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**CEDAR LAKE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

APRIL 2011

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm Chamber welcome to our newest Chamber members. They include: A & M Mortgage, Karen Kil, Goldie's Auto Body – Mechanical-Towing II, Burger King, David Jostes, First United Bank and Precision Roofing.

A & M Mortgage is a full service locally based mortgage company, represented by senior loan officer Tammy Graff. The business is located at 8403 Virginia St. Merrillville, IN 46410. You can reach Tammy at (219) 730-7154 or fax to (219) 794-0610. Tammy has been originating mortgages in Indiana and Illinois since 1994. The company has in-house processing and underwriting as well as handling closing and funding of their mortgages. They employ 20 people. Superior, incomparable service based on knowledge, honesty and integrity is how they describe themselves. Tammy's email address is: tgraff@ammortgagegroup.com Her web site is: www.tammygraff.com

Karen Kil will be an associate member of the Chamber. She is the new president of the Cedar Lake Park and Recreation Board. Karen and her husband live in CL and her mailing address is

P.O. Box 1121, CL. You can reach her at (219) 374-7314 or email to: kkil@sbcglobal.net For those who don't know, Karen has organized many events to provide food and funding for animal shelters including the one here at our Public Works Garage.

Goldie's Auto Body-Mechanical and Towing II will be located at 9730 W. 133rd Ave. CL. Paul Goldrick and Frank DeKruiff will be partners here. They expect the business to open after May 1. Goldie's has been in business for 15 years at its first location in Beecher IL. Paul employs 20 people there. You can reach the business at their new phone (219) 374-5240 and fax to (219)374-5270. Email to PGoldrick@sbcglobal.net.

We are glad to have Burger King Restaurant back on board as a chamber member. The business, which is part of the Heartland Food Corporation, will be represented by general manager, Erin Andershock, District Manager is Rita Haarman. You can reach the store at (219) 374-5934 or their fax number is (219) 374-8009. Their website is: www.heartlandfoodcorp.com. You can email Rita at: Rhaarman@heartlandfoodcorp.com The Cedar Lake store, which employs 16, will be the first in the company to start selling new items such as soft serve ice cream.

David Jostes will join the chamber as an associate member. He is an independent insurance adjuster and has his own company, The Calderone Group. David and his family live in Cedar Lake and he is the president of the Surprise Park Property Owners Assoc. For those of you who don't know, David and his family and friends have helped build the Chamber floats for our winter and fall parades over the last 10 years. You can reach him at 219 671-1101.

First United Bank at 10895 Park Pl. St John, IN 46373 will be represented by Rebecca Nagle, Assistant Vice-President and Branch Mgr. This bank is locally owned and operated offering a full range of banking services. The branch employs 7. You can reach them at (219) 365-0033 or fax to (219) 365-0043. The website is: www.1stunitedbnk.com. Or email Rebecca at: rnagle@1stunitedbnk.com

Precision Roofing is owned by Rick Paque. Located at 111 Begonia SE Demotte, IN., the company specializes in commercial and residential flat and shingle roofs of all types, soffit, fascia, siding and gutters. You can reach them at (219) 987-3489 or (219) 226-3332. Email to precisionroofer@netnitco.net

CROWN POINT SCHOOL REFERENDUM

With the May primary just around the corner, it is important that residents and business owners in Center Township learn all they can about the referendum on the ballot. According to state law, school corporations may conduct a referendum to create a property tax levy for purposes of supplementing the revenue they receive from the states funding formula.

As many of you know, while the state's current budget plan has made some adjustments to the school funding, it will not eliminate the inequity that schools like Crown Point and Hanover face right now.

The Crown Point School Corp. referendum will call for an additional tax of \$0.21 per \$100.00 assessed valuation . That tax is above what the

school corporation presently receives. The tax is expected to last for 7 years. The revenue will be collected by the county through the property tax bills and go directly to the school corporation to supplement the General Fund that pays for faculty and staff. For more info go to:

www.schoolsworthsavings.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL CELEBRATE A MILESTONE

*"Remember
silence is
sometimes the
best answer"*

Cedar Lake Fire Department officials are asking us to mark our calendars. On December 5, 2011 the fire department will celebrate its 70th anniversary with a gala dinner that will include live entertainment and a silent auction. The event will be held at the Lighthouse Restaurant. Regular tickets will be \$100.00 per person or a VIP ticket will cost \$125.00. They will also offer a special price of \$1000.00 for a VIP table of 10 and a regular table of 10 will cost \$750.00.

We want to congratulate the department on their years of service to

the community. Some members of our Chamber have been associated with the Cedar Lake Department through the years. People like former Fire Chief Robert Eberle and former Fire Department President Joseph Schutz, both from Joe's Electric. Also former Fire Department President John Schutz from Center Garage Chrysler Dodge and Jeep and Robert Rose from the Cedar Lake Register who served as Fire Department Secretary.

Keep watching the newsletter for further information about the event.

RIBBON CUTTING FOR CEDAR LAKE KITCHEN

Congratulations to George and Mary Poponas on the opening of the new Cedar Lake Kitchen located at 10325 W. 133rd Ave. George, Mary and family were

kind enough to host chamber members, who attended the ribbon cutting, to a early dinner.

The new restaurant offers two separate

rooms, one for non-smoking and the other for smoking.

We hope everyone will stop in and offer their congratulations and have a bite to eat.

WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

For several months, your Chamber officers and directors have been working on a plan to host a Business Expo in the community.

The project, as we see it, is a way to showcase our business community in a single location and allow the public to come in at no charge. With the number of new residents that we are seeing, we think this is a way to encourage everyone to shop locally.

At this time we are trying to determine the location and the time of year. We have investigated using the Field House at Hanover Central High School or the cafeteria there depending on the number of visitors participating.. We are looking at a late fall 2011 or early spring 2012 venue.

We need to know if our business community is interested. The cost would be \$50.00 per 10ft. by 10ft. space or

\$75.00 for a corner spot. There would be an additional \$15.00 charge for electricity. The cost would cover the rental of the school facilities and the maintenance staff needed to supervise.

We have prepared the following form to get your input. You can send it back to the chamber office, email your thoughts to us cl-chamber@sbcglobal.net or call 374-6157.

BUSINESS EXPO

BUSINESS NAME _____

___ I AM INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING

___ I AM NOT INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING

___ I WOULD PREFER THE FALL DATE

___ I WOULD PREFER THE SPRING DATE

___ I WOULD LIKE A CORNER LOCATION

___ I WOULD LIKE A 10FT. BY 10FT. SPACE

___ I WOULD LIKE MORE THEN ONE SPACE

___ I NEED ELECTRICITY

___ I NEED MORE INFORMATION

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WATERFRONT SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPO

Plans are underway to make a big “splash” with the first Entertainment and Sports Expo on the lakefront, July 29-31. This event will benefit the Cedar Lake Enhancement Assn. as they get closer to what we used to term dredging the lake now called “Improving the Ecosystem of Cedar Lake”

Organizers are

making plans to bring in watercraft of all kinds for the public to view, motor boats, pontoons, jet skis and sailboats as well as the vehicles to pull them. There will also be three days of food compliments of our local vendors, boat rides around the lake as well as entertainment on stage and a beer garden. They also hope to have vendors display their wares

during the event

If you feel you can help or would like to participate, call Doug or Ryan Spencer at Pier 74 Restaurant at 374-7474 or Bob Gross at Pinecrest Marina, 374-5771.

We have a great lake, why not showcase the watercraft that people can enjoy here and enjoy music and good food.