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17th ANNUAL LAKESHORE CLASSIC CORPORATE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | \$50 per person
Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana – Gary



Our past Lakeshore Classic Corporate Luncheons have featured a star-studded lineup of speakers the likes of Bryce Drew, Gene Keady, Gregg Popovich, Oscar Robertson, Kenny Lofton, Dick Barnett, Winston Garland, and other individuals equally noteworthy.

This year, we feature a more recent region legend, E'Twaun Moore. E'Twaun was a high school state champion at East Chicago Central, an Indiana All-Star selection, an outstanding player at Purdue West Lafayette and topped it all off with a solid NBA career. He is the recipient of many awards and accolades, and we are blessed to have E'Twaun Moore as our 2025 Gary Chamber of Commerce Lakeshore Classic Corporate Luncheon speaker.

Purchase your tickets today. This luncheon is always a sell-out. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Call the Chamber office to purchase tickets, sponsorships, and available ad space now at (219) 885-7407.

Gary Chamber of Commerce Presents The 17th Annual Lakeshore Classic 2025

Lakeshore Classic

WEST SIDE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

900 Gerry Street | Gary, IN

Advance Tickets \$7 Purchase tickets at
Gary Chamber of Commerce 504 Broadway, Suite 328,
Gary, IN | 219 885-7407 & Main Sporting Goods,
3822 Main St., East Chicago, IN.

FRIDAY DEC 5

**GPM
BOYS**

WEST SIDE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
VS.
MICHIGAN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

**8PM
BOYS**

HAMMOND CENTRAL
VS.
LITTLE VILLAGE LAWNDALE HIGH SCHOOL
CHICAGO

SATURDAY DEC 6

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MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL

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EAST CHICAGO CENTRAL
VS.
FARRAGUT CAREER ACADEMY
CHICAGO

2 BIG NIGHTS!

FRIDAY NIGHT Represent Night
Wear your High School and College colors

SATURDAY NIGHT Fraternities & Sororities
Wear your colors or Greek Attire



October 13, 2025 General Membership Meeting/Luncheon:

AJ Bytnar, Director of Economic Development at the Regional Development Authority (RDA), was our guest speaker. AJ's presentation was very informative, where he shared present and future development plans for the region.



Area Chambers were present for the presentation. Pictured l-r: Rex Richards (Valparaiso), Chuck Hughes, Nate Shaw, Gary Chamber Board Chairman, and Brad Hemingway (Munster).

CHAMBER NEWS: SMALL BUSINESS NETWORKING!



The City of Gary and the Gary Chamber's Small Business networking event, recently held at the RailCats Stadium, featured guest speaker Tammi Davis, of the Obama Foundation.



Pictured below right: Debra Smith (c), a door prize winner.

Edward Smith and Chuck congratulate Debra on her win.

The next Small Business Networking event is scheduled for November 13th 6-8:30 pm. at the Gary RailCats



What's Up Chuck?



The 17th annual
Lakeshore Classic
is coming up.

The Corporate Luncheon takes place on December 2, 2025, at the Hard Rock Casino.

The exciting high school basketball doubleheaders are on Friday December 5th and Saturday December 6th.

All the action takes place at Westside High School. The kids are counting on you, so I hope to see you there.

The City of Gary and The Gary Chamber of Commerce Present

SMALL BUSINESS NETWORKING
BRIDGING THE GAP:
BUSINESS & COMMUNITY UNITE

GUEST SPEAKER

MARC CHASE

Senior Director of
Local News for
Lee Enterprises

NOV. 13TH
6PM-8:30PM



**The Grand Opening celebration of
HealthVisions Midwest's**

2914 Highway Avenue, Highland, IN 46322.

For information on HealthVisions' services, contact Natali Alvarez at 219-844-2698 Ext. 116 or email: Nalvarez@hvusa.org



The Shared Ethics Advisory Commission 2025 Ethics Summit showcased a great assembly of NWI mayors. The panel consisted of Mayors from Crown Point, Michigan City, and Valparaiso.



Pictured with Chuck are: Julie Wendorf and Cal Bellamy, founder of the commission.

Pictured are: (l) Crown Point Mayor Pete Land, Michigan City Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch, Valparaiso Mayor Jon Costas, and Dr. Marlon Mitchell.

GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UP COMING ACTIVITIES

SEE ATTACHED FLYERS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Indianapolis Recorder has awarded **Kevin Teasley**, Founder & CEO of the GEO Foundation (**21st Century Academy / Gary Middle College**), the 2026 Lifetime Education Achievement Award.
- **Methodist Hospitals** has earned 5 U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals Awards. This is the highest distinction a hospital can earn. Recognized as a high-performing hospital for COPD, Diabetes, Heart Failure, Kidney Disease, and Stroke.
- **Northern Indiana Public Service Co., LLC (NIPSCO)**, with NiSource Charitable Foundation, is proud to announce the 2025 recipients of their Public Safety Education and Training Action Grant. 23 organizations across Northern Indiana have been selected to receive funding to advance local safety initiatives. To view the listing, visit www.NIPSCO.com/Safety Grant.
- **United Way Northwest Indiana** announces a gift of \$2,500 from Lerner and Rowe to support the 2025 United Way Day of Caring hosted on August 1st. The donation was Lerner and Rowe's commitment to support community-wide volunteerism.
- **Woodland Child Development Center**, new City of Gary location, 4630 W. 10th Ave., is the perfect daycare center for your 3-5-year-olds. NAEYC Accredited. To enroll, call (219) 844-3603 or visit www.woodlandcdc.com. Check them out on Facebook.
- Dementia or Alzheimer's help? Call or text your appointment today with **William Gossett**, Licensed Insurance Agent. Call or text: 219-985-5662 or wgossettpfa@gmail.com.
- A PSA from **Haywood & Fleming Associates**: Diabetes is not just about managing blood sugar—it's about managing life. During November, organizations and individuals work together to raise awareness about diabetes through screenings, early detection, prevention, and management. See attached flyer for information.
- **November 4 - 21, 2025** - HealthLinc Health Center Diabetes Nutrition Education Workshops. Offering a Diabetes Cooking Workshop, Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance, Resources, and more! For information on times and locations, call (888) 580-1060 or visit www.healthlincchc.org.
- **November 8, 2025** - "Believing the Possible" **Gary Community Partnership** Fundraiser & Changemakers Awards Gala. Noon, Gino's Banquets, 1967 E. 37th St., Hobart. For more info, call (219) 427-2421 or visit www.garycommunitypartnership.com.
- **November 13, 2025** - The City of Gary and the Gary Chamber of Commerce are hosting "Bridging The Gap: Business & Community Unite," a Small Business Networking FREE event. Gary SouthShore RailCats, One Stadium Plaza, 6:00 pm.
- **November 15, 2025** - Verses & Vibes Poetry and Storytelling **Night at Tiny's Coffee Bar**, 7 PM, 555 S. Lake St., Gary. Hosted by Deidre Dixon. Sign up at: (219) 427-0418 or peggy@tinyscoffeebar.com.
- **November 15, 2025** - **V2J Elite Productions** presents Verses & Vibes Spoken Word & Comedy Show, 7 pm, Lansing Performing Arts Center, 3404 Lake St., Lansing, IL. 21 years and over. Contact Vince at (309) 750-6204 for tickets.



GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PRESENTS



17TH ANNUAL

LAKESHORE CLASSIC

CORPORATE LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

Networking 11am | Program 11:30

\$50 PER PERSON



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Northwest Indiana Basketball Star

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Awarded to Kevin Teasley from the Indianapolis Recorder, one of the nation's oldest African American newspapers--a "Lifetime Achievement" award.

the names of the students who have earned bachelor's degrees and associate degrees while in our high schools. Indianapolis, but Gary and Baton Rouge.

21st Century Academy / Gary Middle College

Kevin Teasley
Founder & CEO
GEO Foundation and GEO Academies

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING

VERSES & VIBES

Poetry and Storytelling Night

SAT
SEP 13
7 PM

SAT
OCT 11
7 PM

SAT
NOV 15
7 PM



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Spoken Word Artist
Crystal Dishmon

Spoken Word Artist
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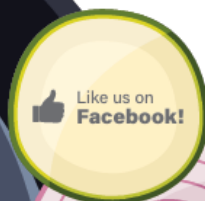
Spoken Word Artist
and Producer
Vince Harlston

Comedian
Baldhead Phillips

Host
Tomy Hudson

Spoken Word Artist
Kim Cobb-Gray

DJ Chris



Tuesday, November 4 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. CST **Carrie Gosch Early Learning Center**
4001 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago, IN 46312

Tuesday, November 4 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. CST **East Chicago Central High School**
1100 W. Columbus Dr. East Chicago, IN 46312

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Wednesday, November 5 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. CST

Harrison Elementary School
4411 Madoun St., East Chicago, IN 46312

Wednesday, November 5 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. CST

McKinley Elementary School
4825 Magoun St., East Chicago, IN 46312

Wednesday, November 19 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. CST

Lincoln Elementary School
3551 Block Ave., East Chicago, IN 46312

Friday, November 21 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. CST

Washington Elementary School
2400 Cardinal Dr., East Chicago, IN 46312

Friday, November 21 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. CST

Joseph L. Block Middle High School
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100% of funding supports youth development programming and community restoration projects.

Dementia or Alzheimer's? We're here to **HELP!**



SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT

If you or someone you know could benefit from this information, we are SCHEDULING appointments.

Even if the person has not been formally diagnosed!

**Contact William Gossett,
Licensed Insurance Agent**

**Call/Text: 219.985.5662
wgossettpfa@gmail.com**

WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW!

- Medicare and traditional health insurance typically do NOT cover long-term memory care.
- The cost of Dementia and Alzheimer's care can EXCEED \$80,000 per year.
- There are practical steps you can take TODAY to protect your loved ones-and ease financial burdens.
- We offer a SPECIALIZED benefit plan that may cover care for Dementia and Alzheimer's -if you qualify.

This plan also includes coverages for:

- Terminal Illness
- Chronic Illness
- Critical Illness
- Critical Injury
- Life Insurance to protect you and your family!

**Don't wait until
it's too late!**

Get informed and act now!



A PSA Announcement:
Roosevelt Haywood III
President/CEO
Haywood and Fleming Associates – HFA
219-938-5025

7 STEPS FOR BETTER LIVING WITH DIABETES

1 EAT HEALTHY



Reduce or eliminate sugary foods and drinks/ highly processed foods



Focus meals on proteins and non-starchy vegetables



Be intentional with meals, avoid eating out of boredom or habit



Watch portion sizes

2 BE ACTIVE



Exercise 5 days a week



Be active 30 minutes a day

3 MONITOR



Check your blood sugar levels; know your A1C



Check your blood pressure, cholesterol, eyes, feet and teeth

4 TAKE MEDICATION



Know your medications. Understand how they work and take the right doses at the right times

5 PROBLEM SOLVE



Recognize your high and low blood sugars, understand what caused them and learn to treat and prevent them

6 REDUCE RISK



Quit smoking



Do regular health exams (eye, foot & dental)



See your doctor regularly for check-ups and tests

7 COPE WELL



Get support from your family, friends and diabetes care team



Set realistic goals and work toward them