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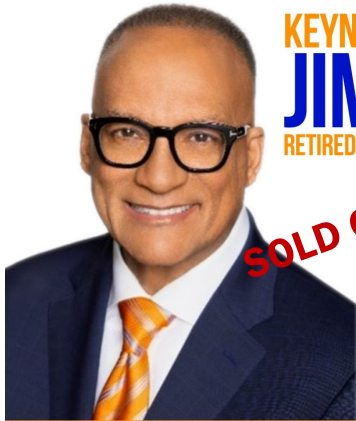
“CONNECTING BUSINESSES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS”

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

15th Annual

Lakeshore CLASSIC

CORPORATE LUNCHEON



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
JIM ROSE \$50
RETIRED ABC 7 SPORTS REPORTER PER PERSON

SOLD OUT TUESDAY
NOVEMBER, 21
2023

Reservations must be paid in advance. Corporate luncheon sponsorships available. Call the Chamber office (219) 885-7407 for information

In keeping with the tradition of having outstanding personalities and speakers, the Gary Chamber of Commerce proudly announce that recently retired sports director and anchor for ABC 7 Chicago station's top-rated 5:00-6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. newscasts Mr. Jim Rose will be this year's speaker. Jim Rose had the distinction of serving as a sports reporter in Chicago for 41 years making him the longest tenured sports reporter in the country. Rose, an Emmy Award winner has received numerous accolades and additional awards.

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HARD ROCK CASINO NORTHERN INDIANA
Council Oak Steak House
5400 W. 29th Avenue | Gary, IN
Networking 11:00AM | Program 11:30AM



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8PM
GIRLS

WEST SIDE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
VS.
EAST CHICAGO CENTRAL

8PM
BOYS

THEA BOWMAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
VS.
LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8PM
BOYS

GEORGE WASHINGTON H.S.
INDIANAPOLIS
VS.
21ST CENTURY CHARTER SCHOOL

8PM
BOYS

GARY WEST SIDE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
VS.
FARRAGUT CAREER ACADEMY
CHICAGO

WEST SIDE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

900 Gerry Street | Gary, IN 46406

Friday Night
Represent Night
Wear your education/
institution colors, hats,
jackets, etc.

ADULT & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT: \$7 (ADVANCE)
MIDDLE & GRADE SCHOOL STUDENT: \$5 (ADVANCE)

Saturday Night
GREEK NIGHT
Adorn your Greek
Organizations
(The Divine Nine) attire.

CONTACT INFO + FOR TICKETS:
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TICKET SALE LOCATIONS:

Chamber office: 504 Broadway, Suite S328, Gary, IN
Main Sporting Goods: 3822 Main Street, East Chicago, IN
West Side Leadership Academy 900 Gerry St., Gary, IN



WNDU TV—NBC Affiliate of South Bend executive team members were guests at the Gary Chamber of Commerce October General Membership Meeting/Luncheon held at the beautiful Chateau Banquets in Merrillville. Pictured (l-r) guest speaker: Gary Wordlaw, News Director; Ron Bartholomew, VP/General Manager; Andrea Puente, Account Executive and Don Barr, General Sales Manager pictured with Chuck Hughes.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New members in attendance at the Chamber luncheon are always introduced. (L-R) LaToya Williams & Courtney Cooks, Cooks Home Assistance; Shana Tate, Brown Skin Coffee Roaster, and Daniel & David Lewis, Sons of David, LLC.



In honor of “Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day”, **Aperion Care-Tolleston Park**, Gary, Director of Business Development Shameia Pope, and Kathylyne Pach, Admissions Director, treated the staff to lunch. Maxim's pizzas, salads, and all the trimmings were delivered to the Chamber office, to the delight of: (2nd-l) board member, William Gossett, Chuck Hughes and Jan Bowden.

What's time is it Chuck?

Brown Skin Coffee Roaster—Business After-Hours



We are thankful each day but during this holiday season when we traditionally give thanks, we at the Gary Chamber of Commerce would like to thank our Board of Directors, members and supporters who have provided the opportunity for us

to meet our members needs and to offer service to our community. You have been incredible, and we love you one and all.

Happy Holidays Be Safe and Be Well



Brown Skin Coffee Roaster

One of the Chamber's best Business After Hours took place at Shana Tate's Brown Skin Coffee Roaster, located in the Fresh County Market Plaza, 1921 W. 25th Avenue, Gary. Fresh brewed coffees, teas, pastries, sandwiches, wines and more were to die for.



Gary Chamber of Commerce - November Calendar of Events & Member Acknowledgements!

◆◆ Additional Flyers Attached ◆◆

November 21, 2023

LAKESHORE CLASSIC CORPORATE LUNCHEON

Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana 11:30 a.m.

November 23, 2023

THANKSGIVING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

November 24-25, 2023

LAKESHORE CLASSIC BASKETBALL CLASSIC

West Side Leadership Academy—900 Gerry Street, Gary 6p.m. & 8p.m.



Member Activities for November 2023

- ▶ NIPSCO's goal is to work along with you to keep our customers safe! Please see the attached SCAM ALERT!
- ▶ Congratulations to Cory Armand, of Armand Investment Group, was awarded the 2023 Minority Small Business of the Year award by the NW Indiana Small Business Development Center. Corey is an alumnus of IUN's School of Business SoBE Team.
- ▶ U. S. Steel, a major Calumet Region employer, won the prestigious Steelie Awards "Innovation of the Year" Award from the World Steel Association for the innovation of a new steel grade.
- ▶ Attorney Shelice Tolbert of Tolbert & Tolbert Legal was an honoree for the "Diversity in Law" Award from the Indiana Lawyers Association. The reception was held in Indianapolis at the Indiana Roof Ballroom.
- ▶ Horizon Bank promotes Tammy Kerr to Senior Vice President, Director of Treasury Management. Tammy will spearhead Horizon's growth efforts and cultivate a team of exception advisors in this newly established position.
- ▶ Munster Chamber of Commerce recognized Brad Hemingway as the 2023 Citizen of the Year. Brad's leadership in the Munster Chamber has been inspiring and his support appreciated. Brad is a great friend and supporter of the Gary Chamber as well!
- ▶ Allies for Community Business will cover the short-term financial needs of your business with a flexible line of credit that works like a credit card. For more information contact Amanda Askew at (312) 924-2158, (312) 929-1952, aaskew@a4cb.org or loan@a4cb.org (see flyer).
- ▶ The Access College for Success is a full-time, two-year program associate degree program offered at Valparaiso University. To find out more about this program Schedule a meeting with Rebekah Arevalo at 219.464.5115 or <https://rebekaharevalo.youcanbook.me/> (see attached flyer).
- ▶ Centier Bank offering FREE Business Checking. Contact your nearest Centier Bank to find out more (see flyer).
- ▶ November 15, 2023—Indiana University Northwest Jobs, Opportunities, and Careers Resources Fair. 10am-2pm, Moraine Student Center, 3400 Broadway, Gary. Meet employers, access resources, expungement workshops. Info: Virgil Giles at vgiles1@icrc.in.gov.
- ▶ November 16-17, 2023—Junior Achievement of Chicago in Partnership with GAPS (Gary Alumni Pathway to Students) will hosts a Career Fair at West Side Leadership Academy, 900 Gerry Street, Gary. For info contact: Alicia Cervantes (219) 666-7498, or acervantes@jachicago.org (see attached flyer).
- ▶ November 17, 2023—HealthVisions Midwest of Hammond's 25th Anniversary Gala, 5pm—10pm Wicker Park Social Center, 2155 Ridge Road, Highland, IN. For ticket information call (219) 844-2698.
- ▶ November 17 & 18, 2023—POP's Holiday Gun Turn-In Program. Turn in your gun and receive a chance to win a prize. 1pm—6pm. Participating Police Departments: Gary—555 Polk Street, Merrillville—7820 Broadway, Hammond—509 Douglas Street, East Chicago—2301 E. Columbus Drive (see attached flyer).
- ▶ December 2, 2023—Gary Historical & Cultural Society & The Gary Civic Symphony Orchestra presents 39th Annual Christmas Concert Fundraiser, Indiana University Arts & Science Bldg., 3415 Broadway, Gary. Info: (219) 680-7215 email: ghsin@yahoo.com or www.ghsinc.weebly.com.
- ▶ December 9, 2023—The Polar Express, a FREE event for kids. Chanute Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Avenue, 1pm & 4pm sessions. RSVP by November 22nd. Wear your PJs, pictures will be taken. Donations: Zelle at garyaquatorium@gmail.com, or made out to Chanute Aquatorium Society and mailed to PO Box 3026, Gary, IN 46403.



We want to hear from you!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO BEGIN THE BRIEF SURVEY.

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SCAM ALERT



NIPSCO has become aware of a scam where our customers are being contacted directly or finding through online searches an imposter web site for an entity calling itself “NIPSCO Energy.” The phone numbers they are currently operating under are 888 or 877 numbers, and these are not a NIPSCO utility number or affiliated in any way with NIPSCO.

NIPSCO’s official web address is **NIPSCO.com**, and our customer care center phone number is **1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464- 7726)**. And NIPSCO will never call you directly to ask for account or payment information, or demand payment through a pre-paid card. Please do not share your account information with anyone unless you are sure it is NIPSCO. If you are unsure about a phone call, email, program, offer or person claiming to be affiliated with us, please call our customer care team at **1-800-464-7726**.

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Business
Checking!**

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Career Fair

At West Side Leadership Academy

900 Gerry Street, Gary, IN 46406



GARY ALUMNI PATHWAY TO STUDENTS

JA in Partnership with GAPS
Thursday, November 16th and
Friday, November 17th

Inspire Students

Our In-Person Career Fair at West Side Leadership Academy is a full school event where you will have the opportunity to impact the lives of over 1,000 students!

You will have the opportunity to speak to students about your career when they visit your company's booth. On November 16th you would present from 11:15 to 1:30 and/or on November 17th from 8am to 10:30.

Open Doors

West Side Leadership would love it if you could bring in props or anything that gives the students a better understanding of what a day in the life of your profession looks like!

How to Register?

*Please **CLICK HERE** to reserve your spot and we will follow up with more event details!*



QUESTIONS? CONTACT
ALICIA CERVANTES



219.666.7498



acervantes@jachicago.org



Cover the short-term financial needs of your business with a flexible line of credit that works like a credit card! An Allies for Community Business line of credit allows an entrepreneur to draw, repay, and redraw from available funds.

Helpful features include:

- Personal collateral is not required for a line of credit.
- Payments are interest only for the first year on only the money borrowed.

We offer term loans and lines of credit between \$500 and \$100,000 to early, emerging, and established businesses in Illinois and Indiana. Our interest rate is fixed at 9%, only slightly above today's current prime rate.

As we approach the upcoming holidays, please note that new applications submitted after December 1 might not be funded until the new year, depending on how quickly we work together to complete the application and evaluation. We look forward to working with you.

Want to connect with us before applying? [Click here](#) to schedule a 15-minute session with a Community Lender or contact us at 312-929-1952 or loan@a4cb.org.

[Apply](#)



JOBS OPPORTUNITIES CAREERS RESOURCES

NOV 15 10AM-2PM INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST
MORAINÉ STUDENT CENTER 3400 BROADWAY GARY, IN
MEET EMPLOYERS • ACCESS RESOURCES • NETWORK
EXPLORE EDUCATION & FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
EXPUNGEMENT WORKSHOPS AT 11AM & 1PM
FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT VIRGIL GILES AT VGILES1@ICRC.IN.GOV



**TO RSVP,
SCAN THE
QR CODE**



POP's Holiday Gun Turn-In Program

(Save a Child's Life this Winter)

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HIGH SCHOOLS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS & COMMUNITIES OF MERRILLVILLE, GARY, HAMMOND & EAST CHICAGO

Turn In Your Gun and receive Chance to Win (Bulls Tickets, \$500, Grocery Card, Gift Card, Gas Card, etc.)



Nov. 17th & Nov 18th 1PM-6PM

POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Merrillville - 7820 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410

Gary - 555 Polk Street, Gary, IN 46402

Hammond - 509 Douglas Street, Hammond, IN 46320

East Chicago - 2301 E. Columbus Dr, East Chicago, IN 46312





The Access College for Success is a full-time, two-year program associate degree program at Valpo. It was designed to provide access for students who have an academic background that demonstrates the ability to succeed at Valpo if provided additional support throughout their freshman and sophomore years of college. Upon completion of the program, the student can choose to transition to a four-year degree or start his/her career. This program is perfect for first-generation college students and Pell-eligible students. If a student has a cumulative high school GPA of 2.0 or higher and wants to obtain an associate's or bachelor's degree in an environment with hands-on support in navigating the college transition, we want to help!

https://issuu.com/valparaiso-university/docs/access_college_brochure_1173100282_approved?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ

Thank you!
Rebekah
Rebekah L. Arevalo, M.S.

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and Chief of Staff
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Schedule a meeting with me: <https://rebekaharevalo.youcanbook.me/>

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.

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 (GHHISTORY)
Paypal (ghcsin@yahoo.com)
Eventbrite (Gary Orchestra)

or

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

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