



Highlights From The
December General Membership Luncheon



(L:R) Mayor Anthony Copeland, City of East Chicago, Marty Flaska, Hoist Liftruck Mfg., Inc., Dave Ryan, Lakeshore Chamber, Jim Staton, IEDC, and Vincent Flaska, Hoist Liftruck Mfg., Inc.

The Lakeshore Chamber welcomed **Hoist Liftruck Mfg., Inc.** to East Chicago at our General Membership Luncheon. The Luncheon was held on December 10, 2015 at **Ameristar East Chicago Casino**. **Marty Flaska**, President of **Hoist Liftruck, Mfg, Inc.** spoke to a room full of Northwest Indiana business community leaders.

Towle Theater Presents
"A Fabulous 50's Christmas"



Join the **Towle Theater** as they present "A Fabulous 50's Christmas", wholesome family entertainment that captures the spirit and joy of Christmas just as the Perry Como and Andy Williams TV Christmas specials did from years gone by. Treat your entire family to

Hammond's very own Holiday Tradition and make it one of yours! The remaining show dates are as follows: December 18, 19, 20. The Friday show starts at 8:00 pm; Two times on Saturdays at 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm, and Sundays at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$17. To purchase tickets and for more info please call (219) 937-8780 or visit www.towletheater.org

Small Business / Ambassador Committee
Holiday Gathering!

Join the **Small Business & Ambassador Committee** for our **Annual Joint Holiday Gathering**. Enjoy Food, Music, Networking, and more on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 12:00 pm, at **Freddy's Steakhouse**, 6442 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond, IN 46320. The cost is \$15.00. Please make all checks payable to First Midwest Bank and bring them to the luncheon. Please RSVP By calling the Lakeshore Chamber Office at (219) 931-1000 or by e-mailing lcc@lakeshorechamber.com

Special Thanks To Our Luncheon Sponsors!



NIPSCO Warns Of Payment Scams

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony For
YRC Freight CDL Training Academy

The **City of Hammond** is pleased to announce that **YRC Freight** is opening a truck driving school in Hammond that will generate substantial employment opportunities for area citizens. Qualified students from Indiana will attend a four-week program at the YRC Freight CDL Training Academy and are guaranteed well-paying careers with YRC Freight upon graduation and receipt of their commercial driver's licenses (CDL). **YRC Freight** will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Academy, 2345 Summer Street, on **Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 2:00 pm.**

Theatre At The Centre Hosts "A Christmas Story"

A wistful reminder of growing up in a simpler time and tribute to the elusive magic of Christmas, "A Christmas Story" is a heartwarming family tradition Join **Theatre At The Center** for their rendition of **A Christmas Story**. Tickets are available now through December 27. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.theatreatthecenter.com



DECEMBER 17

Small Business Committee Holiday Party

12:00 pm; Freddy's Steakhouse, 6442 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond, IN 46324. Join us for our Annual Joint Holiday Gathering. Enjoy Food, Music, Networking, and more! The cost is \$15.00. Please make all checks payable to First Midwest Bank and mail them bring them to the luncheon. Please RSVP By calling the Lakeshore Chamber Office at (219) 931-1000 or by e-mailing lcc@lakeshorechamber.com

DECEMBER 16

YRC Freight CDL Training Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

2:00 pm; YRC Freight Academy, 2345 Summer Street, Hammond, IN 46320. The City of Hammond is pleased to announce that YRC Freight is opening a truck driving school in Hammond that will generate substantial employment opportunities for area citizens. For more info, please call (219) 853-6508.

DECEMBER 25

OFFICE CLOSED

The Lakeshore Chamber Office will be closed in observance of the Holiday.

Are You Receiving Our E-mails?

Have You Updated Your Contact Information?

Is your information correct on our website?

- **New Business Name?**
- **New Website/ Web Page?**
- **New Contact Person? New Contact Number(s)?**
 - **New Location?**
- **Business Classification?**

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Lake County holds the distinction of not one, but two astronaut names of history fame. Frank Borman, now 87, of Gary, trained at West Point, and started as an Air Force pilot in 1951. He was a crew member of two historic missions: the Gemini 7 space endurance flight in 1965 and the first manned flight around the Moon in Apollo 8 in 1968. Locally, his name is uttered often, especially during rush-hour traffic on the stretch of the Interstate 80/94 Expressway that snakes through Porter and Lake counties, known as the Borman Expressway. Jerry Ross, 67, a graduate of Purdue University, is a retired United States Air Force officer, and a former astronaut who retired from NASA in 2012. Ross is a veteran of seven US Space Shuttle missions and holds an individual world record for the most space-flights flown.



Lakeshore Views

Calendar of Events



December 14, 2015



Additional information can be viewed on our website at
www.lakeshorechamber.com



COMMITTEES

A. Ambassador Committee

Patricia Makarounas, Committee Chair

Committed to the growth and development of new and existing chamber members. They also establish networking opportunities and develop business relationships through the "Quarterly-Meet-ups". Members of the Ambassador committee attend ribbon-cutting events and help organize our general membership luncheons.

B. Governmental Affairs / Manufacturer's Committee

Tom Keilman, Committee Chair

Organized to discuss local, state, and federal legislation that affects businesses and our economic environment. They arrange for local officials to participate in chamber-sponsored debates, review pertinent legislation and serve as our liaison between the chamber and our elected officials.

C. Small Business Committee

Monica Rubio, Committee Chair

Recently re-organized to create special networking opportunities for chamber members and business ideas exchange seminars as well as continue our successful referral luncheons. This committee also recognizes the Business Person of the Month.

D. Education Committee

Calvin Bellamy, Committee Chair

The Education Committee plays an important role by working with both Hammond and East Chicago School Systems, as they relate to our business community.

E. Special Events Committee

Monica Garcia, Committee Chair

This committee consists of over 30 chamber members. Their focus is to develop programs that enhance the chamber experience. These events have a large networking component, and 2015 events include:

- Annual Awards Dinner
- Cross-town Classic Sox Vs. Cubs
- Annual Golf Outing
- Business Expo

Committees are an excellent way to meet fellow chamber members. They also act as an ideal way to develop your employees. Through our committee structure, employees are offered an opportunity to enhance their team building, leadership and creative thinking skills.

If you are interested in being a part of the chamber committee structure, please call the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce office at 219-931-1000 or send an e-mail message to: monique@lakeshorechamber.com.