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The 8th Annual World Civility Day celebration will be one to remember. Day long civility themed workshops, an evening Civility Awards dinner to salute special individuals or organizations in our community that have demonstrated a random act of Civility or even an intentional act of civility. We are proud to announce as our keynote speaker, Ms. Deryl McKissack, the founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer of McKissack & McKissack, a national architecture, engineering, program, and construction management firm. McKissack has managed landmark projects that include the Museum of African American History and Culture, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the Obama Presidential Center and the Navy Pier Centennial Projects in Chicago. The firm is also designing additions to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum and led the construction and served as the architect of record for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, DC, and was recently awarded a contract with the City of Dallas to oversee the redevelopment of the Arena at Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center.

Along with Ms. McKissack we are pleased to announce our guest, Mr. Damon Williams, the legendary comedian, actor, writer, and producer, and native of Chicago who has become a household name in the entertainment industry for over 30 years. Williams has worked with some of the most iconic stars in show business, too many to mention. He has performed stand-up comedy on several networks, including numerous television appearances. Williams' reputation as a highly sought-after comedian led to him earning the opening spot on the legendary Kings of Comedy Tour and touring the US on the Royal Comedy Tour.

Information on Tickets and Sponsorships Attached. Call the Chamber office (219) 885-7407 to purchase yours today.

FEBRUARY CHAMBER LUNCHEON CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Even though our luncheon guest speaker, Vernon Williams, was unable to travel due to health issues, that didn't stop the February Black History presentation. With Zoom technology, Chuck and Vernon were able to give a great Gary History lesson to over 150 luncheon attendees.



Guest who won the March Grand Door prize of a \$100 Gas Card...new member and first time attendee Ronald Anderson of Healthcare Solutions.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Mayor Eddie Melton (3rd I) along with Chuck Hughes and March luncheon sponsor Bill Hasse, Hasse Construction Co. welcomes our March General Meeting Luncheon special guest speaker, Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch of Michigan City, Indiana.

DataMine Internet Marketing is renovating/updating the Gary Chamber of Commerce website with a whole new look. Please excuse us for any missing information. We should be up and running in a couple of weeks (see attached flyer).

What's Up Chuck?



Hello All!

World Civility Day is almost here. As events like the turmoil in Gaza rage on, let's resolve to think and act Civility and kindness every day. God bless us all. I was also honored to be the Master of Ceremony for The Webb House, Inc. honoring Female Veterans & their Families.

Their Families Gala. Pictured (l) are females who have served in all branches of the military. Pictured (center l-r) guests speakers: Major Remosshay Nelson, U. S. Airforce and Reporter General NSDAR, Junelle Mongno, U. S. Airforce. Not pictured Lt. Colonel Destiny Scott-Wells, Army National Guard.



(l) Pastor Dennis Walton, Chuck Hughes and Board Member Nate Shaw welcomes Angela Johnson, a local area electrician to the Chamber luncheon.



New members in attendance at the March luncheon: (L-R) Tremaine Tucker, Old National Bank; Ronald Anderson, Healthcare Solutions; Rev. Joshua Austin, City Life Center; Chuck; Angela Steele, Oak Street Health; Alexis Nelson, BEST, Inc.; Kelly Carey, SilverStrays, Inc. and Rev. J.E. Wade, JE Wade Ministries, Inc.

GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - UP COMING ACTIVITIES - Mark Your Calendar!

April 1	APRIL FOOL'S DAY
April 9	WORLD CIVILITY DAY PRESS CONFERENCE—GARY CITY HALL
APRIL 11	WORLD CIVILITY DAY
April 17	Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting 9:00 am
April 26	Education Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Member Activities for April 2024— Additional Information Flyers Attached

- ▶ The Gary Chamber of Commerce is are deeply saddened by the passing of **Tommy Williams**, whose impactful presence and resonant voice announced games of the Lakeshore Classic from its' inaugural year and graced airwaves for over two decades in Northwest Indiana (see attached flyer).
- ▶ Congratulations to Andrea Roscoe, member of the John Will Anderson Gary Boys & Girls Club, she was crowned the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana Youth of the Year!** She will now compete at the state level. Good Luck Andrea!
- ▶ **City Life Center of Gary** is now accepting registration for "Summer Camp 2024". Register on line only for summer activities at www.citylifefenwi.org. Limited transportation slots available. For addition info call: (219) 880-4851 (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **IUN School of Business and Economics** will host its' 21st Annual Employment & Internship Fair at the Indiana University Northwest campus in Gary, IN, on Friday, April 12, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CST. Meet your employee of the future. Booths are now available Register at this link: <https://go.iu.edu/5hKC>. For additional information contact: HelenMarie Harmon, 219-980-6644 or hharmon@iun.edu.
- ▶ **QJCG SaaS** is an all-in-one solution designed to streamline business management operations, from social media and marketing to customer relationship management and more. For a limited time, we're extending a special offer to Chamber members, over 80% in savings. Contact James Ward (219) 789-0960 or <https://www.quadjcreativegroup.com/garychamberoffer> (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **April 11, 2024—Central Midwest Regional Council of Carpenters** formally known as Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters announces "Career Exploration Night". Learn about career opportunities in this industry. 5-7pm, 1565 E. 70th Court, Merrillville. For info contact: Travis Williams, 219-942-0518 or 219-699-7250 (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **April 12, 2024 – 21st Annual Employment & Internship Fair** at the **Indiana University Northwest** campus in Gary, IN, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CST. For information email: HelenMarie Harmon, hharmon@iun.edu or call 219-980-6644.



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8th Annual World Civility Day

- A Celebration of "The Golden Rule"
- A Full Day of Civility Themed Events
- Morning Civility Workshops
- An Evening Awards Dinner

Venues:

- Dean and Barbara White Community Center
6600 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410
- Avalon Manor
3550 E. US Highway 30, Merrillville, IN 46410

Activities Include:

- Civility in the Classroom and Workplace Themed Workshops
- Civility Themed Discussions
- Vendor Fair
- Lunch Provided
- Awards Dinner w/Featured Speaker(s)
- Community Civility Counts Awards Presentation

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

VIP Ticket, \$90: Full-day access for an individual, including dinner.
Workshop Ticket, \$30 per adult, \$15 per student w/Lunch
Awards Dinner Ticket, \$70



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Remembering Tommy Williams:

The voice of Lakeshore Sports and Gary Chamber's Lakeshore Classic



Lakeshore Public Media and the Northwest Indiana sports community are deeply saddened by the passing of Tommy Williams, whose impactful presence and resonant voice graced the airwaves for over two decades.

You will be missed, Tommy. ❤️

Lakeshore Public Media is coordinating efforts to honor Tommy Williams. Further details to be announced soon.



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- 4/18 Louisville, KY
- 4/22-Warsaw, IN



- 4/23-Newburgh, IN
- 4/24-Terre Haute, IN
- 4/25-Lafayette, IN
- 4/29-Muncie, IN

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Warm regards,

Ron and Jason
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P.S. Don't forget you can get a FREE website analysis. Just contact us!

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Impossible dreams



If you had one wish, what would it be? Share it with us during our Livin' the Dream event for your chance to make it come true.

We are working with Wish of a Lifetime to let you know about opportunities their organization makes possible, including granting wishes for people just like you. **So put your fondest dream within reach at your neighborhood Oak Street Health.***

Midtown

1310 Broadway
Gary, IN 46407-1309

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Oak Street and AARP have partnered together to grant many wishes that have been pulled. Additional dates & times:

- 4/10/24: 1-2pm, 4900 Broadway
- 4/11/24: 12-2pm, Lake Station City Hall
- 4/16/24: 2-4pm, Miller Branch Library, Gary
- 4/17/24: 2-4pm, Gary Main Branch Library
- 4/18/24: 2-4pm, Kennedy Branch Library



*Oak Street Health is not affiliated with and does not endorse other parties' services or products, and does not grant wishes on behalf of Wish of a Lifetime. Please note that anyone over 65 years of age is eligible to participate in Wish of a Lifetime requests through their website at: wishofalifetime.org/submit-a-wish/application/.



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