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Message From the Chairman



ROSEMARY JONES
Chairman 2013-2014

Summer is in full swing, and I hope everyone is enjoying it! It is hard to believe that July 4th has already come and gone. The Chamber has been very busy this quarter. We are now entering the last quarter of this Chamber year and plans for next year are already underway.

The May 9th Leadercast event was a great success. We had approximately 650 attendees. A big "thank you" goes out to all of the sponsors and volunteers that made this event such a success. The Chamber is already in the planning phase for next year's event on May 8, 2015.

On May 20-22, Chamber representatives traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the Texas Association of Business (TAB) National Affairs Conference. TAB organizes this event every two years and invites members from all over Texas to participate. This event provides networking events, briefings from our Texas Representatives, updates from

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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:

- Kimberley Ashley**, UT Health Northeast
- Gates Brelsford**, Brelsford Personnel
- Joe Carlyle**, Carlyle Homes
- Davis Dickson**, Tyler Pounds Regional Airport
- John English**, Bethesda Health Clinic
- Jennifer Gaston**, Tyler Today Magazine
- Kathy Gohmert**, UT-Tyler
- John Hart**, Greater East Texas Capital Corp.
- B.J. Hornbostel**, United Heritage Credit Union
- Ray McKinney**, Gollob, Morgan, Peddy
- Mechele Mills**, Better Business Bureau
- Skip Ogle**, Suddenlink Communications
- Pat Stacey**, KLTU-Channel 7
- Stephen Taylor**, Central Title Company



Kimberly Ashley
UT Health Northeast



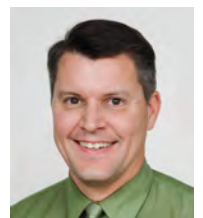
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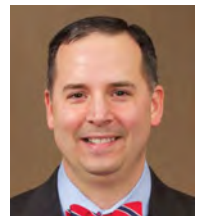
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the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, White House Staff and federal departments along with individual meetings with congressmen. Thanks to all who attended this event as representatives of the Tyler Chamber.

On June 22, the Hispanic Business Alliance held the 2014 Futbol de las Rosas International Soccer Exhibit at Trinity Mother Francis Rose Stadium. Club America played Chivas de Guadalajara at the event. Over, 4,000 attended the event. It was a great event for the Tyler and perfect timing with the World Cup event.

The Chamber has also recently endorsed the I-20 East Texas Corridor Study that the City of Tyler is participating in. Mark McDaniel and Heather Nick with the City of Tyler recently made presentations about the study and its potential impact on Tyler and East Texas to the Chamber Board and Surface Transportation Committee. The I-20 Study committee is actively seeking feedback from the public about the I-20 East Texas Corridor and it is important that we provide that feedback.

As we enter the final quarter of this Chamber year, the Chamber membership will be selecting seven new board members who will each serve a three-year term. The Chamber nominating committee has selected 14 wonderful candidates for the membership to choose from.

Each of these candidates was so kind as to be willing to volunteer to serve if selected. It will be a very hard decision because all of the candidates are well qualified and have much to bring to the Chamber's Board. These candidates are evidence of the bright, capable future leaders of our Chamber. I encourage every member to take the time to vote in this election.



EAST TEXAS KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

AUGUST 20, 2014

The ninth annual East Texas Kick-Off Luncheon will take place at Harvey Convention Center. The luncheon will be Wednesday, August 20th from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Forty-two 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.

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award will be announced. The Award will be presented on January 14, 2015.

The guest speaker will be former NFL player Marcus Spears. Also a video presentation will highlight the upcoming 2014 football season. Longtime radio and TV commentator Brian Houston will emcee for this event.

For more information contact Cindy Smoak csmoak@tylertexas.com.

In addition this year the watch list for the

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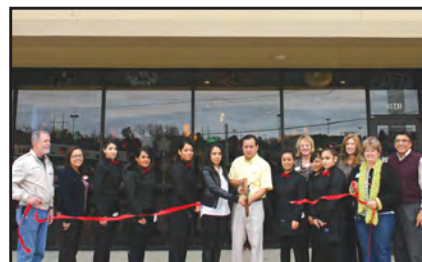
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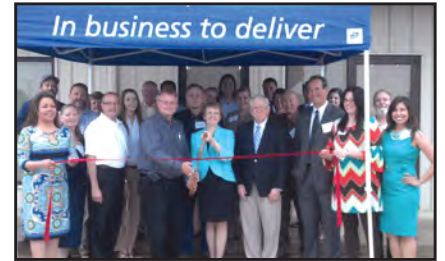
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Tricia Walker
February

Tricia Walker has been a member of the Contact Club for 4 years and has earned her 4th Production Award. She is a Marketing Consultant for East Texas Radio Group. Tricia is involved in the community as the President of Rose Toastmasters and as Board of Directors for Tyler Executive Women's Network.

She and husband, Gary, are parents of Lisa, Diana and Matthew.



B.J. Hornbostel
March

A longtime member of the Contact Club and a Lifetime Member since 2004, B. J. has earned 17 Production Awards. She has previously served as chairman of the Membership Services Council and has served the Chamber in many leadership roles. In 2010, B.J. was presented with the Mary Howes Award

as well as the Volunteer of the Year. She is the Regional Manager of United Heritage Credit Union and was a member of Leadership Tyler Class 12.



Connie Schaefer
April

Connie Schaefer is a first year member of the Contact Club. She is the Regional Sales and Marketing Manager for Hotel Fredonia in Nacogdoches. She is currently Co-Chair of Serendipity for the Tyler Executive Women's Network and on the Bullard Chamber Red, White and Blue Festival Committee as well as Ragan's Hope Night

of the Superstars Committee. In addition she serves as a volleyball referee and softball umpire.



Kitty Springer
May

Kitty has been a member of the Contact Club for 10 years and has earned 8 Production Awards. She is an owner of Nerium Skin Care Brand Partner. Kitty is currently the Social Chair for the Tyler Executive Women's Network and a Distinguished Toastmaster. A member of St. Mary

Magdalene Parish, Kitty and her husband, John, have 3 grown children.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Start working on your backswing and get ready for Monday, September 8th. Chamber members will once again tee it up for the 17th 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 emailed to the membership in August. For information, contact Henry Bell at hbelle@tylertexas.com.

CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce will be held October 7 at the Harvey Convention Center. The annual meeting is held each year highlights 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 McDaniel at hmcdaniel@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 on October 7. Last year's Small Business of the Year was Jim Toman Insurance and the Large Business of the Year was John Soules Foods.

Members are encouraged to nominate businesses. Applications are available by contacting Stephanye Petree at spetree@tylertexas.com.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL W.C. WINDSOR AWARD

Recommendations for the Annual W.C. Windsor Award are now being received 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 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014.

The award is given to 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."

Rosemary Jones, Chairman of the Chamber Board, said the award, which was 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 7, 2014, along with the T.B. Butler Award, the Volunteer of the Year Award, and the Business of the Year Award.

new member talk

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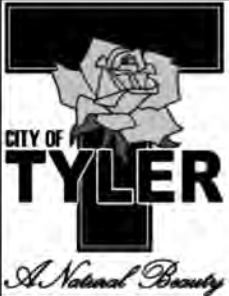


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