



## LCEA Hires New President & Vice President of Economic Development

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## SAVE THE DATE Lakeshore Chamber Annual Dinner Saturday, February 21, 2015



## Lakeshore Public Media Hosts 3rd Annual Professional Women's Conference

Lakeshore Public Media presents the 3rd Annual Professional Women's Conference. This conference is an exhilarating full day event featuring nationally known speaker, unique professional development and networking opportunities for women at all levels in the business world. Join Lakeshore Public Media on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 7:30 am– 5:00 pm at the Radisson Star Plaza, Merrillville, IN. For tickets and more opportunities, please contact Lindsey Gargas at (219) 756-5656.

You may purchase tickets online at [pwc2014.eventbrite.com](http://pwc2014.eventbrite.com)



## NIPSCO Hosts Supplier Invitational 2014

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) invites your company to meet with utility representatives that manage projects and decisions on supplier selection and purchasing activity. We would like to learn more about you, your company and your product and service offerings. In exchange we will share with you the qualifications and experience we need to move to the next level of becoming a supplier. Please join us on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at NIPSCO/NiSource Corporate Headquarters, 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, IN 46410. Doors open at 1:30 pm and the program starts at 2:00 pm., Closing and networking opportunity starts at 5:00 pm. This event is hosted by Michael Finissi, Chief Operating Officer, NIPSCO. There is no charge to participate, but registration is required by Friday, Sept. 5, 2014. For questions, please contact Vickie L. Davanzo by email to [supplierfeedback@nisource.com](mailto:supplierfeedback@nisource.com) or by calling (614) 273-9084

## Open House at Campagna Academy

Join Campagna Academy and Planting Possibilities for their open house on Thursday, August 28, 2014 from 4:00 pm– 6:00 pm. Tour our hoop house, greenhouse, and 'Field of Dreams' while enjoying hoirs d'oeuvres & refreshments. Also stay tuned for the Fall Mum Sale & Heirloom Tomatoes on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 8:00 am– 2:00 pm. For more information, please call (219) 322-8614

## Special Events Committee Meeting

There will be a Special Events Committee Meeting held on Thursday, August 28, 2014, 8:30 am, at the Lakeshore Chamber office, 5246 Hohman Avenue, Suite 100, Hammond, IN 46320. The main agenda will be planning for our exciting upcoming events! Please confirm your attendance by calling the chamber office at (219) 931-1000 or by e-mail to [lcc@lakeshorechamber.com](mailto:lcc@lakeshorechamber.com) We look forward to seeing you there!!



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



August 25, 2014

# Lakeshore Views Calendar of Events



Additional information can be viewed on our website at [www.lakeshorechamber.com](http://www.lakeshorechamber.com)

## AUGUST 28

### Lakeshore Chamber Special Events Committee Meeting

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## AUGUST 29

### Lakeshore Chamber Baseball Outing– Chicago White Sox vs. Detroit Tigers

7:10 pm; U.S. Cellular Field, Chicago, IL. Please contact Monique, LCC Office: 219-931-1000 ext. 102.

## SEPTEMBER 1

### OFFICE CLOSED

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## SEPTEMBER 9

### NIPSCO Hosts Supplier Invitational 2014

1:30 pm– Doors open, 2:00 pm– Program Starts; 5:00 pm; Networking Opportunity; NIPSCO/NiSource Corporate Headquarters, 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, IN. This event is hosted by Michael Finissi, Chief Operating Officer, NIPSCO. There is no charge to participate, but registration is required by Friday, Sept. 5, 2014. For questions, please contact Vickie L. Davanzo by email to [supplierfeedback@nisource.com](mailto:supplierfeedback@nisource.com) or by calling (614) 273-9084

## SEPTEMBER 17

### Comfort Keepers Hosts 4th Annual Raise A Glass: A Wine Tasting

8:00 am; Lost Marsh Golf Course, 901 129th Street, Hammond, IN 46320. Join the Hammond Rotary/Hammond Family YMCA for their Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday. Register Early. Space is limited. 2014 Golf Outing includes 18 holes of Scramble Format, door prizes, putting contest, lunch & awards and much more. To reserve and for more info, please call (219) 845-1507

## SEPTEMBER 18

### Comfort Keepers Hosts 4th Annual Raise A Glass: A Wine Tasting

6:00 pm– 9:00 pm; Centennial Park, 900 N. Centennial Park Drive, Munster, IN 46312. Dinner will be served. Donation-\$50. Comfort Keepers Present 4th Annual Raise A Glass: A Wine Tasting To Benefit Alzheimer’s & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana. Please call (219) 838-0808 for reservations.

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**Lakeshore Chamber Annual Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 21, 2015**  
**The Venue, Horseshoe Casino**



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August 25, 2014



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### Lake County Economic Alliance Advances *Lauerman to Become President and CEO, Koliboski Joins as VP Economic Development*

Joel Gorelick, Chair of the Lake County Economic Alliance (LCEA) announced today that **Karen Lauerman** will be the new President and CEO of the organization and **Donald Koliboski** will be joining the leadership team as Vice President of Economic Development.

“We are fortunate to have Karen and Don as each brings an excellent set of skills to the table,” said Gorelick. “We originally intended to hire only one position, however a unique opportunity presented itself in the form of an established powerhouse economic development team.”

He reported that the LCEA Board of Directors approved the hire at its called meeting on August 20. Dave Lasser, LCEA Chair-Elect and Search Committee Chair noted Lauerman’s experience with organizational operations, community partnerships, business attraction/retention through various marketing efforts; media relations and fund development complement Koliboski’s expert skills in project management, economic development process, government relations, property identification and site selector relations.

“Being a life-long resident of Lake County, I am honored to be selected for this role and look forward to working with the Board and investors in moving the organization, Lake County and all of northwest Indiana forward,” said Lauerman “This is an amazing opportunity to focus efforts on a county with unlimited potential, continue to engage regionally and partner with the communities for the greatest success.”

Koliboski stated, “It’s my opportunity to assist the municipalities and the county enhancing their ability to attract and retain businesses, jobs and investment. Lake County receives the most interest because of its border with Illinois and proximity to Chicago, so it’s only fitting that there is a Lake County team ready and available to facilitate projects.”

LCEA evolved out of conversations between the Crossroads Regional Chamber, Lake Shore Chamber, Indiana Economic Development Corporation, NWI Forum (Forum), and NIPSCO to coordinate economic development efforts in Lake County. This has culminated in the hiring of two professionals deeply involved in economic development in Lake County through their years with the Forum, Lauerman as Marketing & Communications Director and Koliboski as Director of Regional Economic Development.

Heather Ennis, President and CEO of the Northwest Indiana Forum commented, “Karen has incredible passion for northwest Indiana, as does Don and combined, they take it to another level. It’s not good-bye, we have the good fortune to continue working together as regional partners, supporting each other in our efforts and mission to bring jobs and investment to the region.”

The LCEA’s mission is to advance the knowledge and understanding of economic planning and development as it relates to business development and retention. The overall goal is to foster quality economic growth and employment opportunities in Lake County, Indiana.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Karen Lauerman, President and CEO at [karenlauerman@gmail.com](mailto:karenlauerman@gmail.com), 219-730-9152 or visit [www.lcea.us](http://www.lcea.us).