

WE'RE SAILING AHEAD

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We want to extend a welcome to our newest Chamber members.

The first is Schilling Brothers Lumber Co. of St John who have a distribution center in the town's Industrial Park. Dean Schilling will represent the firm. You can reach him at 219 365-8585 or fax to 219 365-6012. Send email to: info@schillinglumber.com. Their web site is: www.schillingbrothers.com.

Schilling Brothers main store is at 8900 Wicker Ave. St John, IN 46373. They are Northwest Indiana's largest building supplier. It is locally owned and has been operated by the Schilling family since 1945.

The Daniel Cavanaugh Insurance Agency has also joined the Chamber family. The business is located across from the Holy Name Catholic Church parking lot at 10917 W. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake. The company's main office is at 1395 B Main St. Crete, IL 60417. Dan opened the Cedar Lake Branch on October 1. You can reach him at 219 374-8180 or fax to: 219 374-7907. To email: Daniel.8180@juno.com.

Daniel, who lives in Cedar Lake, has been in the insurance business for 17 years and is licensed in Illinois and Indiana. He offers a full insurance program — auto home, health, life and business.

Welcome to the Geminus Corporation, a Merrillville based group represented by Heather McCarthy, Vice-President of Prevention Services.

The Geminus Corp is a management group that offers innovative concept - providing comprehensive support services, human resources, accounting, finance, client billing, purchasing, and management information systems for behavioral health care providers and human service organizations. The business opened in 1992 and has 253 employees. Their address is 8400 Louisiana St. Merrillville.

You can reach them at 219 757-1830 or Fax to 219 757-1856. Their email is heather,mccarthy@geminus.org or their web site is: www.geminus.org.

Also welcome Lelani Kasper, a Sales Director with Mary Kay Cosmetics and Skin Care. Her address is 8411 Raven Way, Cedar Lake. You can email her at magicamo@comcast or her web site is www.marykay.com/lkasper. Lelani has been in the business since May of 2004. She teaches skincare and color cosmetics and offers women the opportunity to own their own business and make money on their own terms.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT LUNCHEON MEETING

The Chamber Board of Directors will hold its annual election officers at a noon luncheon meeting on Thursday, December 4 at Pier 74 Restaurant. This will also serve as our General Meeting of the year as well as a Christmas party and we hope to have a well attended event. To make reservations call the office at 374-6157.

The proposed slate is as follows:
President — Charlie Kaper;
Vice President — Bob Carnahan;
Secretary — Diane Jostes;
Treasurer — Al Bunge;
All officers would be returning.
Directors:
Brian Kubal;

Jim Wozniewski;
Sandra Dallkiloc;
Chris Kelleher;
Election Chairman Frank Brongiel said If you would like to be a “write in” candidate please contact the chamber before Thursday’s meeting.

HOLIDAY TASTING A BIG SUCCESS

Thanks to a wonderful team of members and friends, our second annual Holiday Tasting, held November 13, was a great success.

The evening was chaired by Brian Kubal of Holiday Liquors who provided a great selection of beers to start off the event. Lynette Kubal also designed a delightful array of delicious cheeses to sample with the beers.

We were treated to “In Vie Wines” introduced by Sommelier Simon Bellios of that company.

Executive Chef Ruben Calvo of H & R Catering, Schererville added to the evening with his delicious Hors d’oerves and dessert. The tall centerpieces designed by Charlie and Marilyn Kaper of Cedar Lake Florist were given as door prizes and Tom Mc Adams and Ryan Zuklin of the

After 4 Club gave us a beautiful, intimate setting for the event.

Our thanks to Kathy Boswell of Coldwell Banker and Jean Eberle for greeting the guests.

We also want to thank Sandy Dalkilic and Beth Monstwillio of RBB Real Estate for their help with tickets and posters. Beth designed a great look for us.

CHRISTMAS TREE IS CREATED

When the snow storm last January uprooted our Christmas tree at the Welcome Center we thought we would not have anything to light up for the Christmas holidays and our annual Parade of Lights.

But not to fear, Director Jim Wozniewski came to the rescue and built a tree frame that we could string lights to. And “lo and behold” with a little help from some members despite the freezing wind they encountered we

have a 10 ft. tree to mark the holiday season.

Jim also built a sleigh that we will use for the Parade of Lights. Many thanks to our adult elves, you know who you are.

PARADE OF LIGHTS

By the time you read this our annual Parade of Lights will have taken place on Saturday, November 29. As of this writing, we will have 22 entries in the parade and all thanks to Chairman Jean Eberle who does a great job putting this event together.

We also want to give a big hug to those people without whose help this would not take place.

First Jean's great street team who get everyone in place. Then our police and VIPS personnel who make sure everything is orderly. Next our float designers and builders whose team work is tremendous. Without Howard Skorka of S & S Auto Rebuilders who has pulled our float for 10 years we would never get it on the street. Then Center Garage for

letting us build the float in their facility. Also Dave Kleine of Kleine Farms who gives us the use of a hay wagon to create the float.

Jim Wozniewski not only built the sleigh but also painted it a wonderful Christmas green. Sandy and Mike Dalkilic of RBB Real Estate gave us their rein-deers. More in our next issue.

TIGER PLUMBING HAS NEW NEWSLETTER

We want to acknowledge a new newsletter put together from Chamber member Tiger Plumbing of Highland.

It's called Tiger Talk and was emailed from Service Director Kimberly Blaesing, who is

passionate about plumbing.

While you might not think this is the kind of business one can be passionate about, today's economy makes it necessary to be passionate about anything we do.

Owner Ross Kozora also adds

some plumbing tips that may help in an emergency.

You can get on their email list by contacting Kim at

kimberly@tigerplumbng.net.

Their web site is:

www.tigerplumbing.net

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

It's not too late to enter our annual Christmas Decoration Contest. Chairman Bob Carnahan and his trusty group of judges are waiting to see those businesses and homes that have been decked out for the holidays. We have entry forms in the office that can be picked up or just give us a friendly call and we will add your name to the list. Remember there are cash prizes.



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