

Celebrating the Past; Looking Ahead

One year ago we commemorated the 100th issue of *BizVoice*® magazine with an in-depth look at 10 years in the future. The focus – what it would take to allow the residents, businesses and communities of our state to be as successful as possible by 2025, the benchmark year of the Indiana Chamber’s *Indiana Vision 2025* plan. The work to make that vision a reality continues each day.



We begin 2016 with a similarly distinctive issue. This one, however, primarily takes a look back (with a peak into the future) in honor of Indiana’s 200th birthday. Indiana Bicentennial Commission (IBC) members, staff and volunteers from throughout the state are making sure this is one celebration that will leave lasting memories. *BizVoice* is proud to be a small part of that effort with a 32-page special section that highlights our business history and looks ahead to some of the special projects and initiatives that are taking place.

We trust you will enjoy, among other stories, the insights of commission members P.E. MacAllister, Jim McCormick and James Madison; a chapter on business and commerce in the *Indiana at 200* book authored by Indiana Chamber board member John Thompson; close-ups on Vigo and Lawrence counties; and a visioning project that places the emphasis on future success.

The IBC tagline is “Celebrate history – Ignite the future.” We encourage you to do exactly that throughout 2016.

When the topic is telling the Indiana tourism story, there’s no better approach than first-hand experiences. That’s what five members of the Chamber/*BizVoice* team bring to you in this issue. They give you the inside story on attractions ranging from food and family fun to transportation history and significant structures.

In addition, we begin a yearlong series on corporate social responsibility (CSR). Find out the growing impact of CSR already and, in future issues, discover company success stories.

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Cultivate a world-class environment which provides economic opportunity and prosperity for the people of Indiana and their enterprises.



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