

# Village of St Anne

## President's Report

December 13, 2010

1. Village of St. Anne Economic Committee – We had a committee meeting on Wednesday Dec. 8. The committee went over the results of the SWOT analysis that we conducted in October. The results were not surprising, but still they were interesting. We have re-scheduled the Village meeting for Jan 12<sup>th</sup> if it can be worked out with the High School. Once the date is confirmed I will let all of you know.
2. IDOT ITEP Grant- The Village was not awarded any money on this grant. This was the grant that we went after to help with the facelift for the downtown area. The State gave away around \$90 million dollars of Federal funds for this grant and we were only looking for \$170,000. It's rather sad that our fine State officials saw it was more important to spend millions of dollars on bike trails and other such projects instead of helping our town. It's also interesting that the awarding of these funds just happened to be done just days before the election in November. It's also interesting to me that many of the cities and towns that were awarded money, happened to be large voting blocks. I'm sure that was just an coincidence. Anyway, I've issued complaints to both the Governors office and IDOT over their awarding of these funds. I don't know what will happen, but at least I'm making our concerns heard.
3. City Park Improvements – I had a meeting with Julie Schoon and Donna Simmons and a friend of mine, Joe Walz last Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>. Joe is the Director of the Kankakee Valley Power Boat Races. I have worked with Joe in the past on fundraisers for the boat races. Joe shared some good ideas for fund raising and he will be willing to help this group put together a fundraiser to help fund their project. Hopefully, we'll be hearing more from this group in the near future.
4. Cellular One Tower – Nothing new has transpired on this project. Once I hear anything I will let you know.
5. Christmas Day Dinners – Again, St Anne is one of the host sites for Christmas Day Dinners. These dinners are free of charge for any of our residents that do not have anywhere to go for dinner. The dinners again are being served at the St Anne Villa from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Last year we had over 80 guests and around 30 volunteer servers. This year we're expecting even more dinner guests. If you know of anyone that will be alone on Christmas day please let Linda Duby or me know so we can invite him or her to have dinner with us.