

WE'RE SAILING AHEAD

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CHAMBER MEMBER PASSES

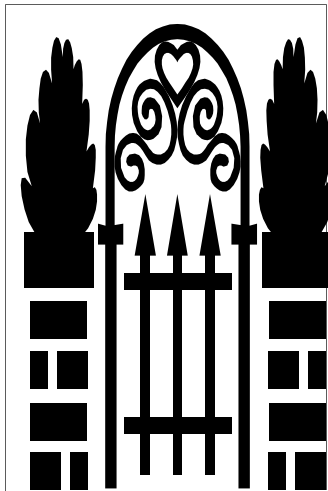
We are saddened to tell our members of the death of JoAnne Matonovich, co-owner of Jack's On The Dock Restaurant in Hammond and Cedar Lake. JoAnne passed away Sunday, December 13 at her mothers home in Hammond.

Joanne and her life partner Margot Miller were great fun to be with. They were Chamber members from the time they opened their doors. The Chamber enjoyed lunch at the restaurant where JoAnne and Margo were gracious hosts. They also participated in our decorated boat parade and we especially remember the year they had a giant blowup "Bears" football

player on their boat which kept loosing air. JoAnne and Margo also included their friends in the boat outing and made it quite a summer celebration. JoAnne loved the Cubs and family members say she was one of their biggest fans.

A lifelong Hammond resident, JoAnne was a proud member of the Hammond City Council. Her family had been active in politics and she was always well respected by her contemporaries .

Our sympathies go out to Margo, JoAnne's mother Lorraine and her brothers, sisters, family members and friends.



She will be missed!

**The wind of one
door closing
opens another.**

The Chamber of Commerce Officers and Board of Directors want to wish our members a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

May 2010 bring everyone steady business and good health.

We want to remind everyone to bring in any brochures you might have advertising your business and also your business cards. Since the week before Christmas we have had 22 people in the office looking for information about local businesses or real estate. If we have something to give them, it is the best way to market your business.

CHELA'S COCINA CELEBRATES 1ST ANNIVERSARY

Our congratulations to owners Joanne Dickey, Noel Salinas and Tom Fetzko of Chela's Cocina who are celebrating their first year anniversary. On January 7, 8 and 9 they would like to invite everyone to stop in and celebrate with them.

There will be hourly drawings for discounts on meals, free desserts, gift certificates, and drink and food specials. This has been a difficult year for businesses, but the owners of Chela's are survivors and think a celebration would be good

for everyone. Please let your families know so Chela's can get the word out that they are here. They are extending a big thank you to all our members who have supported them and for those who haven't, now is the time to stop in.

TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL HELP WILL BRING THE SYMPHONY BACK TO TOWN

The Cedar Lake Town Council on December 15 agreed to again lend financial support to the chamber as we bring the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra to Cedar Lake in 2010. In a unanimous vote, the 7 member council gave the Chamber \$7500 to help defray the cost of the project. It is thrilling to see the whole council support this project which allows our residents to see a wonderful musical organization in a free concert on our beautiful lake-front.

Now, we are working on the date for the event. President Kaper has had a discussion with symphony

officials and we are thinking the date will be Saturday, June 26.

Mother Nature has been good to us the last two years and the end of June seems to be the best time for the symphony. We hope to again see one or more of our restaurants offer food for the occasion. So, everyone in the food business, start getting your thinking caps on and come up with some good ideas for the event.

More information about the symphony will follow as plans are being made. Anyone interested in helping the night of the event should contact the Chamber office.



CHAMBER MEMBER GETS COVETED ANGIE'S LIST AWARD

Kimberly Blaesing, Service Director of Tiger Plumbing, a Chamber member for several years, is proud to announce that the firm has been awarded the prestigious 2009 Angie's List Super Service Award. This award is reserved for companies who have achieved and maintained a superior service rating on Angie's List, the nation's leading provider of consumer

ratings on local service companies throughout the year.

Tiger Plumbing has been serving Northwest Indiana since 1982. The family owned and operated business is located in Highland and services our community. They pride themselves on combining excellent craftsmanship with great customer service.

Tiger President Ross Kozora who many of you know from attending Chamber functions, said he and his family are honored to receive this award. "We work hard at taking care of our customers and are proud of the feedback that they have provided to us," he said.

Congratulations to the Kozora Family!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We want to extend a warm welcome to our newest member LaVan Insurance Agency (Insurance Agents Co-operative) and owner Richard C. LaVan. The agency has offices in Chicago and Lyons, IL. The business was opened in 1969 and offers auto, home owners, busi-

ness and specialty insurance. Indiana Agents Co-operative represents such insurance giants as Lloyds of London and is a wholesale insurance outlet offering specialty insurance.

The Lyons office can be reached at

708 426-0123 or Fax to 708 426-0124. The web site is www.LaVanInsurance.com or email to: RCL@IACOOP.BIZ

WELCOME MEMBER!

EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY (6 - 13 - 20 - 27 February 7) - MOTO ON ICE South Shore Country Club 14400 Lake Shore Drive CL

Motorcycle races on the lake started Jan.6 and will continue every Sunday in January and into February, weather permitting. Races start at 12 noon. Call GBY MOTORSPORTS at 374-7680 or email to gbymotorsports@sbcglobal.net

JANUARY 10

BUNCO PARTY South Side Pizzeria 111 Broadway ST. CL

Play Bunco for fun and prizes and help support the Cedar Lake Animal Shelter and the Lake County Animal Shelter. Tickets are \$10.00 The event starts at 12 noon and includes lunch. Call Karen Kil 374-7314 for info.

JANUARY 29

SPAGHETTI DINNER American Legion Auxiliary 13050 Washington . CL

Hours 4p.m. to 8p.m. \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children

FEBRUARY 18

CHAMBER LUNCHEON (More information in our next newsletter)

FEBRUARY 20

TEXAS HOLD'EM Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department

The event, sponsored by the Fire Department will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall. Registration begins at 5p.m. The games start at 6p.m. Buy In is \$60.00 Tickets are available from all firemen or at the Fire Station. Call Dean Wilkening at 306-3072 for more information.

HOWE WINS AGAIN

Andrew Howe, son of chamber members Mike and Debbie Howe of Allstate Insurance has been ranked **NUMBER 1** in college rankings in the 165 lb. weight class. Howe recently came out on top at the Midlands Wrestling

Tournament held at Northwestern University, Evanston on Dec. 29 & 30. He won in his weight class competing against Iowa State wrestling champion Jon Reader. The score was 3 to 1 in overtime. Forty colleges competed

in the Midlands tournament. Andrew future goals include wrestling in the 2012 Olympics and we hope to see his dream come true.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST ON LINE

We want to give a big thanks to Chairman Robert Carnahan and his able assistants Louise and John Roys (Glimpses Photography) and Al Konieczka of Alkon Consulting Services for their work in the 2009 Christmas Decoration Contest.

Eighteen businesses and homes were entered this year.

Pictures of all the entries were put online and voting was done by email with a few people stopping in the office.

The winners were:
BUSINESS CATEGORY:

1st Place - Jim's Repair Service

2nd Place - Corky's Dogg House

3rd Place - Fraternal Order of
Eagles

Other Business entries were Cedar Lake Florist and Holiday Liquors.

RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY:

1st Place - Doug and Melissa McCaskill 6701 W. 129th Ave.

2nd Place -(tie)

Ray Kinney - 9766 W. 135th Pl.

Betty Hardy - 7300 W. 141st Pl.

3rd Place (tie)

Fred Jones - 11610 W. 143rd Ave.

Tim Jostes - 11029 W. 135th Pl.

We had 13 entries in the residential portion of the contest and we thank everyone for helping to make our town beautiful during the Christmas holidays.

