



**Highland
Chamber
OF COMMERCE**

the Chamber News

PROMOTING GOOD BUSINESS

MARCH 2016



BRIGHTWOOD COLLEGE, formerly Kaplan College, 7833 Indianapolis Blvd, celebrates with Lakeshore and Highland Griffith Chamber Members at their Open House and Ribbon Cutting. Cutting the ribbon is Stu Reed, CEO of Education Corporation of America. He is joined by Christopher Artim, President of Brightwood College (left) and Johnny Craig, Regional Vice President of Education Corporation of America (right) and many employees.
www.brightwood.edu/hammond-in



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Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!

SATURDAY, March 19, 2016

8:30A.M. SEATING

Drawing for bicycle at 9:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. SEATING

Drawing for bicycle at 10:30 A.M.

Winner must be present

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Continental Breakfast will be served.

TICKETS: \$6.00 SOLD ONLY IN ADVANCE

Walgreens will take pictures or you may bring your camera.

TICKETS SOLD AT:

Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln Street, Highland
Griffith Family YMCA, 201 N. Griffith Blvd., Griffith
Centier Bank Locations: 500 N. Broad St., Griffith and 9701 and 9102 Indianapolis Blvd., Highland
First Financial Bank Locations: 2611 Highway Ave. and 2750 45th St., Highland
Highland/Griffith Chamber, 8536 Kennedy Ave., Highland

Sponsored by the Members of the Highland/Griffith Chamber

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

AVON

2029 - 38th Street, Highland

Representative: Suzanne Blissmer

kinsuz114@msn.com

Category: Beauty and Fashion

PHH HOME LOANS

2166 - 45th Street, Highland

Representative: Gayle Parsanko

gayle.parsanko@phhonline.com

Recommended by: Laura Horvatic

HIGHLAND GRIFFITH CHAMBER TACO MEET & GREET

Friday, April 8, 5 - 8 pm

Griffith YMCA, 201 N. Griffith Blvd.

**Taco Dinner by Asada Grill & Cantina
Canine Demonstrations, DJ, Cash Bar**

**Adults - \$12 Children under 10-\$5
Tickets sold in advance at office
and from Chamber Members.**

Proceeds benefit Griffith Animal Shelter



THANK YOU TO MORE RENEWING 2016 CHAMBER MEMBERS

Renewals received between 2/2/2016 and 2/29/2016

This puts our Membership count at 249

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

Anytime Fitness
Casey's General Store
Circle Buick GMC
Comcast
Dickey's Barbecue Pit
Enbridge Energy
Extraordinary Rehab Services
First Midwest Bank
Griffith Lutheran Church

Griffith Public Schools
Highland Jewelers
Highland Public Works Department
Highland Volkswagen
Hobson & Scott Remodeling
Hoosier Highlander
John B. Lesniak Company
March of Dimes
Methodist Hospitals

Natural Wellness
NIPSCO
Oak Partners
Patriot Gaming & Electronics
Phantom Fireworks
Richardson Sales & Service
Seattle Sutton
Standard Bank & Trust

If you have not seen your name in the January or February Newsletter please contact the Chamber office at 219.923.3666 or assistant@highlandchamber.com to update your membership dues.

CHAMBER MEMBER HAPPENINGS

Whole Foods Market Schererville One Dime At A Time Fundraiser - through March 31st. Bring in your bag, shop, and donate your \$0.10 bag refund at the register. Proceeds will be going to NorthWest Indiana Parkinsons.

Girls on the Run of NWI LUNAFEST - Thursday, March 3rd, 6-9:30 pm at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Rd., Munster. Tickets \$25, \$10 Students & GOTR coaches. Visit lunafest.org.

Garfield Masonic Lodge No. 569 6th Annual Irish Dinner - Saturday, March 5th, 4 pm at Garfield Lodge #569, 2234 Martha St., Highland. \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child.

Treasured Friends Animal Adoption & Rescue Baker's Square Fundraiser - Tuesday, March 8th, 7 am to 11 pm, Baker's Square will donate 20% your bill. Go to treasuredfriendsrescue.org to download the coupon.

NorthShore Health Centers Family Food Fun - Tuesday, March 8th, 11 am at Lake Station/New Chicago Library, 2007 Central Ave., Lake Station. Clever ways to care for you and your family. Hot lunch, free activities, raffles & giveaways.

NorthShore Health Centers Baby Basics Class - Thursday, March 10th, 10:30 am to 12 pm at 2490 Central Ave., Lake Station. To make a reservation call: 219-763-8112 ext. 3101

Paun Family Chiropractic & Wellness Sleep: Why We Don't (And What To Do About It!) - Tuesday, March 16, 5 pm at The PFCW office, 2022 - 45th Street, Highland. To learn more, contact Rhiannon Cizon at 219-227-4033.

United Federal Credit Union Making Your Nest Egg Last informational seminar, Thursday, March 17, 12 pm at United Federal Credit Union, 510 N. Broad St., Griffith. Seating is limited call 888-982-1400 ext. 1445.

Humane Society Calumet Area Geranium Sale Begins Saturday, March 19. For details or more information, call 219.922.3811 or visit hscalumet.org.

NorthShore Health Centers Diabetic Education Group - Tuesday, March 22, 1 pm at Lake Station Medical Conference Room, 2490 Central Ave., Lake Station.

North West Indiana Parkinsons The Albert Makali Trunk Show - Wednesday, March 23rd to Wednesday, March 30th, 12 to 6 pm at NWI Parkinsons office, 2927 Jewett Ave., Highland.

Humane Society Calumet Area Photos with the Easter Bunny & Bake Sale - Friday, March 25 & Saturday, March 26th at Paws Resale Shoppe, 8149 Kennedy Ave., Highland. Photos are \$6 each.

Treasured Friends Animal Adoption & Rescue NWI Fundraising Coupon Book Sales - Available at Schererville PetSmart from 12 to 4 pm on Saturdays or Sundays. Or order at www.treasuredfriendsrescue.org.

Northwest Indiana Concert Association 2015-2016 Concert Series - The Young Irelanders on Sunday, April 3rd, 2 pm at Munster Senior High School Auditorium, 8508 Columbia Ave., Munster. For info: www.munsterconcerts.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

Highland Volkswagen for winning 2016 Dealer of the Year Award from DealerRater. The annual award is given to just a handful of dealers across the United States. DealerRate features more than 2 million consumer reviews and speaks volumes about customer satisfaction

Albert's Diamond Jewelers for being featured as a Leading Watch Retailer in the 2016 Issue of International Watch Magazine.

Peoples Bank David Bochnowski, CEO, on his retirement after 35 years, and to his son **Benjamin Bochnowski** who will assume the role of CEO on April 28. We wish them both well.

3 Floyds was named the best brewer in Indiana and the fourth best brewery in the world by the beer ranking website RateBeer. 3 Floyds is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR LOVE YOUR BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT

Pictured (l-r) Karen Mashura, Munster Chamber, Mary Shelton, Centier Bank, and Tammy Williams, Highland Griffith Chamber. Thanks to our 60 vendors and 210 attendees. Next year's date is Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017.

NEW ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

The Chamber is offering our Members a Vendor Table at a Membership Meeting, Feature Friday and Facebook post for \$75. Tiger Plumbing will be featured at our March 8 Meeting. You may reserve a spot through the Chamber office. Call or email for more details.

MARCH CHAMBER CALENDAR

- 1 Board of Directors Meeting, 8:30 am
YMCA, 201 N. Griffith Blvd., 923-3666
- 3 Bunny Breakfast Meeting, 8:30 am, Chamber
- 8 Chamber Membership Meeting, Jedi's
Please RSVP to the Chamber office
- 10 Taco Meet & Greet Meeting, 10 am
Grindhouse Café, 923-3666
- 11 Pizza Palooza Meeting, 9 am, Chamber
- 17 Coffee Hour, Grindhouse Café, 8 am
146 N. Broad, Griffith, 923-3666
- 19 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, HHS
8:30 and 10 am Seatings, 923-3666
- 27 HAPPY EASTER
- 28 Griffith and Highland Schools
Spring Break



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 - Griffith Pub Crawl
- October 11 - New Member Presentations
- November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony
- December 13 - Acknowledging Members

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
JEDI'S GARDEN FAMILY RESAURANT
444 W. Ridge Road, Griffith, Cost \$15

Speaker: Phillip Foreman
Indiana Attorney General Office
Consumer Protection/Identity Theft
Tiger Plumbing: Featured Vendor Table

Please RSVP to the Chamber office
info@highlandchamber.com or
923-3666 by March 3

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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Member SIPC

21 & OVER EVENT

**PIZZA
PALOOZA**

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016
5:00 PM

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CONTACTS AND NOTES

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Dyer Chamber
219-865-1045
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Munster Chamber
219-836-5549
munsterchamber.org

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016 10AM-2PM
THE CENTER FOR VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
1040 RIDGE ROAD, MUNSTER, IN



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THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPATING VENDORS

Advanced Dental	Lifetime Creations
Briar Ridge Country Club	Massage Envy Spa
Brown Insurance Group	McShane's, Inc.
Cat 5 Restoration, Inc.	Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush
Centsible Heating & Cooling	Miss Print
Coldwell Banker	Montage Interiors, Inc.
Comfort Keepers	Natural Wellness
Community Occupational Health	North Shore Health Centers
Community SpaPointe & Hair Studio	Northwestern Medical Imaging
Constant Clean Maid Service	NWI Parkinsons, Inc.
Cookielicious & Cream	Our Textile Hive
Crossroads YMCA, Inc.	Patti's All American
Eco Chic Boutique	Paun Family Chiropractic & Wellness
First Financial Bank	Peoples Bank
First Merchants Bank	Planting Possibilities
First Midwest Bank	Prime Consulting LLC
FirstLight Home Care	Providence Bank
Franciscan Alliance Foundation	Rapid Pest Solutions
Gailmard Eye Center	Regional Federal Credit Union
Girls on the Run	Shaklee Products Distributor - Kaaren Mashura
HGS Music	Symphony of Dyer
H & R Block	Teachers Credit Union
Hall Chiropractic Pain Relief Center	The Gourmet Goddess
Hampton Inn & Suites	The Travel Hut
Hartsfield Village	Towle Theater
Horizon Bank	Usborne Books & More
Hospice Artisans	Yes, & then.../Tomfoolery Fun Club
James and Sons Jewelers	Young Living Essential Oils
Legal Shield	Waddell & Reed - Rich Krooswyk
Level Rite Concrete Lifting	
Lewyckjy-Taglia-Felton Eye Clinics	



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016
The Center for Visual & Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana
10:00 am — 2:00 pm

10:00 - 12:30
Vendor Tables

12:35 - 12:40
Welcome, Pledge and Invocation

12:45 - 1:15
Lunch and Networking at First Table

1:15 - 1:30
Dessert and Door Prizes

1:35 - 2:00
Networking at Second Table

Thank you for participating in our annual
Love Your Business Networking Event

Hope to see you next year!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY