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The Gary Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly General Membership Meeting/Luncheon

Monday, May 12, 2025, @ 12 (noon)
The Chateau Banquets
530 W. 61st Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana.

Join the Chamber as we welcome Josh Schoon, Project Executive representing Berglund Construction Company, the lead contractors for the Gary Tolleston Opportunity Campus (Boys & Girls Club), and Tim Ervin, Director of Strategic Initiatives with Powers and Sons, as our guest speakers.

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. Bring your business cards, networking starts @11:30



World Civility Day Celebration a Huge Success in Northwest Indiana



*Celebrating Our
9th Anniversary!*

The Annual World Civility Day celebration gets better every year and the 9th year was no different, just bigger! Students, businesses and organizations from all walks of life took part in the day long festivities.



Keynote speaker
2 Time Emmy
Award Winning
Broadcast
Journalist
ABC's
Linsey Davis

The Civility Workshops were held at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center in Merrillville starting with Pastor Dennis Walton, Sr. Pastor of Faith Works Network workshop titled "Benefits of Giving". The workshop presentations continued with "How to Have Civility 365 Days" by Cynthia Spencer of Methodist Hos-pitals, "Civility: The Foundation for Creative Altruism" by Paris Walton of Indiana Civil Rights Commission and "Civility in AI and The New World of Technology" by Darrell Riddell, of the South Shore Railroad.

The Community Civility Counts evening awards dinner recognized members of our community for their "Contributions to Humanity", those recipients were: Michael G. Airhart, ECIER Foundation, Darnell Johnson, Matthew Ellis, Lori Benford-Bryant, Lisette Guillen, Kristin LaFlech, Brian Goodson and Anthony R. Hudson. The evening opened with a welcome by Niah Hughes-Maduakolam and the keynote speaker was renowned Broadcast Journalist ABC's Linsey Davis.

World Civility Day 2025 Award Dinner (cont.)



Opening welcome
by Niah Hughes-Maduakolam.



Lori Benford-Bryant (left) receiving her Community Civility Counts (CCC) Award.
L-r: Chuck, Kathy Chaney, Linsey, Sabrina Whittler, Lori Benford-Bryant, LaVeta Hughes.



Linsey pictured with Chuck Hughes, Nate Shaw, Chamber Board of Directors (BOD) Chairman & Paul Dawning, Board of Directors Vice-Chairman.



Linsey pictured with CCC Award recipient ECIER Foundation, I-Dwayne Walker, r-Chareice White w/ ECIER Foundation students.



World Civility Day Dinner Guests.



l-r: seated, LaVeta Hughes, Niah Maduakolam, Chuck, Linsey, Kathy Chaney, Ron Bartholmew, Pastor Dwight Gardner, Keith Kirkpatrick, Michael Baird, World Civility Day Special Guest table.



Debra Powers, Linsey, Janice Carman, Brenda Smith.



Linsey & Kathy Chaney



World Civility Day 2025 Workshops



Pastor Dennis Walton, view of day Workshops.



High School students are involved in a hands-on Civility Workshop.



COMMUNITY CIVILITY COUNTS

In the world of Civility Northwest Indiana, you are showing up and showing out. Next year will mark the 10th anniversary of World Civility Day. Join us and let's all come out and show the nation that we are the leaders. Civility now, Civility forever!

Chuck Hughes



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GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UP COMING ACTIVITIES

Gary Chamber of Commerce Activities

May 5: CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

May 12: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON

May 26: MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED—CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED

-Member Activities | Additional Announcements & Flyers Attached

Congratulations to Chamber members featured in the April/May 2025 issue of Northwest Indiana Business Magazine (NWIBM):

- **Nate Shaw**, President Gary Chamber Board has been promoted to Regional Director, Northwest Indiana Business Development of Notre Dame Federal Credit Union.
- **Tiny's Coffee Bar**, 555 S. Lake St., Gary is celebrating National Small Business Week May 4-10, 2025.
- **Indiana University Northwest Center for Economic Education & Research** has partnered with NWIBM to a six-part series on economic development in the Region featured in the NWIBM bi-monthly publications.

► **United Way Northwest Indiana received** a generous \$10,000 donation from Leeth Law. Providing critical support for the organization's ongoing efforts to improve financial stability, education, and essential services for individuals and families across the region.

► **The Rainey Center, The Empowerment Center of Gary** is Northwest Indiana's largest 24-hour Childcare provider with transportation services, designed to keep parents, guardians, and caregivers working without any distractions or disruptions. The Rainey Center is dedicated to serving all Childcare needs. Visit at 2100 W. 11th Avenue, Gary or phone (219) 433-8203 for additional information (see flyer).

► **May 8, 2025—Porter Starke Services Celebrates** 50 years of serving the Northwest Indiana community.

Celebrate Living Health-Balance-Hope Symposium. Sponsorships are welcome. Find additional information online at porterstarke.org/events/symposium (see flyer).

► **May 17, 2025—Girls on the Run Spring 5K Series**, Highland High School, 9135 Erie St., Highland. Girls on the Run, a national non-profit organization, designs programming that strengthens third to eighth grade girls' social, emotional, physical and behavioral skills to successfully navigate life experiences. Sunday, May 18th, Valparaiso High School, 2727 N. Campbell St., Valparaiso. Register at gotrofnwi.org (see flyer).

► **May 23, 2025—Trustee Eric Blackmon, Sr.** will host Ross Township's **FREE "Jazz and R&B in the Park"** 5-9:00 pm, Hidden Lake Park, 6355 Broadway, Merrillville. Enjoy Entertainment, Food Trucks & Vendors!

THE RAINEY CENTER MISSION & VISION

The Rainey Center is Northwest Indiana's largest 24-Hour Childcare provider with transportation services that is designed to keep parents, guardians, and caregivers working without any distractions or disruptions to their daily work schedules. Equally as important, our transportation services provided by The Rainey Center will ensure that you child(ren) will arrive to school, home, and daycare safe and on time! Our services at The Rainey Center include, but not limited to: home cooked meals, cultural field trips, behavioral support, academic tutoring, and over-night care so that parents can remain working without any disruptions while having the peace of mind knowing that their children are safe and in a nurturing environment.

We are dedicated to serving the Childcare needs of working families that depend on quality and reliable Childcare services around the clock. Families will find our 24 Hour accessibility with transportation services provided, to be a great benefit that stabilizes working families while contributing to the economic development of our region.

Call The Rainey Center today and reserve your child(rens) seat! 219.433.8203



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WHEN SCHOOLS CLOSE... **WE DON'T!**

The local schools in our community can close and often close for a variety of reasons throughout the year, leaving parents, guardians, and caregivers with little options for Childcare or place working families in potentially problematic situations at the worst time.

At The Rainey Center, when schools close... we don't! In fact, our staff provides full and exciting days of learning and supervision of children that will not cause disruptions to the schedules and lives of working parents and caregivers. In addition, our Childcare Staff and Teachers will provide everything from e-learning support, science projects, coding lessons, cultural field trips, social-emotional support, etc...We guarantee that there will be no stoppage in the learning process due to school closures.

WE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE!

The Rainey Center provides transportation services that will pick up your child(ren) to and from home, school, and daycare while ensuring that they arrive safe and on time!

Call now to reserve your child's seat at
The Rainey Center



WE KEEP PARENTS **WORKING!**

At The Rainey Center, we understand that our parents, guardians, and caregivers rely on dependable around the clock Childcare services and transportation to accommodate working families. This is the value that The Rainey Center provides to assist working families. It's our mission to keep parents free from distractions at work while having the peace of mind in knowing that their child(ren) are safe, secure, and in a nurturing environment. We offer 24-Hour Childcare assistance to accommodate the flexible hours of parents, guardians, and caregivers. Additionally, you will find our full-service transportation for children, an added benefit for working families.



Join Us!

LIVING
HEALTH • BALANCE • HOPE
SYMPOSIUM

Reigniting Connection How to Spark Meaningful Relationships

Keynote Lunch Presentation with Zach Brittle, LMHC

Thursday, May 8, 2025 • 11:30 am Registration | 12 pm Lunch | 1 pm Keynote

Porter County Expo Center • 215 E Division Rd • Valparaiso, IN 46383



In this engaging keynote, learn how to re-imagine the way you approach your relationships. Drawing inspiration from improv comedy, curiosity, and creative problem-solving, this talk will challenge the common pitfalls that lead to relationship stagnation.

Through three key practices—immense curiosity, the power of “yes, and,” and considering multiple options when faced with relationship dilemmas—you will leave with a fresh perspective on how to keep your relationships vibrant and evolving. To conclude, the talk will introduce a method that offers tangible strategies for fostering surprise, play, asking, repair, and intimacy in everyday interactions.

Whether personally or professionally, this talk will inspire you to breathe new life into your connections and cultivate stronger, more dynamic relationships with family, friends, coworkers and more!

Start Earlier, Learn More!

The Symposium day begins with a morning Clinician Session that features a deeper exploration of the principles and practices of couples therapy with Zach Brittle, LMHC. The session will include breakfast at 7:30am, Zach's presentation of practical tools for clinicians, and then the Keynote Lunch Presentation, which concludes the day. Mental health providers attending the full day can earn four (4) CEUs. For more information and to register for this extended day of learning, please visit porterstarke.org/events/symposium.



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Your Presence Has Impact!

- ☑ **Learn** ways to improve your relationships with family members, friends, coworkers, and new people you meet.
- ☑ **Support** the health programs and services made possible through the Porter-Starke Services Foundation.
- ☑ **Network** with community members and leaders who value the health and wellness of our community!



You're
INVITED
MAY 20th

Ribbon Cutting
at 1:00pm

Tours and light snacks to follow.

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Building a Healthy Community One Patient at a Time



JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING 5K SERIES!



SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

ISU Memorial Stadium
300 Wabash Avenue
Terre Haute, IN



SATURDAY, MAY 17

Highland High School
9135 Erie Street
Highland, IN



SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

Valparaiso High School
2727 N Campbell Street
Valparaiso, IN

5K PARTICIPANT AND VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION ARE OPEN!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Setup/Tear Down
- Sparkle Fun Zone
- Finish Line Snacks
- Water Stations
- Course Cheer Squad
- Parking Attendants
- Registration



Register today at gotrofnwi.org or scan the QR code