



Gary Chamber of Commerce

Lifeline

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“CONNECTING BUSINESSES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS”

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



**WNDU TV—NBC AFFILIATE
NEWS DIRECTOR
CHAMBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

The Gary Chamber of Commerce will hold its' monthly General Membership Luncheon on Monday, October 9, 2023, 12:00 noon at The Chateau Banquets, 530 W. 61st Avenue, Merrillville.

The Chamber would like to welcome Mr. Gary C. Wordlaw, News Director at WNDU—TV & Digital NBC of South Bend, Indiana as our guest speaker.

Mr. Wordlaw will identify how WNDU can help the Business Community in the city of Gary and all of Northwest Indiana. As a veteran station executive, he has worked for many of the nation's largest local television markets and can easily see how it can be done.

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

Bring Your Business Cards—Networking Starts at 11:30 am.

Lakeshore Classic

**Annual Lakeshore Classic Corporate Luncheon
Tuesday, November 21, 2023**
Signature Luncheon Sponsorship - \$5,000.00
Luncheon Sponsorships - \$1,000.00
Table of 6 - \$300.00
Individual luncheon tickets \$50.00
Also Available—Lakeshore Classic Game Sponsorships



**SAVE-THE-DATES: FRI/SAT November 21-24/25
15TH ANNUAL LAKESHORE CLASSIC**

Boys & Girls Indiana & Illinois Basketball Teams
November 21— Corporate Classic Luncheon
November 24-25— Lakeshore Classic Basketball Games
• Game Schedules TBA •



Chuck and Jason Knowles (middle) welcomes new members to the Chamber: (l-r) Kevin Feldman, Catholic Charities Diocese Of Gary; Giovanni Dawning, College Hunks, and Chivvon Bonilla, 2 Girls & Cocktails. The September luncheon sponsor: Fuel Media Holdings.



Luncheon Salutes 9/11

In honor of 9/11, our luncheon guest speaker, Jason Knowles of ABC 7 News Chicago (above left) helped the Chamber honor the city of Gary's First Responders (middle l-r); Police Chief Anthony Titus, Deputy Chief James Bond, Fire Chief Mark Terry and Chuck Hughes, at our September luncheon.

Guests look forward to our famous luncheon door prizes. One out of town guest, Eric Lindsey of DWEST Associates (left) was our \$100 gas card winner. That's more than enough to make sure he gets back home !



What's time is it Chuck?



Chuck Hughes
President/CEO

The first three quarters of our Gary Chamber year has been incredible networking and engagement. You members and supporters should be extremely proud of yourselves. As we embark upon

this final quarter of the year that encompasses the holiday season, let's continue our efforts to support our member and community businesses. Be mindful that we are stronger together.



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Get Your Screening Today

Catholic Charities Business-After-Hours



Kevin Feldman, Director of Development Catholic Charities Diocese of Gary hosted a Business-After-Hours (BAH) on September 21 at their Women's Care Center, 6919 Indianapolis Blvd, Hammond. A Gary Chamber BAH gives a perfect opportunity for professionals to engage in productive conversations, build relationships, and learn from others. The combination of diverse attendees, engaging activities, and ample networking opportunities makes this event a must attend for anyone looking to connect with like-minded professionals and grow their business or career. Call 219.885.7407 to schedule yours today.

Gary Chamber of Commerce - October Calendar of Events & Member Activities

◆◆ Additional Flyers Attached ◆◆

October 9, 2023	<u>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON</u> The Chateau Banquets 12:00 Noon
October 18, 2023	<u>Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting</u> Gary Chamber of Commerce 9:00 a.m.
October 23, 2023	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u> Gary Chamber Conference Room 11:30 a.m.
October 26, 2023	<u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</u> Gary Chamber of Commerce 9:00 a.m.
October 27, 2023	<u>Education Committee Meeting</u> Gary Chamber of Commerce 11:00 a.m.

- ▶ **Congratulations** to Anthony Santucci, vice president of production at **Lakeshore Public Media** and his team for winning the national Public Media Award from the National Educational Telecommunication Association in the performing arts category.
- ▶ **Monica Rubio of Old National Bank** has been promoted to the new community lending market executive of NWI and Chicago's southwest suburbs. Monica Rubio. Monica has over 25 years of experience in banking. She most recently served as Vice President, Community Market Manager for Old National Bank.
- ▶ One way you can help improve healthcare in our community is by sharing your feedback. **Porter-Starke Services**, including **Marram Health Center**, invites you to participate in a survey as part of their 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment. Share your insights about specific health needs at the local level. Your responses will help align the behavioral and physical healthcare services to best meet the community's needs. Contact Jodi Ortiz Director, 219-806-3000 ext. 3001 or Scan the QR code displayed on the attached flyer.
- ▶ **Congratulations** to **Reverend Anthony Titus** who recently was appointed Province Chaplain of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Brother Titus is currently the Vice Polemarch of the Gary Alumni Chapter. Brother Titus is also the newly appointed Chief of Police for the City of Gary.
- ▶ **Gary Historical & Cultural Society** preparing an exhibit to honor NWI Veterans the months of October and November. Submit your veteran family members & friends photos to: <http://www.ghsinc.weebly.com> or call: (219) 680-7215 (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **October 4, 2023—2 Girls & Cocktails** Wednesday Night Flights@ Bel, 5:00-9:00pm, 4966 Broadway, Gary (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **October 12, 2023—YWCA of Northwest Indiana:** Circle of Friends Gala, an annual event of Women Empowerment and community service. Guest host: Hosea Sanders of ABC7 Chicago. 6:00pm at Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **October 13, 2023—Catholic Charities Diocese of Gary:** An event benefiting thousands of families and individuals in NWI served by Catholic Charities (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **October 18, 2023 – Goodwill Industries** annual signature event "Little Black Dress", 4pm to 7pm, Avalon Manor Banquet Center. Visit: www.goodwillevents.org for additional information (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **October 23, 2023—Indiana University Northwest** 2nd Annual Student to Employer Monster Networking Night. Meet (and hire!) some amazing new Business student talent from IUN's School of Business and Economics, to help fill your positions: part-time; full-time; internships; and volunteer opportunities!! Anderson Library Conference Center, 5:30-7:30pm, 3400 Broadway, Gary. RSVP now: https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ojRcHh5KqfpX8sm or call: 219-980-6644 (see flyer).
- ▶ **October 24, 2023—Lakeshore Public Media** premieres 8pm, "The American Buffalo" a spirit of a people, a story of resilience. A film by Ken Burns. A live screening at Broken Wagon Bison Farm, FRI/SAT OCT 20/21. For addition information 219-756-5656.
- ▶ **October 25, 2023—Urban League of NWI** hosts 11th Annual Diversity & Inclusion Awards Luncheon, Avalon Manor, Merrillville. Keynote speaker: Magistrate Erika C. Stallworth, LaPort Circuit Court. For information call: (219) 887-9621.
- ▶ **October 26, 2023—Brown Skin Coffee** is the location for Gary Chamber of Commerce October **FREE Business After Hours**. 5:30-7:30pm, 1921 W. 25th Ave. Suite 5E, Gary. This is a great networking, connecting and conversation event for you to promote your business. Register on Eventbrite, Brown Skin Coffee (219) 281-2155 or Chamber office: (219) 885-7407 (see flyer).
- ▶ **October 26, 2023—Allies for Community Business (A4CB)** Toast to Community Business: A short program that spotlights A4CB Client, Tigist Reda, Chef & Owner, Demera Ethiopian Restaurant in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood 5:30-8:30pm (see attached flyer).



2 Girls & Cocktails
MOBILE COCKTAIL
CATERING SERVICES

**WEDNESDAY
WINE
FLIGHTS
@BEL
10/4 • 5PM-9PM**

4966 Broadway, Gary

Purchase Tickets

@Door

\$30 = 5 tastings &
charcuterie cup !!!



LARRY NEFF CENTER FOR
CAREER CONNECTIONS



VISION BOARD CREATION WORKSHOP

Come make a Visual
Representation of your
Career and Personal goals
for 2023-2024!



Tuesday, October 10, 2023
2:00 PM-3:30 PM
4610 W. Ridge Road
Gary IN. 46408
Call 219-964-4225 to register





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Health Center

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hear from you!*



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Your participation today can help more people receive the health care and support they need.



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empowering women

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Northwest Indiana

You are invited to another year of Women Empowerment and community service with Special Guest Host **HOSEA SANDERS** of ABC7 Chicago and 17 time Emmy Award Winning Broadcast Journalist.



HOSEA SANDERS

YWCA OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

PLEASE JOIN US

*Circle of
Friends Gala*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

6:00PM

AT

**HARD ROCK CASINO
NORTHERN INDIANA**

5400 W. 29th Avenue, Gary, IN 46406

For more info: 219-881-9922 or caren@ywcانwi.org

For tickets and sponsorships please contact:
Caren Jones
219-881-9922 or
caren@ywcانwi.org

Sponsorships are available!

Ticket Cost: \$125.00

PRESENTING
SPONSOR



NORTHERN INDIANA

October 13, 2023 — Food and Wine
Will Meet Their Match!

Sip Savor Support

An extraordinary event benefiting thousands of families and individuals in Northwest Indiana served by **Catholic Charities**.
6:30 pm, Trinity Banquet Hall • 640 N. Calumet Rd. • Chesterton, IN 46304 □ **MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND.**

Sponsors for the event will be admired by up to 240 guests.
Please see opportunities & benefits on reverse side.

Join us for this most delicious and memorable dinner and wine pairing experience. While treating your palate to the best in food and wine, guests will expand their knowledge as Sommelier Patrick Cullars shares some background on the wine selections that pair well with the dinner and dessert. 'Sip Savor Support' also includes a live and silent auction featuring the auctioneering talents of Brian McDaniel. All proceeds from the event support the Catholic Charities programs and services that benefit our Northwest Indiana Neighbors in need.

\$90 per guest for an unforgettable evening. Get your tickets now... using your smartphone TEXT: 2023savor to 76278, or visit 2023Savor.givesmart.com.

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ServSafe Food Manager Class & Examination 1 Day Class

Ivy Tech Community College
410 E Columbus Dr
East Chicago, IN 46312

Monday, October 16, 2023
Check-in Times: 8 AM -8:30 AM
Training Times: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Exam Time: 3:30 PM



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This is your last chance to support Lakeshore Public Media and the programs you love before we close the books on our fiscal year. [Make your gift now!](#) Call (219) 756-5656 or visit: www.lakeshorepublicmedia.org.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th

Avalon Manor Banquet Center, Merrillville, Indiana

4pm to 7pm CST

4pm Boutique Opens • 5:30pm Dinner & Fashion Show • Boutique Reopens Following Show

The Little Black Dress event supports Goodwill Industries of Michigan's programs to strengthen our communities with education, training and job placement.



- Logo on Event Website and Social Media
- Logo featured on Pre-Event Screen Presentation
- 10 Tickets
- Logo on All Sgnage
- Stage Recognition

- Logo on Event Website and Social Media
- Logo featured on Pre-Event Screen Presentation
- 10 Tickets
- Logo on All Sgnage

- Logo featured on Pre-Event Screen Presentation
- 5 Tickets
- Logo on All Sgnage

NEED SOMETHING CUSTOM? Call 574.472.7300 ext.7649 or email LBD@Goodwill-NI.org

www.GoodwillEvents.org

LAKESHORE PUBLIC MEDIA

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**SPIRIT OF A PEOPLE.
A STORY OF RESILIENCE.**



THE AMERICAN BUFFALO



A FILM BY KEN BURNS

PREMIERES **TUES OCT 24 8PM** LAKESHORE  PBS

LIVE SCREENING **FRI/SAT OCT 20/21**



Office of Career Development

IT'S BACK...

2nd Annual
**Student to
Employer**

MONSTER
of a
**NETWORKING
NIGHT**

OCTOBER 23, 2023

5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

**IU Northwest campus
Anderson Library Conference Center**

**Employers: RSVP now via QR code ~ space is limited
NO charge for table space!**

Questions? Contact Helen at hharmon@iun.edu

**Join us and meet some fresh, new student talent from the
IU Northwest School of Business and Economics!**





**Urban League of
Northwest Indiana Inc.**

Diversity and Inclusion Awards Luncheon

Avalon Manor

3550 E. US HWY 30

Merrillville, IN 46410

October 25, 2023—11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

**Sponsorship, individual registration,
and vendor information available.**

For more information call 219-887-9621



**Recommended
accommodations are
8 –10 seats per table.
Guidelines are subject
to change.**

Hosted by:



Thurs,
Oct
26

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Networking, Connecting and Conversation

- **Time:** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- **Location:** Brown Skin Coffee Roaster
- **Address:** 1921 West 25th Ave. Suite 5E, Gary, IN 46404

REGISTER TODAY FOR FREE!

If you have any questions call Jan (219) 885-7407 or Brown Skin Coffee Roaster (219) 281-2155

Larry Neff Center for Career Connections

WORKONE

JOB FAIR

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
12:00PM-2:00PM**

WorkOne will host a job fair at the Larry Neff Center for Career Connections to fill various positions in Northwest Indiana. Individuals will have the opportunity to speak directly with employers as well as complete applications.



**4610 W. RIDGE RD.
GARY, IN 46408
219-964-4225**

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INDIANA



Toast to Community Business

Featuring A4CB Client Speaker, Tigist Reda

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursday, October 26, 2023
The Hatchery, 135 N. Kedzie Ave.,
Chicago, IL 60612



Tigist Reda
Chef & Owner, Demera Ethiopian Restaurant

You're invited to A4CB's Toast to Community Business!

We hope you can join us for A4CB's Toast to Community Business on October 26th!

We are excited to share that Toast's short program will feature inspiring words from award-winning chef and A4CB client, Tigist Reda. Born in Tigray, Ethiopia, Tigist learned the secrets of traditional Ethiopian cuisine at a young age. In 2007, Tigist opened Demera Ethiopian Restaurant in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood and recently opened a second location in Time Out Market in Chicago's Fulton Market.

By purchasing your ticket for Toast to Community Business today, you support A4CB's work with local entrepreneurs, like Tigist, who are creating jobs and economic growth in their neighborhoods.

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**REMEMBER & HONOR
OUR VETERANS**

THE GARY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SOCIETY, INC.

**WILL HONOR NWI VETERANS AT THE GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY DURING
OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2023.**

**WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU SUBMIT A 5X7 OR 8X10 B/W OR COLOR
PHOTO OF YOUR VETERANS TO GHCS TO HANG IN THE EXHIBIT NO
LATER THAN OCTOBER 13, 2023. PICTURES SHOULD INCLUDE THE
NAME, RANK, AND BRANCH THE VETERAN SERVED IN. PHOTOS WILL
NOT BE RETURNED. ONLY NEW VETERAN PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**PLEASE MAIL PHOTOS TO: GHCS, PO BOX 64603, GARY, IN 46401 OR
YOU MAY DROP OFF PHOTOS TO THE GARY MAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY AT
220 W. 5TH AVE., GARY, IN 46402. CALL (219) 680-7215 IF YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS.**

**A SPECIAL VETERANS PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE ON VETERANS DAY,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023, FROM 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM AT THE
GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.**

WWW.GHCSINC.WEEBLY.COM



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER
NORTHWEST INDIANA



New Experiences

Members from the Portage & South Haven Clubs had the chance to go canoeing, a first for many of the members. Events like this are only possible from gifts like yours.

We Hit Our Goal!

Thank you to everyone who made a gift during Return to Learn!

We raised a total of \$138,753!

Our members can now follow their passions while learning about new ones because your gift allows us to purchase the tools we need to help build great futures.