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Chairman
2009-2010

Chairman's Letter

Tyler, Smith County and Texas in general are weathering the economic downturn better than the rest of the US and most of the World. The Tyler Economic Development Council, the chamber's sister development agency, has seen a good number of quality economic prospects this year, and they appear to be increasing. This is a good sign for all of us that the economy is starting to grow but quality jobs don't just happen, increasingly they have to be cultivated over time. This is the job of the Tyler Economic Development Council.

The TEDC headed by Tom Mullins has had numerous success stories over the years, but the most successful economic development projects have come when local entities have joined the TEDC in a concerted effort to land these projects such as the Target distribution center and other similar projects. The TEDC has some of the tools needed to get the job done such as providing potential employers information on properties that are available, utilities, educational opportunities and other vital pieces of information. In the effort to bring new jobs and new economic prospects to Tyler, the TEDC also has to rely on the limited local and state incentives that are available. The recent loss of the Goodyear tire plant has also shown us the need to have in place incentives to retain high paying primary jobs that already exist. Competition for these types of jobs is fierce and the competing offers from other states and communities are very enticing to potential and existing employers.

Increasingly the good news about economic development comes in small less exciting additions to our existing local economy such as the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler's recent additions to its academic center and East Texas Medical Center's and Trinity Mother Francis Hospitals and Clinics' expansions and increased level of treatment adding additional medical jobs to Tyler. A recent survey has shown that the medical community in Tyler comprises over one quarter of Tyler and Smith Counties economic output. These jobs are high paying and very important to the economic health of our community.

We consistently see that the current model for economic growth of any community is a diversified economy and a solid educational system that can deliver the labor force to meet these economic demands. Fortunate for us in Tyler and Smith County we have both; it is our job to keep that good momentum going to continue to build on the success we have experienced in the past.



Standing Left to Right: Mike McClean, Chad Cargile, Johnny Moore, Jim Stetson, David Luckenbach, and Scott Wall
Seated Left to Right: Dana Cargile, Sequoyah Moore, Diane Krause-Stetson, and Silvia Luckenbach

Leadership Tyler Executive Orientation Series Participants Chosen

Leadership Tyler is excited to announce the 2010 Executive Orientation Series Participants (Class 5) to include:

- Chad Cargile**, East Texas President, Regions Bank and his wife, Dana Cargile
- David Luckenbach**, Senior Rector, Christ Episcopal Church and his wife, Silvia Luckenbach
- Mike McClean**, President/General Manager, Allen Samuels Automotive
- Dr. Johnny Moore**, Vice President Student Affairs, Tyler Junior College and his wife Sequoyah Moore
- Jim Stetson**, Chief Legal Officer, Eolas Technologies and his wife Diane Krause-Stetson
- Scott Wall**, Assistant City Manager, City of Tyler

This series is exclusively for CEOs and Senior VPs and their spouses who are NEW to the community. The program explores the issues, challenges, and opportunities of Tyler/Smith County specifically. Topics are selected to help participants understand the environment in which they do business and each session is held in a location appropriate to the session's topic.

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Our sessions for 2010 include:

Tuesday, March 16th: Tyler History – Held at the McClendon House with History Speaker, Henry Bell, III, a 5th generation Tylerite and Chief Operating Officer for the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Sponsored by PBS&J.

Tuesday, March 30th: Local Economy – Held at the home of Whit and Cynthia Riter. Featuring speaker, Tom Mullins, CEO of the TEDC/TACC and sponsored by Whit & Cynthia Riter.

Tuesday, April 13th: Local Government – Home of Judge Tom Ramey and his wife Jill Ramey. Speakers included Mark McDaniel, City Manager – City of Tyler; and Smith County Judge Joel Baker. Sponsored by American State Bank.

Tuesday, April 27th: Education / Healthcare – Home of Dr. Pat and Mary Dale Thomas. Healthcare and Education Panelists include Dr. Mike Metke, TJC; Mac Griffith, UTHSCT; Dr. Rod Mabry, UT Tyler; Bob Evans, ETMC Regional Health Care System; and Lindsey Bradley, Trinity Mother Frances Health System. Sponsored by Southside Bank.

Tuesday, May 11th: Quality of Life Session – To be held at Jake's of Tyler. Focus on the Arts Coalition and Downtown Development and speakers include Beverly Abell and Susan Guthrie.

This series is designed to quickly orient incoming executive to the community and its resources so they become more knowledgeable about this area and how business is done in Tyler/Smith County; proud and excited to have chosen to relocate to this area; and deeply invested in our growth now and in the future. The objectives include acquainting participants about the history; business environment; political and civic structures; cultural; recreational; and other resources. It also provides the participants the opportunity to interact with a cross-section of key local and regional leaders and decision makers as well as introducing participants to other executives and professional individuals and couples.

About Leadership Tyler:

Leadership Tyler was established in 1986 for the purpose of identifying, motivating, and developing future leadership in Tyler. During the development of Leadership Tyler, one of the founding members stated "we want this first class of Leadership Tyler to develop an esprit de corps that will transcend race, political, and occupational affiliation. We want these participants to develop a bond with one common goal: How can we improve the quality of life in Tyler?" Improving Tyler is exactly what Leadership Tyler Alumni have done since the first class graduated in 1987. The Leadership Tyler Core Program has graduated alumni who are well-informed, committed, and passionately engaged in creating a vital, positive community for current and future generations. Leadership Tyler's lasting legacy is its graduates - more than 585 core program members and now 45 Executive Orientation Series alumni serve as policy-level community trustees for dozens of different organizations, as elected and appointed officials, and as leaders in the private, public and non-profit sectors of Smith County.

Leadership Tyler is a non-profit 501(c) 3 and is supported through tuition and program fees, alumni membership dues, individual contributions and corporate sponsorship. All contributions are tax deductible. Contributions to Leadership Tyler greatly help us in achieving a vision of a community rich in leaders who are well informed, committed, and passionately engaged in creating a vital, positive community for current and future generations. Contributing to Leadership Tyler has an exponential effect on your contribution dollars. Leadership Tyler provides the training for leaders who then in turn affect their places of work, neighborhoods, families, and more than 200 non-profit organizations in the Smith County area.

For more information about Leadership Tyler, please contact Cindy Klein at 903-535-9242 or email at cklein@tylertexas.com. You can check out our website at www.leadershiptyler.org.

2010 Leadership Tyler Executive Participants



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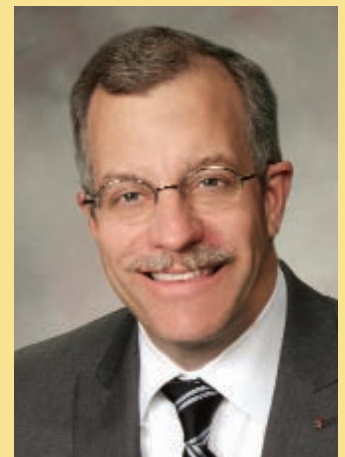
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contactor of the **month**



Shawn Myers
March 2010
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Contacter of the Month for March, Shawn Myers, is the manager of Stanley Steemer. He is a first year Contact Club member and is

active in Business Networking International as well as Summit Church.

volunteer of the **quarter**



The Volunteer of the Quarter is Monica Davis. She is a member of the Education Committee and is employed by East Texas Tech Prep. Monica has done a great job chairing Ground Hog Job Shadow Day for the last two years.

Nominating Committee is Soliciting Nominees for Chamber Board

The Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's Nominating Committee is soliciting nominees for election to the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee selects fourteen names, seven of which will be elected by three-year terms beginning October 1, 2010. The committee is outlined in the Chamber's bylaws to include the Chairman of the Board, Chairman-elect of the Board, the Council Chairman, the Chairman of the nominating committee, who is an appointed member of the Executive Committee, and three at large members.

Directors who are retiring in September include: Taylor Burns, Dr. Kirk Calhoun, Rick Jett, JD Osborn, James Sheridan, Mike Thomas, and James Wynne III. Anyone wishing to submit names for nomination is urged to contact Henry Bell at the Chamber at 592-1018 or by mail.

Golf Tournament Scheduled for September 13th

Start working on your backswing and get ready for Monday, September 13th. Chamber members will once again tee up for the Twelfth Annual TACC Membership Golf Tournament.

The unique tournament will allow 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 the Chamber at 903-592-1018 or hbell@tylertexas.com.

upcoming events

Quarterly Luncheon

"The State of the City" with Mayor Barbara Bass

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

11:30 a.m.

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