



**Highland
Chamber
OF COMMERCE**

the Chamber News

PROMOTING GOOD BUSINESS

APRIL 2016



Come enjoy a Taco Dinner from our New Member Asada Grill & Cantina and meet the Griffith Police canine dogs. Proceeds benefit the Griffith Animal Shelter

TACO MEET & GREET

Friday, April 8, 5 - 8 pm

Griffith YMCA, 201 N. Griffith Blvd.

Canine Demonstrations, DJ, Cash Bar

**Adults - \$12 Children under 10 - \$5
Tickets sold in advance at Chamber office
and from Chamber Board Members. Please
post the flier inside.**



The Easter Bunny and Friends thank you for another fun Breakfast. Our great Committee, generous Sponsors and wonderful Volunteers are listed on page 2.

UPCOMING NETWORKING EVENTS

**Massage Envy Spa and First Financial Bank
Relaxing After Hours, Wednesday, April 6,
4:30 - 6:30. See flier inside.**

**Pizza Palooza, Monday, May 16, Wicker Park
Social Center, Doors open at 5. Tickets \$20**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ASADA GRILL & CANTINA

216 S. Broad Street, Griffith, 934-0400

Representative: Rigo Gutierrez

BALANCED NUTRITION

844 N. Cline Avenue, Griffith 951-2399

Representative: Frank Pabon

www.teampabon.com

Recommended by: Shawn Graham

LAW OFFICE OF TERRI TINDER

2646 Highway Avenue, Highland

Representative: Terri Tinder, 923-2211

www.tinderlaw.com

Recommended by: Gerry Zagone

LYNN'S FURNITURE

709 US Highway 41, Schererville

Representative: Scott Lynn, 322-8599

www.lynnsfurniture.com

POKRO BREWING COMPANY

311 N. Broad Street, Griffith, 924-7950

Representative: Robyn and Joe Pokropinski

www.pokrobrewing.com

QUIK SCRIPTS PHARMACY

303 N. Broad Street, Griffith

Representative: David Davila, 924-9540

www.20minutescripts.com

Recommended by: Shawn Graham

REPUBLIC SERVICES

865 Wheeler Street, Crown Point

Representative: Jim Metro, 310-2304

www.republicservices.com

SALON 180

120 N. Broad Street, Griffith

Representative: Kim Vrska, 924-6677

www.salon180griffith.org

Silent Auction donated by Judy Vaughn

T & S CATERING

P.O. Box 131, Griffith, 552-5424

Representative: Thomas Bock

www.tandscatering.com

Recommended by Susie Pollard

THANK YOU TO THE BUNNY BREAKFAST COMMITTEE:

Chair Michelle Anderson, First Financial Bank; Paul Doherty; Katy Dowling, Griffith Public Schools; Mary Shelton, Joe Koranek, Bev Strickland, Centier Bank; Patricia Makarounas, Regional Federal Credit Union; Susie Pollard, Centsible Heating & Cooling; Vickie Rust, First Midwest Bank; Carrie Upchurch, Teachers Credit Union, Tammy Williams and Mary Luptak, Highland Griffith Chamber.

(Pictured right) Haley Anderson

THANK YOU TO OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS:

Jennifer Puntillo, First Financial Bank(as the Bunny); Highland Student Laney Anderson (Barbie); Highland Student Haley Anderson, Griffith National Honor Students, Highland Key Club Students, New Life Christian Reformed Church Members, Tierra Gamble and Sandra Borisenko, Brightwood College, Jeff Siple, Highland Public Works, Mark Ramos, Comfort Keepers and Garfield Masonic Lodge Members.



Pictured(above) Emily, Joe and Harrison Koranek (below) Anna, Carrie and Eddie Upchurch (below right) Mary Shelton's Grandchildren Dahlia and Austin.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:

Brightwood College
BMO Harris Bank
CJ Printing
Centier Bank
Centsible Heating & Cooling
Comfort Keepers
Crestview Apartments
Edward Jones - Doug Lewis
Elegance Wedding & Evening Wear
First Financial Bank
First Midwest Bank
Garfield Lodge No. 569
Griffith DG Grill & Chill
Grindhouse Café
Highland Pack and Parcel
Kuiper Funeral Home
Langel's Pizza
McDonald's

McDonald's
Michael, Christy & Abigail Griffin
New Life Christian Reformed Church
Office Depot
Paun Family Chiropractic
Peoples Bank
Pepsi
Pleasant View Dairy
Popa Heating & Cooling
Region Signs
Regional Federal Credit Union
Sarkey's Florist
Standard Bank & Trust
Texas Corral
Timeless Images Photography
Walgreens Photographers:
Nicole Scharnke/Sherrill Shannon



CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

Treasured Friends & Griffith Animal Control - DONATE YOUR SOLES FUNDRAISER - until May 15th. Donate your gently worn or new shoes for a good cause. Donations may be dropped off at: Griffith Police Dept., 115 N. Broad Street, or Meinzer & Babineaux Law Office, 10115 Ravenwood Drive, St. John.

Massage Envy Spa & First Financial Bank - RELAXING AFTER HOURS - Wed., April 6th, 4:30 - 6:30 PM at Massage Envy, 10343 Indianapolis Blvd. Enjoy chair massages, hand treatments and refreshment. Food by Qdoba Mexican Eats. RSVP to Jennifer.puntillo@massageenvy.com

Frank J. Mrvan, North Township Trustee - CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS TAILGATE PARTY - Sat., April 9th, 5:30 PM at Wicker Park. For more info, call 219-932-2530 x 331

Highland Parks & Recreation - 33rd ANNUAL SPRING CRAFT SHOW & VENDOR FAIR - Sat., April 9th, 9am - 3pm Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St. Hand-made items, wellness vendors & much more

NWI Parkinsons - 8th ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM Sat., April 16th, 8AM - 3:30PM, Avalon Manor, Merrillville. For more info, call 219-237-2342

Humane Society Calumet Area - PET PORTRAITS - Sat., April 9th, 9AM at Paws Resale, 8149 Kennedy. Sitting fee is \$10, and photos can be purchased by the sheet or individually. The best part? The sitting fee proceeds are donated to HSCA! To make an appointment, call 219-922-3811

Oak Partners, Inc. - 7th ANNUAL SECURE SHRED DAY - Thur., April 21st, 1 - 3PM, Oak Partners, 55 W. 94th Pl., Crown Point. \$5 donation per box. For more info, call 219-795-1000

NW Indiana Concert Assoc. - MATT DUSK - Thur., April 21st, 7PM, For more info: www.munsterconcerts.org

Highland Parks & Recreation - MOTHER/SON OLYMPICS - Fri., April 22nd, 6 - 8 pm Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., For more info, call 219-838-0114

TradeWinds - 23rd ANNUAL GALA - LIGHTS! CAMERA! AUCTION! - Fri., April 29th, 6 pm, Radisson at Star Plaza, Merrillville, For more info, call: Deb Kiefer 219-945-0100 x 318 or email: events@tradewindservices.org

NEW ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Vendor Table Space to promote our Chamber Member Businesses is available for the April 12 or May 10 Membership Meetings. Cost is \$75 and includes a Feature Friday flyer and Facebook advertising post. Contact the Chamber office.

APRIL CHAMBER CALENDAR

- 1 Pizza Palooza Meeting, 9:00 am
Chamber office, 923-3666
- 5 Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 am
Hampton in Highland Apartments
- 6 Massage Envy Spa Relaxing After Hours
4:30 - 6:30 pm, Contact Jennifer, 513-5712
- 8 **Taco Meet & Greet, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**
Griffith YMCA, Contact 923-3666
- 12 Chamber Membership Meeting, Theo's
Please RSVP to the Chamber office
- 21 Coffee Hour, Grindhouse Café, 8 am
146 N. Broad, Griffith, 923-3666

Tour de Highland Griffith New Bike Route and Sponsorship Opportunities emailed this month.

CHAMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8 - Taco Meet & Greet
May 16 - Pizza Palooza
June 11 - Tour de Highland Griffith
July 22 - Chamber Golf Outing
September - Chamber Night Golf
October - Griffith Pub Crawl
October 11 - New Member Presentations
November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony
December 13 - Acknowledging Members

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 12
THEO'S STEAK & SEAFOOD
9144 Indianapolis Blvd., Cost \$15

**Speaker: Chuck Hughes, Gary Chamber
Community Civility Counts**

Featured Vendor Table Available

Please RSVP to the Chamber office
info@highlandchamber.com or
923-3666 by April 8

2016 HIGHLAND/GRIFFITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Fred Leep, Pleasant View Dairy
Vice President: Susie Pollard, Centsible Heating & Cooling
Treasurer: Patricia Makarounas, Regional Federal Credit Union
Secretary: Shawn Graham, Edward Jones Investments
Past President: Carrie Upchurch, Teachers Credit Union

Michelle Anderson, First Financial Bank
Amy Conn, Crestview Apartments
Katy Dowling, Griffith Public Schools
Bob Johnson, Liberty Floors & Windows
Gabe Mauch, Grindhouse Café
Rich Miller, Spitz & Miller Insurance
Cindy Rivera, North Township Trustee Office
Sue Woodall, Chicago Title Insurance

Kimberly Blaesing, Tiger Plumbing
Margie Dian, First Financial Bank
LaRae Dykstra, Metro Recycling
Joe Koranek, Centier Bank
Gary Miller, Prompt Ambulance Service
Kathleen Reed, First Midwest Bank
Joe Starkey, Oak Partners, Inc.

The Highland/Griffith Chamber of Commerce offers many advertisement opportunities:

NEWSLETTER: Ads are \$30/month, and must purchase 3 months or more. Our Newsletter is emailed to over 350 Chamber Members each month.

FEATURE FRIDAY FLYERS: Send out a flyer for your business, upcoming event or advertised special for \$50, and receive a Facebook post from the Chamber promoting your flyer. FFF are emailed to over 350 Chamber Members.

WELCOME BAGS FOR NEW RESIDENTS: \$25 for 125 items (coupons, flyers, magnets, pens) to introduce your business to new residents when they sign up for water at Town Hall.

CHAMBER MEMBER HAPPENINGS: Weekly email to Chamber Members announcing non-profit events or free seminars from Chamber Members.

Kuiper Funeral Home
9039 Kleinman, 923-7800



David Peterson
Leonard Gregorczyk
Shelia Kirby

**Looking for direction
in this volatile market?**



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**PIZZA
PALOOZA**

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016
5:00 PM

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