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HOT DATES

Oct 27 - Valpo Chamber Network Night-Thursday, 4-7pm, Porter County Fair & Expo Center. Free admission! Discover solutions to your business needs, connect with potential customers and meet the people behind Porter County's thriving business community, face to face! *Online registration now closed.* Call **462-1105** for availability.

Oct 27-Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce **7th Annual Business Expo**. Thursday, 11-1, Dynasty Banquet Center. [Click here](#) for more info and to register!

Nov 2- NWI Regional Trends and Opportunities. Wednesday, Valpo University-Harre Union, 9:30-2pm. This collaborative event hosted by the Regional Council of Economic Advisors showcases critical research on our region's economy and unites community and business leaders to help plan our community's future!! *Not an event to miss!!* [Click here](#) to RSVP.

Nov. 3-Leadership LaPorte County Bus Tour. Begins

"Kudos to LNI for the work that goes into putting this notice together and continuing to keep alumni updated. This is a great way to keep LNI on our minds as well as providing a mini brief of what's going on in our region! Thanks so much!" - Gwendolyn Woodard (LNI24)

Announcements

Election Update!!!

LNI alumni running for office this fall! **Michael Griffin (LNI11)** running unopposed for re-election as Clerk-Treasurer for Highland. **Janice Malinowski (LNI30)** running unopposed for re-election as Clerk-Treasurer for Schererville. **Mike Troxell (LNI09)**-Horizon Bank, running for Schererville Town Council. **Andrew Kyres (LNI18)**, VP-First Financial Bank, running for re-election to Crown Point City Council! *Best of luck to all of you! Let us know* if you or any other LNI alumni are running so we can brag about them on this *eBlast!*

Here's what one of the classes is doing as a service project.

LNI29 Toy Drive

Terry O'Grady (title) has proposed that LNI29 put together a holiday toy drive-a great idea to get into the true holiday spirit! Details are still in the works. but many class members have responded. Members of LNI29 can contact Katy Dowling, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer-Highland and take part in this opportunity for their class to give back to those



Opportunities

Urban League Mixers

The Urban League of NWI Young Professionals is hosting a series of after work mixers in Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties. Are you a young professional, or know someone who is? Then you're invited! Come mix, mingle and unwind while learning about this great organization and how YOU can join the movement which serves the entire NWI community. [Visit our website](#) for a complete schedule of the mixers!

Help map our region and get some exercise!

NIRPC is developing their 2008 NWI Bike Map, and they need your help to successfully map out all of the streets! Can you volunteer to ride these streets and report back on their conditions? Orientation sessions take place Wed. Oct 26th (Lake County), Sat. Oct 29th (Porter/LaPorte Counties). Time and locations TBA. [Email Mitch Barloga \(LNI24\)](#), Greenways Planner-NIRPC and take advantage of this great opportunity!

8:30am at Brentwood Assisted Living, LaPorte. [More details on our website.](#)

Nov 17 - NWI Small Business Develop. Center Entrepreneurial Excellence Luncheon & Conference, Radisson. This luncheon honors the leading businesses in our community. A great event for up-and-coming leaders in your organization to learn and grow. 11:30-1:15. [RSVP.](#)

Next LNI Sessions

All alumni invited to attend our sessions! Cost-\$20. 50% discount for *active* members! Food and materials included.

Nov 10 -LNI30 session. "A Community that Communicates" -Lakeshore TV, Mville. 8-4:30. Learn how *media* plays a key role in creating a better region! Due to restrictions on filming at LPTV, only afternoon portion is available for alumni. [RSVP](#)

Nov 16 - LNI31 session. "A Thriving Community of Opportunity," CAF-Portage, 8-4:30. Bus tour of Port of Indiana included! [RSVP](#)

Dec 2 -LNI 30 Graduation! Noon-2. Mark your calendars! [RSVP](#)

Dec 14 - LNI 31 Session. "A Learning Community," Valpo University, 8-4:30. Learn about the role education plays in the well-being of our community! [RSVP](#)

in need!

IN THE NEWS

Jerry Davich (LNI24), columnist, Post Tribune has written a *SECOND* column in Post Trib Local Section 10/14/11 on the importance of being a 'Regionaire' rather than a 'Region Rat,' featuring Quality of Life Council Exec. Dir. **Jim Flannery** (LNI27), who has now coined the term "Regionaire!" [Click here](#) to read Jerry's informative column. *It is fast becoming a series!*

DID YOU KNOW?

Joe Eberts (LNI25), formally with Lake County Parks Dept. now working with the Portage Parks and Recreation Dept.

Kyle Ropac (LNI29), VP-First Financial came up and paid us a visit at Lost Marsh as part of LNI31's Bus Tour of Lake and Porter County last Thursday. Great to see you again Kyle!

Lakeshore Focus

This week on 10/21/11, Keith's special interview with **Congressman Pete Visclosky!** You hear about him all the time, but *do you truly know the man?* Tune in to WYIN every Friday 8:30, Sunday 10am.

Education Job Posting!

Know anyone interested in taking a lead position in Education? The job of **Director of Student Life, Development & Leadership** at Ivy Tech Community College Northwest, currently held by **Jennifer Koczur-Richardson** (LNI31) is now open! They have not had a sufficient pool of applicants, perhaps YOU or someone you know is the candidate they are looking for! This position plans, coordinates and implements strategies that enhance the educational experience while promoting student engagement. [Click here](#) for more info.

Leader's Corner

At the last LNI30 session, we explored the NIRPC comprehensive 2040 Plan which addresses the long-term growth and revitalization of our region. However, many of the participants were not aware that this plan even existed, despite regular communication from the LNI office throughout the spring! The 2040 Growth and Revitalization Vision is a truly decisive approach for helping the region develop and expand over the next three decades. What issues in the community spark your interest? Education, transportation, urban development, the environment? All of these issues help shape this plan. If you are interested in getting plugged in, contact people you know at NIRPC and have a discussion with them! [Click here](#) to view the 2040 Plan.

Any news and events that fit the needs of our LNI alumni are very important to us. Submit yours to news@leadershipNWI.org or call us at 219-531-0156.