



## 2011 COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Joining a committee is a great way to network, promote your business, share knowledge and have fun!

### **Corporate Affairs Division**

*Vice Chairman – Kent A. Jeffirs – Kent A. Jeffirs - Attorney at Law – 219-663-7781*

#### **Landscape & Architectural (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chair: Taghi Arshami - The Arsh Group – 219-796-9050*

Encourages enhancement of built environment and to recognize contribution of the businesses to promote better design of building and grounds throughout the Merrillville/Crown Point communities.

### **Business Development Division**

*Vice Chairman – Skip Bosak – Bosak Motor Sales – 219-738-2323*

#### **Visitors & Tourism (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chair: Katie Holderby - South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority – 219- 554-2222*

#### **Trade Show Committee (Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 8:30am at Merrillville Office)**

*Committee Chairs: Kelly Dooley – Kauffman Chiropractic – 219- 331-1185 &  
Bryan Lazorik - Bryco Services, Inc. – 736-4113*

Provide a venue for chamber members to showcase their products and services while providing networking.

#### **Education Committee (Committee meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 8am at Merrillville Office)**

*Committee Chair: Michael White – Indiana Wesleyan University - 219-769-5101*

Serves as a link between the business community and Merrillville and Crown Point Community School Corporations. Coordinates the Annual Reality Store, Teachers Appreciation Week and New Teachers.

#### **CP City Center (Committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 8am at Twelve Island Restaurant in Crown Point)**

*Committee Chair: Rosemary De St. Jean – Rosemary's Heritage Flowers – 219-663-1640*

Local businesses and professionals work on promoting downtown and historic Crown Point events. Events include: City Wide Garage Sale, Side Walk Sale Days, Pumpkin Walk, Angel Walk and City Wide Open House.

### **Economic Development & Governmental Affairs Division**

*Vice Chairman – Michael Suggs – NIPSCO – 219- 886-5655*

#### **Economic Development Committee (Committee meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 8am at Merrillville Office)**

*Committee Chair – David Lasser - Commercial In-Sites, Inc. – 219-795-1100*

Develop strong economic programs in conjunction with the Town of Merrillville and City of Crown Point.

#### **Public & Environmental Affairs Committee (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chair – Tory Prasco – Burke, Costanza & Cuppy, LLP – 219-769-1313*

Maintain communication with area legislators. Keep members better informed about pending legislative issues at State and local level.

#### **New East Side Business Alliance (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chair – Rollie Brauer – Signs On Time – 219- 661-4488*

Local businesses and professionals concentrated in an area from 101st Ave south to approx. 125th and from Colorado west to Indiana Ave. The focus of this group is to become and stay educated about good planning and implementation of said planning to develop this area into one of the premier destinations for business and professionals in Lake County..

## **Membership Affairs Division**

*Treasurer and Vice Chairman of Membership Affairs*

*Nancy Camp – WiseWay/Pay Low Foods – 219- 650-6015*

### **Ambassadors (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chairs - Jamie Baltzersen – Edward Jones Investments – 219-663-4329 &  
David Novak – Schlyer & Associates, P.C. – 219-757-0225*

Promotes the Chamber by attending Ribbon Cuttings, Business After Hours and Open Houses. Ambassadors also assist in public relations, new member recruitment and with the Membership Development committee events.

### **Membership Development (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chairs: David Novak – Schlyer & Associates, P.C. – 219-757-0225 &  
Faye Sepke – First Midwest Bank – 219-853-3080*

The committee works with the chamber staff on coordinating the annual membership campaign. Discussion of the campaign will begin in the first quarter and the campaign will be conducted in the second or third quarter.

## **Community Relations Division**

*Secretary and Vice-Chairman – Karen Orosz – Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana -*

*219-981-4947*

### **Golf Outing Committee (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chairs: Tracy McMahon, Citizens Financial Bank – 219-228-2179 &  
Tory Prasco - Burke Costanza & Cuppy, LLP – 219-769-1313*

Annual Scramble is held during the Summer at one of our Chamber member Golf Courses.

### **Gala Committee (Committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 8am at Merrillville Office)**

*Committee Chairs – Carol Kalmar – Pretty Women & Gentleman's Touch Hair Salon – 219-736-6086 &  
Shawn Pettit –Merrillville Town Councilman – Ward 6 – 219-769-5711*

Major Chamber fund raising event consisting of Sub Committees: Awards, Decorations, Entertainment, Public Relations, Silent Auction & Sponsorships. The Gala highlights area community service awards along with ATHENA Award and recognition of Community Leaders.

### **Hometown Festival Days (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chairs – Hyon Kwak- First Midwest Bank – 219-853-3347 &  
Sarah Polman – IN-Cambridge Architects – 219-972-1155*

Annual summer community events held in downtown Crown Point. Events include: Annual Corn Roast, Arts & Crafts Festival, Dollie Parade, Taste of the Region, Marriage Mill Celebration, Gospel Concert and Dog Days of Summer.

### **Cobe Cup (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chair – Jamie Baltzersen – Edward Jones Investments – 219-663-4329*

Annual Car show and cruise beginning at the Lake County Fairgrounds, traveling through Cedar Lake, Lowell, Buckley Homestead County Park and ending in Lowell. This event is co-sponsored with the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

### **Antique Shows (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Committee Chair –Kelly Dooley – Kauffman Chiropractic – 219- 331-1185*

Shows are held annually in the Spring and the Fall at the Lake County Fair Grounds Industrial Arts Building.

### **Easter Bunny Breakfast (Committee meetings set by Committee Chair)**

*Chairmen – Faye Sepke – First Midwest Bank – 219-853-3080 &*

*Kathy Ferro – First Midwest Bank – 219-853-3063*

Community event held in the old Crown Point Court House and Maki Ballroom.

# CROSSROADS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2011 COMMITTEE SIGN UP INFORMATION

Committees of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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*For more information on when the above committees meet or if you have any questions, please contact the Vice-Chairman or committee Chair, you may also contact Farren Felus, Program Director at 219-663-1800 or you may e-mail her at [farren@crossroadschamber.org](mailto:farren@crossroadschamber.org)*

*E-mail completed sign up form to Farren, fax to 219-663-1989 or mail to Farren's attention at:  
Crossroads Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Old Courthouse Square, Room 206  
Crown Point, IN 46307*

