



Highland Chamber
OF COMMERCE

the Chamber News

P R O M O T I N G G O O D B U S I N E S S

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW 2010 OFFICERS



Pictured (from left to right): President Doug Lewis, Edward Jones Investments; Director Angie Clark, Highland Parks & Recreation Dept; Vice President John Freyek; Citizens Financial Bank; Director Terry Trusgnich, Aide Rental & Sales II, Treasurer Jan Balkema, First Financial Bank; and Past President Lisa Gibson, Inn of Hammond.



WELCOME RORY PETERSON



Newly elected President Doug Lewis, Edward Jones Investments, presented Past President Lisa Gibson, Inn of Hammond, with a plaque of Appreciation for her Outstanding Leadership and Service during 2009.

Remember to RSVP to the Highland Chamber for the "Love Your Business" Networking Lunch on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, in Munster. The Reservation Flyer is inside

Spring will be here and so will the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny . . . the date is Saturday, March 27, at Highland High School Cafeteria.

Bunny sponsorship opportunities and volunteer slots are available See inside flyer for details.

THANK YOU TO MORE RENEWING HIGHLAND CHAMBER MEMBERS (since January's Newsletter)

Action International
Matthew Baker Inc.
Balogh & Cedarstaff Optometrists
Blaines Business Services
CJ Printing
The Center for Visual &
Performing Arts
Christenson Chevrolet
Countywide Guides
Discount Tire Co.
Doctor's Pharmacy
Edward Jones—Perry Scalzitti
Edward Jones— Doug Lewis
Garcia Consulting
Griffith Church of Christ

Harris Bank
Hampton in Highland Apartments
Hi Fi Roadhouse
Highland Body Shop
Highland Kiddie Shop
Highland Kiwanis
Highland Little League
Ideations & Promotions
Johnston & Associates
John Lesniak
Lance Ryskamp
Member Source Credit Union
Matthew Hunniford
Miss Print
Night Rock Radio

Post Tribune
Region Signs
Regnier Insurance
Richardson Suzuki
Sarkeys
ServiceMaster
Timeless Images
The Town Club
Verona Pizza III
Vyto's Pharmacy
YMCA
Webb Ford
Woody's Garage
Zandstra's Store for Men



WELCOME TO HIGHLAND and the Highland Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Members welcomed new member, Matthew Baker, with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Matthew Baker Inc provides Financial Investments and Tax Preparation. Visit their office at 2645 Highway Avenue or contact 838-6176.

Pictured in the front row (left to right) are Matthew Baker Employees: Matthew Pariso, Dean Efantis, Matilde Nazimek, Mrs. Gay Baker, Matthew Baker and Sara Campbell, Shannon Peterson, Highland Chamber; Pat Popa, Popa Heating & Cooling; (Second row left-right): Antonice Thomas, Manpower; Vicki Rust, First Midwest Bank; Charlotte Thomas, First Midwest Bank; Adam Gawlikowski, Applied Leadership Services; Mary Luptak, Highland Chamber; Mary Shelton, Centier Bank; Bill Leep, Pleasant View Dairy, Anthony Pallot, Matthew Baker Inc.; Cindy Dernulc, Popa Heating & Cooling; Michelle Anderson, First Financial Bank; (Back Row left-right): Monica Aguilar, First Midwest Bank, Clint Turpen, Regional Federal Credit Union; Victor Garcia, March of Dimes; and Paul Doherty, Fagen Miller Funeral Home.

CHAMBER MEMBER VISITS IN 2010

From President Doug Lewis and Director Mary Luptak



President Doug Lewis, Edward Jones Investments, and Norma Fross, Highland Kiddie Shop, 2706 Highway Avenue. The Kiddie Shop will now include First Holy Communion apparel. Contact 838-1260.

CHAMBER MEMBER TESTIMONIAL

I joined the Highland Chamber of Commerce in 1987 (the year I started my business then known as Dal Santo & Harris, with my partner Jeff Harris). We both were interested in joining the Chamber for networking and for finding out what was going on in the community. My first committee activity was serving on the **Fall Festival Committee** (back then the Festival was two days, Friday and Saturday).

Serving on a Committee really was the best way to find out what the Chamber was all about and for meeting the people who were REALLY involved in the Chamber. I later went on to serve on the **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Committee** (where my son has taken on his father's duties!). I have made many friends as well as business clients through my Chamber membership and would certainly advise everyone to sign up and GET INVOLVED.

Jim Dal Santo, Attorney, 922-1002

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting
Lincoln Center, 8:00 AM
- 11 Love Your Business Networking Meeting
The Center for Visual Arts, 10 am - 2 pm
- 12 Bunny Breakfast Committee Meeting
Michael's Restaurant, 9:00 am
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 18 Dollars for Scholars Meeting
Highland High School, 6:30 pm

MOONLIGHT BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 20, 8 - 11 pm

PLAZA LANES, Ticket Cost \$25

(includes 2 games, shoes, pizza, cash bar, prizes)
Gallery tickets available for \$10 to attend with pizza. Great Silent Auctions. Enjoy a fun night while raising funds for the Centennial Celebration. Tickets available at the Chamber and Town Hall.

GIRL SCOUTS COOKIES for the Gift of Caring Service Project. The Girl Scouts are partnering with Meals on Wheels and Haven House to provide donated boxes of cookies to homeless shelters, food pantries and military men and women.

Cookies are available for \$4 per box between February 13 and March 14. Call 800-244-3650, Ext. 2010 or visit www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org.

*Love Your Business
Networking Event & Membership Lunch*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
The Center for Visual & Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Road, Munster
10:00 - 2:00
Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:00

Ambassadors:
Monica Aguilar and Bill Leep

Please RSVP by Monday, February 8, to the Chamber office at 923-3666 or email mary@highlandchamber.com



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2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

Doug Lewis, President
John Freyek, Vice President
Jan Balkema, Treasurer
Angie Clark, Director
Terry Trusgnich, Director
Lisa Gibson, Past-President
Executive Director: Mary Luptak
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 Cindy Rivera
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The Dyer, Griffith, Highland and Munster Chambers of Commerce
Present

Love Your Business
Networking Event & Membership Lunch



Thursday, February 11, 2010
The Center for Visual & Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana
10:00 am — 2:00 pm



**Highland
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Cost is \$15 with reservations

Remember to Bring Your Business Cards

10:00 - 11:30 Vendor Tables
11:30 - 12:00 Lunch
12:00 - 12:45 Networking at Tables
12:45 - 1:00 Door Prizes
1:00 - 2:00 Vendor Tables



Limited Vendor Table Space Available

 Yes, I want to attend

(Must RSVP to Highland Chamber, 923-3666, Monday, February 8, 2010)

 Yes, I want to participate (Must RSVP by Monday, February 1*)

 \$ 65.00 (3x5' skirted table) \$ 75.00 (3.5' skirted table w/electricity)

One lunch included in vendor table cost

Business _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Check #** _____



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**BREAKFAST
WITH THE
EASTER
BUNNY
SATURDAY
MARCH 27**



8:30 A.M. SEATING

Drawing for bicycle at 9:15 A.M.

10:00 A.M. SEATING

Drawing for bicycle at 10:30 A.M.

Winner must be present

**HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
TICKETS: \$5.00 SOLD ONLY IN ADVANCE**

Tickets are on sale March 1st at these locations:

Centier Bank (9102 Indianapolis Blvd., 9701 Indianapolis Blvd.)

First Midwest Bank (2842 Highway Ave.)

First Financial Bank (2611 Highway Ave., 45th and Kennedy)

Michael's Restaurant (2040-45th Street)

Lincoln Center (2450 Lincoln Street)

Highland Chamber of Commerce (8536 Kennedy)

BUNNY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Donuts (Cost \$275)

Janitor – Cafeteria
(Cost \$100)

Photo Folders/Cartridges
(Cost \$100)

BUNNY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010
7:30 am – 12:00
Highland High School Cafeteria

Contact mary@highlandchamber.com or call 923-3666 if you have any questions.
THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
THE HIGHLAND CHAMBER