



**Highland  
Chamber  
OF COMMERCE**

# *the* **Chamber News**

PROMOTING GOOD BUSINESS

FEBRUARY 2016



## **BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY** Saturday, March 19, 2016

**Two Seatings: 8:30 am and 10:00 am**  
**Highland High School Cafeteria**

Tickets cost \$6 and are sold only in advance at:  
Centier Bank, Griffith YMCA, Lincoln Center,  
First Financial Bank and the Highland Griffith  
Chamber office.

Children receive a McDonald's coupon, beanie  
baby and pinwheel.

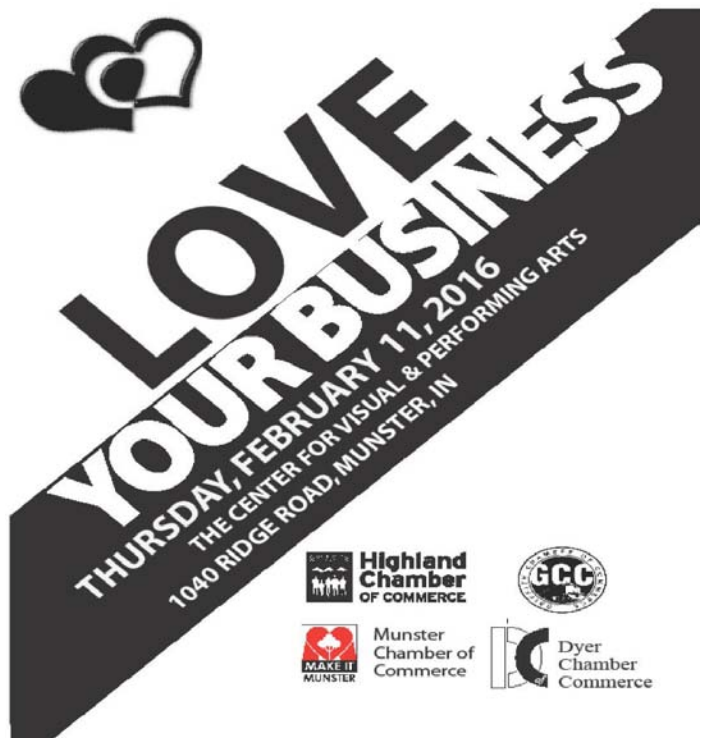
Thank you to our Chamber Sponsors: Centier  
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Chill, Grindhouse Café, Harris Bank, Highland  
Pack & Parcel, Konnie Kuiper, Langels Pizza,  
Massage Envy Spa, McDonalds, Michael Griffin  
Family, Office Depot, Pleasant View Dairy,  
Peoples Bank, Regional Federal Credit Union,  
Region Signs, Sarkey's Florist, Ultra Foods,  
Timeless Images Photography and Walgreens.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Teachers Credit Union**  
8615 Wicker Avenue, St. John  
219-365-0900  
Representative: Carrie Upchurch  
cupchurch@tcunet.com  
Category: Banks & Banking Associations

**Springer Realty Group**  
2420 Ticonderoga Street, Schererville  
219-670-9902  
Representative: Jeffrey Dettlo  
jdettlo5@comcast.net  
Category: Real Estate

**Northwest Indiana Oilmen**  
1500 119th Street, Whiting  
219-659-1000  
Representative: Don Popravak  
don@nwoilmen.com  
Category: Minor League Baseball Club



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# THANK YOU TO OUR RENEWING 2016 CHAMBER MEMBERS

Dues received 1-1-2016 through 2-1-2016

We appreciate your continued support of **Promoting Good Business!**

ACS Technical Products	Highland Fire Department	Plaza Lanes
Allenbaugh State Farm Insurance	Highland Hurricanes Swim Club	Pop A Lock
BMO Harris	Highland Kiwanis	Popa Heating & Cooling
Bootleg Liquors	Highland Redevelopment	Post Tribune
Bosak Honda	Highland Soccer Club	Prompt Ambulance
Brightwood College	Highland Public Works	Region Signs
Capri's Pizza	Highland Town Council	Ria Trufant State Farm Insurance
Centsible Heating & Air Conditioning	Hydraulic Resources	School Town of Highland
Chase Bank	Immanuel United Church	State Line Pizza
Comfort Inn	James & Sons Jewelers	Strack & Van Til
Crestview Apartments	Kempo Jujutsu Martial Arts	T & M Mechanical Heating & Cooling
Diesel Electrical Equipment	Lansing Country Club	Tauber Law Office
Downs Syndrome Assoc. of NWI	Leber Construction Consulting, Inc.	Team Huber Allstate
Edward Jones – Doug Lewis	Mark Machnic, CPA	Texas Corral
Edward Jones – Shawn Graham	Massage Envy Spa	The Methodist Hospitals, Inc.
First Merchants Bank	Meyer's Companies	The Times
Growler's on Highway	Midwest Telecom of America	Town Club
Hampton in Highland Apartments	Miner-Dunn Restaurant	TradeWinds Services
HGS Music	Miss Print	Two Uncles Remodeling
Highland Body Shop	Moses Eyecare Center	Van Der Noord Electric
Highland Building Department	North Central Veterinary Emergency	Webb Ford, Inc.
Highland Clerk Treasurer	North Shore Health Centers	White Funeral Home
Highland Dollars for Scholars	Park Avenue Floors	Whole Foods Market Schererville
	Pierce State Farm Insurance	Zandstra's Store for Men

## CHAMBER MEMBER HAPPENINGS

**Whole Foods Market Schererville** and **Northwest Indiana Parkinsons** One Dime At A Time through March 31, Bring in a reusable shopping bag and donate your 10 cent bag refund at the register.

**Treasured Friends Rescue** SimpleQpons Discount Booklets Fundraiser available now at Schererville PetSmart from 12-4 pm Saturdays and Sundays or available online.

**Frank J. Mrvan, North Township Trustee's** Friends & Family Sweetheart's Dance - Feb. 6th, 4-6pm, Wicker Park Social Center, Reservations recommended, call 219-932-2530 ext 331

**Tradewinds Services** Fundraising Fun Bowling Event - Feb. 8th, 6-9 pm, Stardust II, 3925 E. Lincoln Hwy, Merrillville

**Fair Haven Center for Women** Women's Support Group - Beginning Feb. 9th, 7-8 pm. Fair Haven Center for Women, 2645 Ridge Rd., Highland. Call to reserve a seat 219-961-4357

**Humane Society Calumet Area** Share the Love - Feb. 12-14, 12-7 pm Fri-Sat, 12-4 pm Sun, Adoption fees waived on adult cats and dogs. Contact 219-922-3811 for more information.

**Humane Society Calumet Area** 75th Anniversary Celebration Gala Feb. 20, 5-9 pm, Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, Admission \$65 Single, \$100 Couple, \$500 Table. Buffet Dinner, Silent Auction, Wine Tasting and Cash Bar.

**Frank J. Mrvan, North Township Trustee's** Chicago Wolves Hungry For More Buss Trip - Feb. 20th, \$30 per person, call 219-932-2530 ext 331 to reserve a seat, as space is limited.

**Northwest Indiana Concert Association** 2015-2016 Concert Series - resumes Feb. 28th with Presidio Brass, 2 pm. For more information: [www.munsterconcerts.org](http://www.munsterconcerts.org)

**Girls on the Run of NWI** Lunafest Short Films - March 3rd, 6-9:30 pm, The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Rd., Munster. Contact Jill Kim for sponsorship or tickets at 384-8276 or [gotrofnwi@yahoo.com](mailto:gotrofnwi@yahoo.com).

**Highland Crime Watch Meetings** are requesting small monetary gift certificates for door prizes. Contact Office Norris, [bnorris@highland.in.gov](mailto:bnorris@highland.in.gov) or Officer Anderson, [sanderson@highland.in.gov](mailto:sanderson@highland.in.gov), or 838-3184 to donate.  
Officer Anderson

## CHAMBER UPDATES

We are in the process of designing the new Chamber logo and name. Changes will then be made on our website, letterhead, envelopes, and business cards.

New Membership Decals for 2016 will be printed and mailed or delivered to our renewing Members. Thank you for your continued support always and your patience during this time.

The Chamber is growing and we encourage you to invite other businesses to join us in Promoting Good Business.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR  
OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING



# Brightwood College

**FEBRUARY 4**  
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3:00 to 5:00  
IN THE AFTERNOON

RIBBON CUTTING AT 3:30

7833 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD., HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324

KAPLAN COLLEGE IN HAMMOND IS NOW BRIGHTWOOD COLLEGE.

We're celebrating our new look with an Open House for the business community! Tour the campus, meet faculty and staff, enjoy wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres.

RSVP (219) 989-5046  
- OR -  
EMAIL HAMMOND.RSVP@BRIGHTWOOD.EDU



## Looking for direction in this volatile market?



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## FEBRUARY CHAMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 am  
First Financial, 2611 Highway, 923-3666
- 11 Love Your Business Networking Event  
Center for Visual & Performing Arts,  
1040 Ridge Road, 10 am - 2 pm
- 14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
- 18 Coffee Hour, Grindhouse Café, 8 am  
146 N. Broad, Griffith, 923-3666

Remember to renew your 2016 Business License by March 1 with the Town of Highland. Contact 838-1080.

## CHAMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 11 - Love Your Business
- March 19 - Bunny Breakfast
- April - Griffith Taste of the Town
- May 16 - Pizza Palooza
- June 11 - Tour de Highland Griffith
- July 22 - Chamber Golf Outing
- September - Griffith Pub Crawl
- October 11 - New Member Presentations
- November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony
- December 13 - Acknowledging Members

## CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**LOVE YOUR BUSINESS**  
Thursday, February 11  
Vendor Fair 10 am - 12:30  
Lunch/Networking 12:30 - 2:00  
Cost \$20 reserved in advance

Please RSVP to the Chamber office  
[info@highlandchamber.com](mailto:info@highlandchamber.com) or  
923-3666 by February 5

## 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.

**GARY RICHARDSON**  
Owner/General Manager




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