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SOLD OUT

A FORTUNE 500 COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FIRM TO ADDRESS CHAMBER MAY LUNCHEON

Join us on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 12 Noon, at the Hard Rock Casino's Council Oak Steakhouse, 5400 W. 29th Avenue, Gary, as we welcome members of CBRE, Inc., the world's largest commercial real estate services firm and a Fortune 500 company. Speakers will include Anne Rahm, Peter Livaditis, and Chris Deutscher.



Ms. Rahm provides strategic planning, development and brokerage services to government entities and educational institutions nationwide. Mr. Livaditis leads a team that

focuses on providing integrated transactions services to clients in the Chicago market and globally. Mr. Deutscher, a lifetime resident of Northwest Indiana, focuses on attracting new businesses and residents to Northern Indiana by promoting the real estate to serve their needs.

The meeting/luncheon is open to all interested parties. The cost is \$25 per person.

* Reservations must be paid in advance *

We now accept American Express, Master Card and Visa Credit and Debit cards

World Civility Day Celebration a Huge Success in Northwest Indiana

The annual World Civility Day celebration gets better every year and the 7th year was no different, just bigger! Students, businesses and organizations from all walks of life took part in the day long festivities in Merrillville. The Civility Workshops at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center and Community Civility Counts Awards Dinner at Avalon Manor.

The day began with workshop presenters led by Sunny Lu Williams, president of TechServ Corporation of Indianapolis and included: Dennis Walton, pastor of Faith Temple of Christ Church—Gary/Merrillville; Cynthia Spencer, social worker with The Methodist Hospitals; Katrina Terry of Lionfish CyberSecurity, Indianapolis; and keynote speaker Cordell Carter II of the Aspen Institute, Washington, DC.

The evening Community Civility Counts Awards Dinner at Avalon Manor recognized individuals who have demonstrated random acts of Civility with The Civility Champion Awards: Dennis Walton, Pastor Faith Temple of Christ Church; John Wilkening, Notre Dame FCU; Cynthia Spencer, The Methodist Hospitals; Robert Szoke, Pastor Impact Christin Church; Andrew Holmes, Lock It Down; Jeffrey Edwards, Gary Community Partnership Corp.; LaJuan Clemons, Family Life Community Center; Talisa Rogers-Hall, United Way of NWI; Gregory L. Wilson, Indiana Civil Rights Commission and Aaliyah Stewart, The ASW Foundation. The Awards Dinner welcomed 3 distinguished guest speakers: Michael Huff, Chicago White Sox; Bob Jordan, WGN-TV Chicago News Journalist and Robert Woodson, The Woodson Center.

We would like to thank our vendors, Gary high school students and especially our event sponsors. Save the Date in April 2024 for to the 8th annual World Civility Day celebration.



WHAT'S UP CHUCK?



Another fabulous World Civility Day event in the books! We have managed to have other parties potentially committing themselves and their organizations to this very worthwhile event. We are most appreciative though of the many Chamber members and associates right here in Northwest Indiana who are the glue that binds everything together. As we continue to welcome people to the region take immense pride in your role. Let's make our next World Civility Day 8 GREAT!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS To Schedule Your BAH Call Jan (219) 885-7407



The month of March BAH showcased Paul Dawning, State Farm Insurance, 5001 Cleveland St., Gary.

OUTSTANDING!



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

Gary Chamber of Commerce Activities

May 2	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY—EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT AND VOTE!	
May 8	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON	12:00 Noon
May 17	Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
May 22	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	11:30 a.m.
May 26	Education Committee Meeting	11:30 a.m.
May 29	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED—CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED	



Member Activities—Additional Announcements & Flyers Attached

- ▶ **Celebrate!** Each year between May 4 and June 4, **Returning Youth Initiative** celebrates National Returning Youth Month. It brings awareness to young adults transitioning into society after incarceration (see flyer).
- ▶ It's **National Small Business Week**, and **Allies for Community Business (A4CB)** is celebrating the meaningful contributions that small business owners make in our communities (see flyer).
- ▶ **Methodist Hospitals Foundation** announced a gift received for **The Methodist Hospitals** from U.S. Steel Corporation for their 100 years of service to Northwest Indiana in the amount of a \$100 Thousand gift.
- ▶ **May 3-13, 2023—Urban League of NWI** is assisting small businesses in the City of Gary that apply for the Small Business Grant, 3101 Broadway, Gary. Call 219-887-9621 or 219-980-2093 for appointments (see flyer).
- ▶ **May 9, 2023—DWEST Association Advisors, LLC** will host a Blessed Breakfast Symposium Conference for all Clergy in Northwest Indiana, 11:30 am—1:30 pm, at Tree of Life, 7105 Hohman Ave., Hammond. Register on Eventbrite, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blessed-breakfast-symposium-conference-in-tickets-616532785157> (see flyer).
- ▶ **May 13, 2023—Gary Community Partnership** invites you to their 1st annual Gala Fundraiser that benefits their Youth Empowerment Programming. Join them at Cloister in the Woods Banquet Facility, 1101 Park Drive, Munster, 6-10:00 p.m. For additional information call (219) 427-2421 (see flyer).
- ▶ Clean, safe drinking water is critical in our daily lives, said Matt Prine, president of **Indiana American Water Co.** in collaboration with the American Water Charitable Foundation a donation of \$50,000 was given for the relief efforts of some Indiana communities that have been impacted by the devastating storms and tornadoes that it serves.
- ▶ **May 17, 2023—Urban League of NWI** hosts a Diversity & Inclusion Symposium, 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Valparaiso University Harre Union, 1509 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso. Call 219-887-9621 for additional information.
- ▶ **May 18, 2023—Big Shoulders Fund, Inc.** invites you to a **Business After Hours**, 5:30-7:30 pm, White Lodging School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Purdue University NW, 2300 173rd St., Hammond. Register on Eventbrite or call the Chamber office 219.885.7407 (see flyer).
- ▶ **Gary Chamber of Commerce Ambassador/Special Events Committee** is looking for outstanding volunteers to work with Chairwoman Adrian Wells on special events celebrations such as Open Houses, Ribbon Cutting, Business After Hours, etc. Call the Chamber office 219-885-7407 to sign-up today.

The Gary Chamber of Commerce 's Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon —June 12, 2023





Urban League Northwest Indiana

Small Business Grant: Assistance Provided

ULNWI is assisting small businesses in the City of Gary to apply for the Small Business Grant.

Location:

Urban League Northwest Indiana

3101 Broadway

Gary, In. 46409

Telephone: 219-887-9621 or 219-980-2093



**MAY
3-13**

Wed: 5 pm - 7 pm

Thur: 5 pm - 7 pm

Friday: 5 pm - 7 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 12 pm

WE HELP WITH:

- Clarifying application questions
- Completing the application for the grant
- Checking off required documents
- Guidance on where to submit the application

MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- EIN
- City of Gary Business License(if applicable)
- 2019 - 2021 Tax returns, Financial Documents, or Financial Statements

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

TAKE SOME TIME TO
LOOK AROUND, LOOK WITHIN

[MHANATIONAL.ORG/MAY](https://mhanational.org/may)



PATH is excited to announce the release of Mental Health America's highly anticipated 2023 May is Mental Health Month toolkit!

Their theme this year is Look Around, Look Within. As humans, our overall health is significantly impacted by our natural and built environment. The places we live, work, play, and congregate all have a powerful influence on our well-being, and it's important to consider their effects on our mental health. Join us in taking a Look Around, Look Within with the free 2023 May is Mental Health Month toolkit.

The toolkit provides practical resources on how to support your mental health and the health of those in your community. Through fact sheets, worksheets, sample communications materials, and sample social media, the following topics will be covered:

- What is a mentally healthy and safe space?
- How can I change my surroundings to support my mental health?
- What if I can't control or change something unhealthy about my surroundings?

Since 1949, Mental Health America and its affiliates across the country have observed May as Mental Health Month by reaching out to millions of people through the media, local events, and screenings. Please join us in this effort by calling PATH, Inc. (219) 254-2678 to obtain a toolkit and taking the first step toward improving your mental health and the health of those in your community.

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Approach to
Teen Health

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NORTHWEST INDIANA

May 18th NETWORKING

Business After
Hours event
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Tickets Are Going Fast



Networking, Connecting and Conversation

**Location: White Lodging School of Hospitality and Tourism
Management – Purdue University Northwest.**

Address: 2300 173rd Street, Hammond, IN 46323

 Any questions call Gisele at 219.588.0546 or Jan 219.885.7407

TREE OF LIFE

BLESSED BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM CONFERENCE!

*Pancakes, bacon, eggs, and more!
DWEST paid for all Clergy!*

**JOIN US TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
FROM 11:00 AM TO 1:30 PM**

Tree of Life,
7105 Hohman Ave, Hammond Indiana 46324.
The keynote speaker is Sylvester Williams CEO of
DWEST Association Advisors LLC.

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blessed-breakfast-symposium-conference-in-tickets-616532785157>





It's National Small Business Week, and Allies for Community Business (A4CB) is celebrating the meaningful contributions that small business owners make in our communities.

In 2017, James and Jasney Diggs started their cleaning company, Tidy Up Experts, to contribute to the revitalization of their West Side Chicago neighborhood. Tidy Up Experts provides commercial and residential cleaning services in the Chicago area. In 2022, the couple received coaching and a small business loan from A4CB to grow their business, which included expanding their services and acquiring new contracts.

Currently, Tidy Up Experts employs a 10-person team made up of residents from West Garfield Park. "Our team is our foundation," said James. "We hire residents from our community and continue to train them with transferable employment skills. We're reducing the impact of unemployment for residents with little to no employment history and providing opportunities for residents with minor, non-violent offenses."

In honor of National Small Business Week, please make a gift to A4CB so we can continue serving entrepreneurs like James and Jasney. Please also [visit our client marketplace](#) featuring neighborhood businesses throughout Chicagoland selling a variety of products through their websites.

SAVE THE DATE

2023 *Changemakers Awards*

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 13 AT 6:00 PM
 2023

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Each year between May 4 and June 4, National Returning Youth Month brings awareness to young adults transitioning into society after incarceration. This monthly observance encourages all Americans to remove the stigma associated with those coming out of incarceration. Most importantly, National Returning Youth Month opens well-deserved dialog to support post-incarcerated youth.

Many believe young adults in our society have unlimited resources that will guide them towards successful adulthood. Unfortunately, nearly 11 percent of all teenagers and young adults in the U.S. are faced with lack of support and resources to become productive citizens. According to Measure of America, 4.1 million young adults between ages 16 and 24 are falling behind in the U.S. Sadly, these disconnected youth do not attend school or maintain employment. Oftentimes, many resort to making bad decisions in order survive. As a result, they are often incarcerated and labeled for the rest of their lives.

Returning to daily life after incarceration can be stressful and discouraging. But, by providing the right tools, post-incarcerated youth can become productive members of society. The key to success and most effective way to achieve that success is offering guidance, access to resources, and provide alternative solutions to avoid future incarceration.

CLASS OF 2023!

Let's
TACO 'BOUT
Admissions

JOIN US ON

- Tuesday, May, 9, 2023
- 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- 410 E Columbus Dr.
East Chicago, In 46312

<https://rb.gy/4q5tk>



INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES:

- Meet with our Community Organizations
- Speak with your Admissions team
- Apply to Ivy Tech!
- Meet with Financial Aid
- Eat tacos and have a beverage with us!



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There will be raffles for big prizes!



Earn up to \$500 for your business.

Choose an Old National business checking account, and you'll also add the strength of a financial partner with 189 years of helping businesses succeed.

Hurry! This offer ends June 30, 2023.

STEP ONE	FREE BUSINESS CHECKING	BASIC BUSINESS INTEREST CHECKING
Open one of these qualifying business checking accounts.	Ideal for start-ups and low volume checking activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No monthly fee Online & Mobile Banking First 200 items processed free¹ Includes up to \$15,000 in cash and currency deposited each month at no cost² 	Ideal for small to midsize companies looking for an interest bearing option³ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No monthly fee (with minimum balance)⁴ Online & Mobile Banking First 150 items processed free¹ Includes up to \$25,000 in cash and currency deposited each month at no cost²
STEP TWO	BENEFITS	
Enroll and log into online or mobile banking via digital banking within the first 30 days of account opening.	Mobile Banking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check your account on the go Make mobile deposits⁵ Transfer funds wherever you are 	Online Banking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/7 access to your account More secure than paper statements (e-statements available) View and print online documents
STEP THREE	BONUS	
Make two or more qualifying ACH direct deposits within the first 60 days of account opening.	TO EARN \$500: ACH deposits must total \$10,000 or more	TO EARN \$250: ACH deposits must total \$5,000 or more

¹Items include checks paid, withdrawals, deposits, deposited items and electronic (ACH or POS) debits and credits. ²Cash and currency deposited fee is \$0.15 per \$100 over product threshold. ³For interest-bearing accounts, the interest rate and annual percentage yield may change. At our discretion, we may change the interest rate on the account periodically. Interest begins to accrue no later than the business day we receive credit (collected funds) for the deposit of noncash items (for example checks). If the account is closed before interest is credited, you will not receive the accrued interest. ⁴If you maintain a \$2,500 daily balance in key account or \$10,000 in combined checking, savings, or money market. OR, \$10 monthly service charge applies. ⁵Not all accounts or customers are eligible for Mobile Deposit. Deposits subject to verification and may not be available for immediate withdrawal. See Terms in App for deposit limits and other restrictions. There are no fees charged by Old National to use Mobile Banking; however, there may be charges associated with data usage on your phone. Check with your wireless carrier for more information.

To earn the checking account bonus, new to business checking client must complete each of the following requirements.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE \$500 CASH BONUS:

Open a Free Business Checking account or Basic Business Interest Checking account with a minimum deposit of \$50 between 4/3/2023 and 6/30/2023, at any Old National banking center. Account must be opened for minimum of 120 days. Complete at least 2 qualifying ACH direct deposits totaling \$10,000 or more within the first 60 days of account opening. Enroll and log into online or mobile banking via digital banking (DI) within the first 30 days of account opening. The new Free Business Checking account or Basic Business Interest Checking account must be open with a balance greater than \$0 and in good standing at the time the cash bonus is paid.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE \$250 CASH BONUS:

Open a Free Business Checking account or Basic Business Interest Checking account with a minimum deposit of \$50 between 4/3/2023 and 6/30/2023, at any Old National banking center. Account must be opened for minimum of 120 days. Complete at least 2 qualifying ACH direct deposits totaling \$5,000 or more within the first 60 days of account opening. Enroll and log into online or mobile banking via digital banking (DI) within the first 30 days of account opening. The new Free Business Checking account or Basic Business Interest Checking account must be open with a balance greater than \$0 and in good standing at the time the cash bonus is paid.

Offer is not available for clients with an existing Old National business checking account (including signers on existing business checking accounts), business checking accounts closed within the last 12 months, clients that have previously received a business checking bonus payout or Old National employees.

Qualifying ACH direct deposit includes ACH credits. Deposits made by teller/ATM/mobile deposits, transfers between Old National accounts, wires, and external transfers from other accounts at other financial institutions, or Peer to Peer (i.e. Zelle, Venmo) transfers do not qualify.

Limit one cash bonus per customer (Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)/ Social Security Number (SSN).) regardless of the number of checking accounts opened. Recipient(s) (customer TIN/SSN) of cash bonus shall not be eligible to receive a cash bonus on any other business checking account.

To receive the cash bonus, the new to business checking client must meet the associated criteria for that account. The checking account must be open with a balance greater than \$0 and in good standing at the time the bonus is paid. The cash bonus will be credited to the Old National business checking account approximately within 120 days from account opening. Bonus may be reported on IRS Form 1099-MISC. Old National reserves the right to extend or discontinue offer at any time without notice. Not valid with any other Old National offer. Member FDIC. 2329069-0323-225

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