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Your Chamber of Commerce has been busy! The week of June 4th, a number of Chamber staff and volunteers traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of a Texas delegation of the Texas Association of Business. We were able to hear of pertinent issues affecting Texas and Tyler business and meet with some of our U.S. legislators to discuss issues that affect the business climate in our area. Thanks to Chamber COO Henry Bell and Governmental Affairs Committee Chair Bob Westbrook for helping to coordinate this very worthwhile event.

The following week, we had our city-wide Chamber membership drive. For 3 days over 300 volunteers working 5 different shifts contacted prospective new Chamber members to discuss the benefits of investing in the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Starting initially with a goal of 300 new members, through the efforts of the volunteers involved we were able to add 561 new members to the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. I want to thank from the bottom of my heart all of the volunteers who participated and all the employers who allowed their employees to volunteer their time for this worthwhile event.

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FOURTEEN SELECTED AS NOMINEES TO CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce has nominated fourteen individuals to serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors beginning October 1. Along with the annual survey, a ballot is being mailed to the membership to select seven of the fourteen nominees. This process of electing directors has been in place seven years.

The Nominating Committee this year consisted of the current council officers, chairman, chair-elect and three at-large members not currently serving on the board.

The newly-elected directors will be introduced at the October Board meeting.

The fourteen nominees are:

- Tab Beall**, Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP
- Dave Berry**, Tyler Morning Telegraph
- Nancy Crawford**, Literacy Council of Tyler
- Diane DeVasto**, Potter Minton Law Firm
- Mac Griffith**, The UT Health Science Center at Tyler
- Claude E. Henry**, Texas Bank & Trust
- Debbie Isham**, City of Tyler, Parks & Recreation
- Anna C. Malone**, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
- Dr. Howard Patterson**, The University of Texas at Tyler
- George T. Roberts, Jr.** Northeast Texas Public Health District
- Kimberly A. Russell**, Tyler Junior College
- Ed Thompson**, North Chase Development
- Jim Toman**, Jim Toman Insurance
- Pamela Walters**, The Pamela Walters Group, LLC



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To the 561 new members I say "Thank You Very Much!" By your investment in the Chamber you have helped further the work of your Chamber in fostering a business environment that is conducive to growing the Tyler area economy in general and your business specifically. I urge you to get involved in the Chamber as much as your time allows. Doing so will allow you to learn more about pertinent issues, provide input from your perspective on ways to better our business community and meet important new contacts which could grow your vendor and customer bases.

Also to the new members, we have a special event that we want to invite you to – "Prime Time." On Wednesday evening, August 15, from 5 pm to 7 pm, this special "Business After Hours" event will be held at the Tyler Rose Garden building. While open to existing Chamber members as well as new members, new members will have the opportunity to spotlight your respective businesses via your own table to display info and/or products specific to your businesses. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase your businesses and get to know the existing members of the Chamber. A mailer was previously sent to you explaining all of the details. If you did not receive this, please contact the Chamber office at (903) 592-1661.

Thanks again to the Chamber staff and to the many volunteers on the various committees who work to promote our area. And thanks especially to the 561 new members of the Chamber. We look forward to connecting with you all soon. Until then, God Bless you all.



EAST TEXAS KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

AUGUST 29, 2012

The seventh annual East Texas Kick-Off Luncheon will take place at the Herrington Patriot Center gym floor on the UT Tyler campus. The luncheon will be Wednesday, August 29th from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Forty high school and college football coaches have been invited to bring one football player along with them. The attending player will be given a \$250 scholarship to be used towards furthering their education. The guest speaker will be announced soon.

Also a video presentation will highlight the upcoming 2012 football season. Sports commentator Bryan Houston will emcee for this event. For more information contact Cindy Smoak at csmoak@tylertexas.com.

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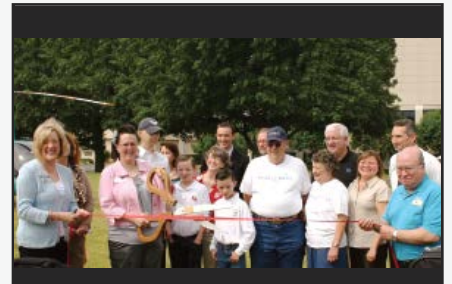
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Kitty Springer
April

Kitty is self-employed with an online travel business: GoAnywhere Travel and is a part-time brain trainer for Learning Rx in Tyler. She is a Distinguished Toastmaster in Toastmasters International. Kitty and husband, John are parents of 3 grown children.



Don Skylar
May

Don moved to Tyler from Daytona Beach Florida where he was active in the community. He is currently doing free-lance advertising, writing and production as well as writing lyrics for songs and jingles. A six year member of the Contact Club, Don has received his life membership. Don and his wife Lilly have 2 grown children.

CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 2

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce will be held October 2nd at the Harvey Convention Center. The annual meeting is held each year highlighting the accomplishments of the Chamber's fiscal year ending September 30. There will be presentations of the Contact Club's Outstanding Production Awards, presentation of the T. B. Butler Award, the W. C. Windsor Award, the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award and the Business of the Year for large and small businesses.

The Butler Award is presented annually by the T. B. Butler Publishing Company to honor an outstanding Tyler citizen of the year. The W. C. Windsor Award is presented in conjunction with the W. C. Windsor family to honor an outstanding Tyler citizen under the age of 40. Last year's T. B. Butler Award recipient was Rev. Jerome Milton and the W. C. Windsor Award went to Nathaniel Moran.

The Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented to the outstanding volunteer for the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Four individuals were selected during the year as Volunteer of the Quarter and, from those four, a Volunteer of the Year will be selected by the Volunteer of the Year Committee.

Members interested in sponsoring or purchasing tickets to this year's event may contact Heather Gatlin at hgatlin@tylertexas.com.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS ENCOURAGED

The Business of the Year Award recognizes those businesses and organizations that give so much to our community by actively supporting the mission of the Chamber, which is to enhance the business environment, the economic well-being, and quality of life for the Tyler area. These businesses and organizations are nominated by our chamber members.

The Chamber will recognize the Small Business of the Year (a business with 50 or fewer full time employees) and the Large Business of the Year (a business with more than 50 employees) at the annual meeting October 2nd. Last year's Small Business of the Year was Mentoring Minds and the Large Business of the year was Henry & Peters, P.C.

Members are encouraged to nominate businesses. Applications are available by contacting Pam Grime at pgrime@tylertexas.com.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL W.C. WINDSOR AWARD

Recommendations for the annual W.C. Windsor Award are now being accepted by the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber offices, 315 N. Broadway. These forms have also been mailed to civic leaders throughout the community for their recommendations. Deadline for the receipt of nominations is 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 10th, 2012.

The award recipient is a young person, between the ages of 21 and 40, who is a resident of Tyler, and who has exhibited the "greatest activity and achievement in community betterment."

Jerry Woolverton, Chairman of the Chamber Board, said the Award, established in 1952 by the late Tyler civic leader, W.C. Windsor, was founded to encourage development of young leadership in the community.

Selection will be accomplished by a committee of outstanding community leaders appointed by the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. This award will be presented at the Chamber's annual meeting on October 2nd, 2012, along with the T. B. Butler Award, the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Business of the Year Award.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Start working on your backswing and get ready for Monday September 10th. Chamber members will once again tee it up for the Fifteenth Annual TACC Membership Golf Tournament.

This unique tournament will allow for members to meet and network with other Chamber members and potential members.

Sponsorships are available including lunch, beverage and hole sponsors. Information on the tournament will be mailed to the membership in August. For information call Henry Bell at the Chamber – 903-592-1018 or email hbelle@tylertexas.com.



volunteer of the 2nd quarter

Jerry Woolverton presents the Volunteer of the 2nd Quarter Award to LaToya Young of the Falconer Scholarship Program for chairing Ground Hog Job Shadow Day & serving as a TISD Teacher of the Year selection committee member for the Chamber & serving on the Dia de Educacion committee.

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