u>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</u>	
March 23, 2023	<u>BUSINESS-AFTER-HOURS / PAUL DAWNING, STATE FARM INSURANCE</u> 5001 Cleveland Street, Gary	5:30-7:30 p.m.
March 24, 2023	<u>Education Committee Meeting</u>	11:00 a.m.
March 27, 2023	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u>	11:30 a.m.

Member Activities—Flyers Attached

- ▶ Neighborhood Transportation offered by **HealthVisions Midwest**. Need a Ride? Seniors and veterans are offered needed transportation to appointments, grocery shopping and more. Reach out to eashford@hvusa.org or 219-844-2698 ext. 120 at HealthVisions Midwest for information.
- ▶ **Edgewater Health** is offering a FREE 6-week program where community health workers communicate and provide information about blood pressure, body mass index, low sodium diet, healthy diets and more. All classes take place on Tuesday's at Edgewater Health, 10:30 am, at 1100 6th Avenue, Gary. Info call Sandra Campos, 219-885-4264 ext. 2808.
- ▶ **March 2, 2023 – 2023 Community Engagement Series with Mayor Jerome A. Prince**. Community Open House Gary City Hall, 401 Broadway, 3:00-5:30pm, and the Public Safety Town Hall Meeting, Gary Police Station, 555 Polk St., 6:00-7:00pm. On March 30, 2023, Small Business Town Hall Meeting, Gary Public Library, 220 W. 5th Ave., 6:00-7:00pm.
- ▶ **March 21, 2023 – Bridging the Gap in a Diverse World**. This FREE Expo will bring students and businesses together to talk about how we can bridge the gap with needs of the new-age workers. Thomas Edison Junior Senior HS, 3304 Parkside Ave., Lake Station. Breakfast & lunch provided. RSVP's are required. Call Latin Media 219.940.8552.
- ▶ **March 23, 2023 – Gary Chamber Business-After-Hours with Paul Dawning of State Farm Insurance**. Enjoy networking, games, door prizes, and just plain fun, 5:30-7:30pm, 5001 Cleveland Street, Gary. RSVP on Eventbrite, Paul 219-884-6947 or Jan 219-885-7407.
- ▶ **March 23, 2023 – Vision Quest Consulting & Panorama Entertainment News** presents the annual NWI Talent Show and Battle of Municipalities, 7-8:30pm, 1851 Front Street, Whiting, IN. Vendors, participants, and tickets are available. Call Panorama 219-464-9237 or Becky Mateja 219-921-4584 for information.

▶ SAVE-THE-DATES ▶

- **May 1, 2023—Legacy Foundation** Small Business Education Course Scholarships(deadline).
- **May 13, 2023—Gary Community Partnership** Black Tie Gala Fundraiser “Changemakers Awards”.
- **June 17, 2023—4th District Neighborhood Association: Old School Juneteenth R&B and Blues Festival.**



MAYOR JEROME A. PRINCE

OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES



2023 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERIES

MARCH

2

GARY CITY HALL
401 BROADWAY
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

- Meet City Officials & Staff
- City Services and Programs' Information
- Volunteer Opportunities

MARCH

2

GARY POLICE STATION
555 POLK ST.
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL MEETING

- Voice Your Concerns
- Meet Departments' Leadership
- Public Safety Programs and Initiatives

MARCH

30

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY
220 WEST 5TH AVE.
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SMALL BUSINESS TOWN HALL MEETING

- ARPA Funding Opportunities
- Application Process & Guidelines
- Other Resources



DEPARTMENT INFO

(219) 881-1300
imocs@gary.gov



MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES

401 Broadway, Suite 200
Gary, IN 46402



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS WITH THE GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.


NETWORKING, CONNECTING AND CONVERSATION



 **State Farm**

Thursday: March 23, 2023

Time: 5:30 p.m to 7:30 p.m

Location:  State Farm 5001 Cleveland St Gary, IN 46408

Event host: Paul Dawning, Agent - State Farm Insurance.

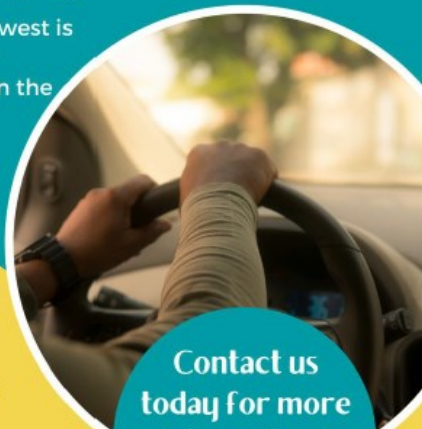
SEATS ARE FILLING UP FAST

Register Now

If you have any questions call Paul at 219-884-6947 or Jan 219-885-7407

Volunteers Needed

HealthVisions Midwest is now recruiting for volunteer drivers in the NWI area.



Driver Benefits:

- Flexible Schedule
- Use your own car and smartphone
- Receive mileage reimbursement

Contact us today for more information!

219.844.2698 or
eashford@hvusa.org
www.hvusa.org

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NEED A RIDE?

Seniors can get transportation for:
Doctors Appointments
Vaccination Appointments
Grocery Shopping and more.

To schedule a ride or for more information reach out to HealthVisionsMidwest.
- 219-844-2698 EXT 120
- eashford@hvusa.org



“BRIDGING THE GAP IN A DIVERSE WORLD”



Nearly 600 STUDENTS will be in attendance!

MARCH 21, 2023
8:00am - 2:00pm

**Thomas A. Edison
Junior Senior High School
3304 Parkside Avenue
Lake Station 46406**

**THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND
THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS BUT YOU
MUST RSVP! SPACE IS LIMITED!**

219-940-8552

**Continental Breakfast and Box
Lunch will be provided to all
attendees!**

“ As a business, are you meeting the needs of the new-age workers? As a student, are you meeting the qualifications of what your future career expects from you?

This expo is exactly what is needed. We will bring students and businesses together to talk about how we can bridge the gap in this diverse world.

We will discuss the needs of the next generation coming into the workforce, what companies are doing to adjust and how education plays a vital role in preparing students for the future. ”



SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

For more information contact:
Lorraine Guillen-Wentz
219-940-8552



- HEALTHY EATING
- ACTIVE LIVING
- REDUCE STRESS
- TEST YOUR NUMBERS

What is the H.E.A.R.T. program?

It is a **FREE** 6-week program where community health workers communicate with clients to check their blood pressure, weight, body mass index and provide information about: Healthy numbers, low sodium diets, moving more, eating healthier, getting proper rest, etc.

Raffle items | FREE giveaways | FREE classes
Transportation available!

FREE CLASSES INCLUDE:

▶ GET MOVING

▶ BUILD STRONG BONES

▶ PLAN, SHOP, SAVE

▶ GO LEAN WITH PROTEIN

and more!



Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Edgewater Health
1100 W. 6th Ave, Gary IN, 46402

For registration or transportation, call

Sandra Campos, Community Outreach Coordinator
219.885.4264 ext. 2808

Vision Quest & PanoramaNOW presents the Annual . . .

NWI Talent Show

And Battle of the Municipalities*

Thur, Mar. 23rd 2023

7 - 8:30pm - Doors Open: 6pm



Whiting
At MHOF
1851 Front St.

**Tickets
Are \$25
On Eventbrite
NOW!**

Talent and Talent Partners Benefits:

Facebook Live
On PanoramaNOW

Publicity in
Program Book

Blogged On PanoramaNOW

Vendor Tables Available

Talent Scouts Discovering

Local Media Attending

Exposure At Event

Access on Newsbreak

Stay Searchable on Google

Optional Youtube video



Sweets Provided Food & Drinks Available For Purchase

* Nwi Partners Support Their Hometown Talent:
Entry Fee Is **\$100** (Total) - Includes 4 Performers.
Zelle \$20 Application Fee to gemchick4eva@gmail.com



PRIZE PACKAGES:
1st: \$500 (\$200 Cash)
2nd: \$250 (\$100 Cash)
3rd: \$100 (\$50 Cash)

Name: _____ Ph: ____/____/____ Organization _____

Address: _____ Type of Act: _____

City _____ Zip _____ # People _____ Alternative Contact / Phone _____

Talent Supporter: _____ Partner Address _____

YES! Sign Me Up! Send Web, Social & Video Links Photos, Videos, Biographies Via to the outlook email Below

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AMERICAN PICKERS to Film in Indiana

The American Pickers are excited to return to Indiana! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in April 2023.

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. **They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.**

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way. **The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before.** They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories!

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If **you or someone you know** has a **large, private collection or accumulation of antiques** that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through we would love to hear from you! Please note, **the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public.** If interested, please send us **your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos** to:

americanpickers@cineflix.com or call (646) 493-2184

facebook: @GotAPick



AMERICAN PICKERS is produced by Cineflix Productions for The History Channel. New episodes air Mondays at 9pm EST on History.



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NORTHWEST



Small Business Education Course Scholarships

Strengthening your small businesses online presence

**Pre-qualification Meeting Deadline:
May 1, 2023**

**Open to small businesses
in Gary, IN**

Learn more: legacyfdn.org

Contact

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R&B AND BLUES FEST



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SAT. JUNE 17, 2023
@3PM A

Old Pulaski Middle School
1867 Georgia St Gary, IN

TICKETS

\$50 GA \$75 VIP
Eventbrite.com

Lawnchair Seating

Platinum VIP Seats
and more info
Call
260-234-6106

Food & Merchandise
Vendors
Call
260-234-6106

