On behalf of The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, our Board of Directors and Staff, we would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors (especially our Headlining Sponsor, AdventHealth Dade City), vendors and supporters of the 23rd Annual Kumquat Festival held on Saturday, January 25th in Historic Downtown Dade City.

Once again, our community pulled together and hosted a fabulous event. Tens of thousands of people came from all over the Tampa Bay region – residents, winter visitors and tourists joined in the fun. Over 400 vendors and sponsors sold and promoted their wares and services.

Our entertainment stage at the Historic Courthouse featured free live performances from wonderful local talent all day. Many of the shops and restaurants in Dade City and the surrounding area enjoyed their busiest day of the year.
Dear Chamber Members,

The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce has been very busy throughout the past few months, with both events and local development initiatives.

The 23rd Annual Kumquat Festival is “in the books”. Special thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, vendors and partners for once again putting Dade City and Pasco County in the forefront of tourism and economic development in our region.

Festival Co-Chairs Bobby Van Allen, Jason Sasser and Mary Beth Lumbra, kicked the day off with the Volunteer meeting at 5 am before everyone headed out to man their stations and start placing our vendors.

Others fantastic volunteers include Bonnie Burton—who placed the 450+ booths, Lucy Avila who coordinated all the entertainment for the day, the Fire College from PHSC and ROTCs from Saint Leo University and Pasco High School who helped in many ways. The coordination and support of the City of Dade City and the Dade City Police Department, was super – and a special thanks to Chief James Walters and their team. There are many others and too many to list, but a sincere thank you for all your support and leadership in making this “volunteer run, staff supported” event a success.

And finally, there wouldn't be a Kumquat Festival without our fantastic sponsors (Headlined AdventHealth Dade City) and the City of Dade City for their continued support of this great event. Please THANK them when you see them.

Planning for next year’s 24th Annual Kumquat Festival, which will be held on Saturday, January 30th 2021, starts this February. If you would like to be a volunteer, sponsor or vendor please contact the Chamber and visit us at www.kumquatfestival.org.

Remember to utilize our Chamber referral program and bring in a new member this year! You will receive a credit towards your dues and, by bringing in a new member, will continue to strengthen and grow our organization.

Please don’t forget to take a look at the pictures of the festival and the enclosed list of Chamber events happening this month – and remember to support your local businesses!!

John Moors, Executive Director

Please remember the Chamber Membership is our life blood. Please refer a member, retain a member and let the staff know about prospective members. THANK YOU for your continued partnership!!

The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce does take pictures and videos at Chamber events in order to promote our Chamber members and the organization. These images/videos may be used by the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce in their printed and online publicity, on social media, in newspapers and magazines, or in any other ways that further the aims of the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, whose mission is “to promote economic development and quality of life in the area”

The Chamber publishes this newsletter for our members information. Much of this information is provided by our members. The articles and information submitted to the Chamber belong to their author and do not necessarily mirror the views and opinions of the Chamber.
One of the most popular Pasco Sheriff’s Office units is our K9 Unit that is comprised of multiple K9 teams. We currently have 25 K9 teams at the agency, which includes three teams that are in training. There are plans to add even more to our teams as the combination of a handler and dog is beneficial in many ways.

K9s are beneficial in many ways for our agency. They are what is called a “force multiplier,” which in military and law enforcement science, refers to a factor or a combination of factors that gives personnel or weapons (or other hardware) the ability to accomplish greater feats than without it. How do K9s assist their human counterparts? Our dogs, depending on their specialty, are trained to run faster, jump farther, and if need be, attack targets with animal ferocity. Their sense of smell is hundreds of times more sensitive than humans, which again, depending on the dog’s specialty, can search for and find drugs, explosives or accelerants, cadavers, or track a live human scent, which can be a bad guy or girl fleeing from the law, or a lost child or elderly adult.

Our K9s often ensure quick compliance with the orders of a deputy from suspects. Many of our deputies will tell you that a suspect will have no problem resisting or fighting them, even after they have been pepper sprayed or tasered. But when a K9 team shows up, the suspect is more often than not ready to give up than have to tangle with an eager K9.

Currently we have 12 K9s that support our road patrol units. Most of our dog breeds in patrol are German Shepherds. Depending on their specialty, we also have Malinois, Bloodhounds, Labradors, and a Golden Retriever.

As you can tell by our many posts on our multiple social media accounts, citizens love dogs, and especially dogs that help our deputies. Everyone knows the dangerous jobs our deputies do, protecting and serving our citizens. Our social media accounts allow us to highlight how the men and women of our agency work hard at their jobs, love working with citizens, and are everyday people. That goes as well for our K9 teams. The dogs don’t know that there are “good” and “bad” people. They go to work with their deputy handlers and think that it is all play time to them. Our K9 handlers will tell you that when it is time to go to work, their partners know the particular sound of the vehicle keys for their Sheriff’s Office vehicle. They get excited when travelling in the vehicle and the deputy turns on the siren to quickly get to a call for service. Our K9s love their “job” and are sad when the day comes that we have to retire them for health reasons and old age.

I have plans to increase our K9 unit even more, as their value and support is irreplaceable for the jobs that they do. Purchasing and equipping a K9 team is not cheap, but the job that they do is worth every penny. The cost of just the dog can start at $8,000. Then we have to train them, and their deputy handler. Then comes the equipment including the K9 vehicle, which is a large SUV. As you may have seen from our social media accounts, I am pleased that many private citizens, social groups, and businesses have come forward to make the initial purchase of a K9 dog for us. Others have raised money to purchase equipment, including bullet- and stab-proof vests.

Our K9 deputies and their dogs are some of the hardest working members at our agency. They often have to track through woods and swamps, neighborhoods and buildings, during the sweltering heat of the summer and the cold of the winter. I would like to thank our citizens for their continued support of our agency and all of our dedicated members.
Lighthouse Books ABBA has served book lovers for more than forty-three years. You can find our store at the corners of Church Avenue and 5th Street: 14046 5th Street/Dade City, Florida. We specialize in Florida History and Americana, but carry a broad range of general used and secondhand books, and a small gallery of prints and maps.

Photo: Michael F. Slicker, Lighthouse Books along with Sara Smith, Michael’s Daughter (both with scissors) recently opened Lighthouse Books, ABAA on 5th Street in Dade City. Granddaughters Grace and Quintin assisted in the ribbon cutting, along with customers and Chamber members.

Photo by Richard K Riley
Hello February. Seems like only yesterday we were planning for the Christmas holiday and all the festivities. Dade City continued celebrations in January with a parade to honor the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. This successful event was followed by a Unity Prayer Service on the steps of the historic Courthouse. An impressive banquet Saturday evening in the Lacoochee Boys and Girls Club, along with an inspirational commemorative program featuring guest speakers and performers, followed on MLK holiday itself. The MLK Committee is to be commended for their efforts in making the people’s holiday a special day for all in our communities. We look forward to working with our neighbors in Lacoochee to continue to make this a wonderful celebration for all in the coming years.

Another successful Kumquat Festival has also come and gone. Thank you to all the volunteers that worked with the Chamber to make this festival a huge success. A wonderful opportunity not only to highlight the little orange kumquat fruit, but equally important, an opportunity to showcase Dade City and the historic charming character that makes our city a very special place in Pasco County. Much time, effort and talent make this day an amazing event for our town, the merchants, the residents and all who visit for the day.

As February hopefully brings welcomed cooler, dryer weather, several events are on the calendar to entertain our residents and visitors this month. We are pleased to announce the return of The Market Place at Hibiscus Par on the first Saturday of each month from September through May. A big THANK YOU to Dacia Mitchel for coordinating this event with the City and our Dade City Youth Council. Our First Fridays offered by our local merchants, the Pasco County Fair, and exhibitions at our Florida Pioneer Museum and so much more will be sure to keep all entertained this month. As we welcome all to our city, be it for the very first time or return visits, it is an exciting time to be in East Pasco with all the festivities and projects in the area.

While festivities continue to attract residents and visitors, the City staff and Commissioners have been busy reorganizing departments in City Hall to better serve our residents and visitors. Dade City will continue to focus on transportation, wastewater, and stormwater initiatives needed in our community. With the completion of the second phase of the Hardy Trail, we are working diligently on plans for the splash park, bike hub, Morningside extension and so much more.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Dade City. Your ideas, thoughts and concerns about our city are important to all to make Dade City the best place to live, work and play. Please share your feedback and ideas as we continue to transform our town.

Feel free to contact me at chernandez@dadecityfl.com with your questions or comments as we move Dade City from better to best.

Mayor, Camille S. Hernandez, Dade City
January Citizen of the Month

Academy at the Farm ★ Nevaeh White
East Pasco Adventist Academy ★ NO NAME
Saint Anthony Catholic School ★ Karmen San Agustin
Centennial Elementary School ★ Isaiah Toomer
Lacoochee Elementary School ★ Jakayla Rivera Gomez
Pasco Elementary School ★ Raven Wright
Rodney B. Cox Elementary School ★ Angelina Rodriguez
San Antonio Elementary School ★ Jake Johnston
Centennial STEM Magnet Middle School ★ Rihanna Giles
Pasco Middle School ★ Elizabeth Hammond
James Irvin Education Center ★ Jennifer Nonor
Pasco High School ★ Victoria Rodriguez

Congratulations to the January 2020 Citizen of the Month
The ancient Romans may also be responsible for the name of our modern day of love. Emperor Claudius II executed two men, both named Valentine — on Feb. 14 of different years in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom was honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day.
It’s not too early to start thinking ahead to next school year! If you’d like your child to receive a Christ-centered education that’s grounded in a biblical worldview, and you would like to be more involved in their learning environment, consider Darby Christian Academy.

Darby Christian Academy (DCA) is a Christian education ministry of Darby Community Church for grades K-12. Darby Community Church has been an established part of Dade City for 75 years, and we believe that biblical parenting is the foundation of a godly, successful generation. We understand that parents are the primary educators of their children, and it is our goal to assist (not replace) parents in raising educated, well-rounded individuals whose lives will glorify God.

Darby Christian Academy operates on the unique Community School model, which means students meet two days a week in the classroom and are homeschooled the other three days using the lesson plans created by our teachers. This is a dedicated partnership between the school and the family, blending the best of homeschooling and traditional schooling to create a new, affordable educational model. This provides families with support from our teachers and other families in the Christian community.

Here are five reasons for you to consider Darby Christian Academy for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. I want my child to have a Christ-centered, Bible-based education.
2. I want to remain an integral part of my child’s education, learning environment, and worldview.
3. I want my child to benefit from group interactions with children and families who share similar value systems and beliefs.
4. I want my child to have individualized instruction that promotes their learning style, interests, and abilities.
5. I want to ensure that my child’s core academic plan meets and/or exceeds state educational standards.

For tuition rates and more information please visit www.darbycommunitychurch.com/darby-christian-academy. You can also contact Beth Melton, the school Administrator, at (352) 588-2440 or by email at admin@darbycommunitychurch.com. May God bless you and your family!

Foundation of Caring Grants 10G to Thomas Promise
The Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring awarded a $10,000 grant to The Thomas Promise Foundation in December to support The Thomas Promise’s mission of providing meals to food-insecure students. FMC Foundation of Caring Executive Director Angela Pottinger and Development Coordinator Ami Haberle stopped in at the Thomas Promise pantry Dec 16 to meet with a group of volunteers and to present the grant check.

“The Foundation of Caring has been a faithful supporter,” said The Thomas Promise Foundation Executive Director Joe Simmons. “We are grateful for their help. This grant will fund more than 20,000 meals.” The Thomas Promise Foundation provides bags full of food complete with six meals and snacks for food-insecure students over the weekend when they might otherwise go without. More than 1,500 children in 27 schools, mostly in Pasco County, benefit from this program every week of the school year and when school is not in session.

“The Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring is honored to play a small part in the mission of the Thomas Promise Foundation. It is our belief that no child should go hungry. So, it gives us tremendous pleasure to provide grant funding that ensures nutritious meals are furnished to children when food is not available,” Pottinger said. Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring strives to support individuals, children and families in need and at risk in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. Through volunteerism and funding the foundation leverages resources to enrich lives and create measurable, immediate and ongoing positive changes in local communities.
Every year in the middle of February, something wonderful and heartwarming happens. Tons of candy goes on clearance!

February 17th, 2020

Presidents' Day for the year 2020 is celebrated/observed on Monday, February 17th. President's Day, also known as Washington's Birthday, is on the third Monday of February each year and is a federal holiday in the United States.

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**The Faces of Public Works**

The City of Dade City has some new faces in the department of Public Works. These include:

**Abu Nazmurreza**, Public Works Director/City Engineer, started working for the City on January 3, 2020. He graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Civil Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida. With over 25 years of experience as an engineer, and especially his background in Florida’s Department of Transportation, he will be a great asset to the City as we move forward with Public Works projects. Mr. Nazmurreza is married with two children and makes his home in Wesley Chapel.

**Bryan Holmes**, Project Manager, began working for the City on December 27, 2019. His primary function will be the preparation, advertisement, distribution, and administration of construction contracts and bid documents. Bryan’s background includes wireless communications, project management, construction management and logistics management (US Navy). Bryan graduated from St. Leo University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration-Management. Bryan’s hometown is Dade City, so he will not miss driving to South Tampa every day!

**Bob Shaw**, Staff Assistant II/Storm Water Technician, has been with the City for 15 years. Some of the tasks that Bob handles are: Assisting the public with reserving space at our parks for various functions, ordering new vehicles for the City, intake for complaints about streets, parks, and facilities, and relating garbage concerns to our refuse contractor. In his spare time, Bob enjoys competing in karate competitions through the Amateur Athletic Union.
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Dade City, FL 33525
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Professional Tree Service Company
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Dade City, FL 33525
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Attorneys

REMINDER:
Refer a New Member and receive $25.00 credit towards your membership renewal!
Special thanks goes to TREASURED FRIENDS GIFT SHOP for their generous donations for a food drive held at their store during the Christmas Season. We continue to be blessed by the many successful food drives sponsored by TREASURED FRIENDS GIFT SHOP that has benefited Loved One Another. We truly appreciate their compassion in helping those in need. May we encourage you to visit TREASURED FRIENDS GIFT SHOP, 12329 Highway 301, Dade City, FL, 352-437-4866; and thank Diane, Sarah and Barbara for supporting our community.

Love One Another serves a hot meal to those in need every Sunday at the Pasco County Nutrition Center from 1:30 pm – 3 pm. We also receive other food donations, dog food, clothing, toiletry items, etc. that we share with our guests. If you would like to volunteer or donate to Love One Another, please contact Lucy Avila at 352-424-4972. We have been joyfully serving the Dade City community for eleven (11) years, and we give God the Glory!
Life is unpredictable
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When an emergency happens, get in quicker at AdventHealth Dade City with online ER registration. Simply reserve your treatment time and our team of experts will be waiting for your arrival. With pediatric amenities and a senior friendly environment, we’re ready to help restore your body, ease your mind and lift your spirit.

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In case of a medical emergency, call 911.
The Election Cycle is Upon Us!

Election season is officially underway with early primaries throughout the country, and more specifically, the March 17, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) in Florida. The PPP, like all primaries in Florida, is a closed primary, and as we approach the February 18, 2020, bookclosing deadline, be sure you are registered in the same party as your candidate of choice. For the first time since 1992 an incumbent president will face opposition in the primary, and both democrats and republicans will be voting in the PPP.

As we open the 2020 election cycle, I can assure the voters of Pasco County that we have been beyond vigilant in working with our state and federal partners in securing our elections. Securing both our physical and cyber systems has been one of our top priorities, but there are two other major areas of concern that every voter has the ability and responsibility to help. For the sake of our democracy, we must prioritize a return to civility, and we must begin using social media more responsibly. As a nation, most people want it and we all deserve it.

A restoration to political civility should begin at the top. I recently submitted to the Board of County Commissioners an amended county ordinance that asks candidates to sign and attest that they plan to run a positive campaign devoid of personal attacks on their opponents. On an individual level, we can begin to restore civility through our interactions on social media, and more importantly, to use social media responsibly. Social media has and continues to be a concern when after the 2016 election cycle it became clear that nefarious nation state actors were actively seeking to negatively impact our elections. The best case in defense of this statement is the instance of 72,000 Americans who in 2016 RSVP’d to a non-existent political event which was the total fabrication of nefarious operatives.

The collective conclusion of literally every United States intelligence agency confirms that foreign state actors undeniably launched misinformation campaigns for the sole purpose of intentionally interfering in our elections in 2016. By seeking to drive the narrative, they successfully spread their message across the political spectrum via unknowing Americans who shared/liked Facebook posts which originated in Moscow. This is a very real threat that shows no sign of letting up in the 2020 election cycle, and in fact, it is now believed that other countries including China, North Korea and Iran are potentially collaborating to use similar tactics against us.

As we begin the 2020 election cycle, I respectfully ask for your help in restoring civility and mending the polarization in our country by re-thinking your personal use of social media. The integrity of our elections is in everyone’s best interest, and that my friends should never be a partisan issue.
Lighting the Way in Pasco County

Are you a visually impaired adult or senior living in Pasco who would benefit from home-based vision rehabilitation and having access to a personal assistant in order to live more independently with vision loss? Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind (LVIB) is now providing a new Client Support Services Program that could make a huge difference in how you cope with vision impairment in your home and in your community.

The Client Support Services Program (CSS) is for visually impaired Pasco residents who live in a state of isolation or are at risk of isolation, or are unable to perform skills of daily living without assistance. CSS clients receive Independent Living Skills training, adjustment to vision loss counseling, and personal assistance. Personal assistance includes help with shopping; completing applications for talking books, handicapped placard or money identifier; marking phones and appliances; and making address books, recipe lists, and other documents accessible with large print or Braille. Families can also receive adjustment to vision loss counseling.

Paul is one of our clients who has received CSS training. He is a senior who recently lost his vision due to trauma. When we met him, he told us he was not only afraid to leave his home, he was afraid to leave his room. He also reported having nightmares about his vision loss. At first, Paul worked on adjustment to blindness counseling with a Lighthouse social worker. He also trained in orientation & mobility to develop safe movement skills and he learned to use a white cane. After receiving this counseling and training, he developed enough confidence to attend Independent Living Skills classes at the Lighthouse in New Port Richey. Being with others who were visually impaired helped made Paul less alone.

When we started working with Paul, he had been afraid to leave his room and was essentially home bound. However, with assistance from several members of the Lighthouse staff, he developed enough confidence to leave his home and to begin reintegrating into his community. He says he is feeling better—he is no longer traumatized by nightmares about blindness—and he feels safe walking in his home, his neighborhood, and to several destinations in the community.

Client Support Services Program (CSS) is just one of the vision rehabilitation programs offered at no cost to people of all ages who are visually impaired and blind. Our services are provided at the Lighthouse, in our clients’ homes, and in the community. Free transportation is available so people in need can receive our services. The mission of the Lighthouse is to educate, empower, and employ people who are visually impaired and blind. Learn more by calling (727) 815-0303 or by visiting our website at www.lvib.org.

The photo is of Lighthouse Social Worker Heather Tuck speaking to some of our clients about the stages of vision loss adjustment. She says it’s important to validate your feelings of loss in order to move through the stages and to reach out to others to let them know how you are feeling and how they can help you feel better.

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Saint Leo University Offers to Sponsor and Host Local High School Students in National Math Competition

As a service to the community, Saint Leo University (www.saintleo.edu) is offering high school students who enjoy mathematics the chance to take part in the American Mathematics Competition 10 or 12 at no cost.

Both contests are scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, February 5, at the Saint Leo campus at 33701 State Road 52, St. Leo, in Lewis Hall, Room 119. Students and their parents need to arrive by 5:45 p.m. to be ready for the start of the contest exactly at 6 p.m. Lewis Hall is the three-story building on the right that is visible immediately upon turning into the main entrance to campus. Parking is available free in surface lots and the campus garage.

Parents must register their students in advance by emailing Dr. Kevin Murphy of the Saint Leo mathematics faculty at kevin.murphy@saintleo.edu, and including “AMC 10/12” in the subject line. Parents should provide in the text each student entrant’s name, age, and school grade.

Students participate in these contests as individuals by taking timed, multiple-choice exams. The students have 75 minutes to get through the questions.

The AMC 10 is meant for students who are in grades 10 and below, and younger than 17.5 years of age on the day of the exam. The questions cover high school math up to that grade level.

The AMC 12 is for students who are in grade 12 or below and who are younger than 19.5 years of age on the day of the exam. The AMC 12 covers the high school math curriculum including trigonometry, advanced algebra, and advanced geometry. There is no calculus.

Both exams promote the development of problem-solving skills, and they encourage students to keep up their interest in mathematics. Additionally, high-scoring contestants may be eligible for other competitive opportunities. Much more information about both exams, including practice questions, is available from the Mathematical Association of America on its website.
Our Vision: “to be the best resource to support our members and attract new business”

Why Join?

Promotion of your business
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Receive a credit of $25.00 for each new member you refer!

Our Mission: “to promote economic growth and quality of life in the Greater Dade City area.”
Member Testimonials

We have been a member of the Greater Dade City Chamber for many years. We believe that it is just good business to work alongside our community neighbors. The chamber represents the areas of Dade City and San Antonio, where two of our four offices are located and provide banking services. The chamber’s events have continually grown and become staples for our community. We try to be involved with as many as we can. They are a wealth of information, sharing new developments via email blasts and at the monthly business breakfasts. They do a great job of representing our community to others, we are proud of this local partnership.

San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union

When I was the director of several drug and alcohol rehab centers I wish I knew the powerful networking opportunities available within a Chamber of Commerce. Like in all businesses, marketing was costly and took up a large part of my time in order to keep our services visible in our community and in front of our referral sources such as health professionals, clinics, hospitals and employers, etc. I wish I knew then what I known now, that all those sources can be found in one place and that place is the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce. Frank Notarianni, Dade City, Florida

John, I just wanted to thank you and the Dade City Chamber for the leadership displayed over the last couple of weeks. With the announcement that Dade City Main Street was shutting down, there was a lot of ‘uneasiness’ amongst the retail merchants. But you stepped up immediately to reassure us all that the Chamber was more than willing to help with any gaps that might exist after the shut down. As a member for the last 16 years I am not surprised that this show of leadership was swift and immediate. The Dade City Chamber of Commerce is the arm that reaches out for all the small businesses that are unable to do this alone. The business climate in Dade City today is strong and vibrant and I believe the major contributor for this success is the Dade City Chamber. Again, thanks for all you do.

Jim Hendry, A Matter of Taste

“The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in the success of our business. John, Jo Mel and all the volunteers at the Chamber are always willing to help and guide my business. If they do not have an answer to your question, they will tirelessly to get an answer and a contact for you. Thank you to entire team, you are great!” Deatrice Blossom, D & R Specialty Hot Dogs

San Antonio Antiques applauds the Dade City chamber of Commerce for its year-round promotion of local businesses and community events that have positive impact on small business owners like myself. I appreciate all the networking and marketing opportunities available to Chamber Members.

John Herrmann, Proprietor, San Antonio Antiques

Jarrett Ford has been a proud member of the Dade City Chamber of Commerce since we opened in February of 1978 which is over 40 years ago. The Chamber is an integral component in our community and touches so many people and businesses. If you want to succeed in a community you have to be part of the community and the Chamber is a great place to begin.

Cliff Martin, Jarrett Ford

I became employed in the Dade City area at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club in Feb. of 2014. Moving here from Western Colorado I had no connection with the community or the surrounding area. In the spring of 2015 I joined the chamber’s golf committee for the Dade City Chamber’s annual Joe Kiefer Golf Tournament held at Lake Jovita. That opened the door for me to get involved and meet many of the local business leaders. Since that first year, my career has moved me from the Golf Pro Staff into the General Manager Position overseeing 100+ employees, maintaining 500+ acres, and a full service restaurant at Lake Jovita G&CC and the connect with the community and area businesses has been crucial to the success myself and Lake Jovita is experiencing. The Chamber was the gateway to those relationships and the business to business workings that help every aspect of Lake Jovita G&CC.

Michael Johnson, Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club
Brown & Brown Insurance of FL - Brooksville would like to thank the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce for welcoming us into the community with open arms. We have been in Brooksville for over 20 years and becoming a part of the neighboring community as well as getting to know the community has been enjoyable with the help of the team at the Greater Dade City Chamber. Even though we have only been a part of the Chamber for about 6 months we feel as if we have been with them for years. The team at the chamber is very welcoming and accommodating to our questions and needs. We look forward to working with the chamber and the local community in the future.  

Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc.

John, thank you for working with us on the 2016 Annual Kumquat Festival! Trusted Senior Care's "Westbrooke Manor" believes being part of the Annual Kumquat Festival® is critical to successfully doing business in East Pasco. You and your team are doing superior work!

Hunter Anstine, Chief Development Officer  Trusted Senior Care, Inc.

We are so excited to welcome our new members The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce! At the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce their mission is to promote economic growth & quality of life in the Greater Dade City area. The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce has been operating as a successful trade association organization for over 50 years and now represents over 430 business, associations, non-profits and individuals throughout Pasco County. Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, we are so thankful for your support! For more information about this great organization please feel free to visit http://www.dadecitychamber.org/index.cfm.  

The Thomas Promise

There are two words that I cannot say enough and those two words are “Thank You”. I hope the three of you truly know how much you helped me in “2016” AND “2017” has already started off with a bang! If it were not for your support and friendship I would not have been able to help make all the “Littles” dreams come true by helping find them a “Big Brother” or “Big Sister” in Pasco County – You never know who has made the decision to make a difference in someone’s life and by your mere act of kindness that you have shared with me time and time again by sharing our mission and event dates you definitely had a direct impact on the success of my efforts. Just think - What if every child reached their potential? What if every child stayed in school? What if every child gave back to the community? What if every child was sent on the right path? Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Just a little bit of time can make a BIG difference. Once again, “Thank you” Jo, Mel & John for all you do to help make Pasco County such a special place to live and share our lives.  

Deb Kristol-Irwin, Director of Partnership Development  Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

“The East Pasco Democratic Club has utilized the services of several of our fellow Chamber members for items we needed - from t-shirts to a vinyl sign - and found the services great and the quality of the items ordered top-notch. We look at the directory first to see if we can find what we need from our fellow Chamber members. Our goal is to shop Dade City first! and to support the Greater Dade City Chamber.”

Beverly Ledbetter, East Pasco Democratic Club

“I have been very pleased with the effective communication and outreach efforts of the Greater Dade City Chamber. As the president of Galen College of Nursing for the Tampa Bay region, I find the meetings and events helpful as I navigate the business climate in our numerous surrounding counties that my college serves. Thanks for all you do!”  

Rob Wolf, President  Galen College of Nursing, Tampa Bay Region  Saint Petersburg FL
Member Testimonials Continued..

“Thank you for hosting the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce Breakfast! I saw some people that needed to contact me later that day and some new folks that I will be collaborating with later this Fall. Thank you for providing this forum to allow such great networking opportunities!”  

Ahmy S. Arca, Student  
Life & Leadership  Pasco-Hernando State College East Campus

Thank you so much John, Mel and Jo for the many years you have worked with the Dade City Garden Club to market and sell our Historic Dade City Ornaments. In 1994 when we produced our first ornament, the Pasco County Courthouse, the Chamber was there to help us. You have continued over the years to sell our ornaments and you have many loyal customers that would only buy their annual ornament at the Chamber. It is the Garden Clubs main yearly fund raiser and your efforts are critical to our success. We are a non-profit organization and all the money is used to maintain our historic building and grounds. It is not an easy job for you and we appreciate your dedication and continued support all these years.  

Members of the Dade City Garden Club

"If you are serious about business, get serious about joining the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce. The place where serious business owners discuss serious business with other serious business owners. Time to get serious.”  

Steven D. Hickman, President & CEO First National Bank of Pasco

Being 13 year member/supporter of our Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce I have gained countless relationships with those in my community. Visibility is key in establishing community connections while promoting your business. The networking opportunities are endless through the Chamber, and there's no better way to promote your business because it’s “free marketing” and people do business with people they know. Our Greater Dade City Chamber offers many programs and events throughout the year as a way to give back to the community and business owners who supports the Chamber. Joining The Chamber is great. A business receives many benefits visibly and behind the scenes. However, joining only gets you so far. Participating is the true key to receiving the benefits of chamber membership. Being a member of the Chamber only works for you if you participate in what the Chamber has to offer to help you succeed in business and community connectivity. To sum it up, our Greater Dade City Chamber is the very “Best” when it comes to promoting, representing and supporting our community and its local businesses.  

Bonnie Krummen, CenterState Bank VP/Branch Manager  - Dade City office

Jarrett Ford has been a proud sponsor of the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce's Annual Kumquat Festival since it's inception 22 years ago in 1998. It fills our city’s streets with many visitors and many potential future patrons to our community. They see how unique we are here in east Pasco County with our eclectic community of restaurants and shops and friendly people. We're looking forward to another exciting year with another successful festival.  

Cliff Martin, Vice President / General Manager Jarrett Ford, Inc.

We appreciate your testimonials and kind words, thank you!  
If you would like to submit a testimonial please email to: juber@dadecitychamber.org
The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce
14112 8th Street
Dade City, FL 33525

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Want more information, please call Melody Floyd at 352-567-3769
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
7 a.m. Networking | 7:30 a.m. Breakfast

Join us for a delicious breakfast, networking and an informative presentation from Candie Rainey, Sr. Business Development Manager at AdventHealth Dade City and AdventHealth Zephyrhills where she will help navigate you through your healthcare journey.

Where: AdventHealth Dade City, Classrooms 107 and 108
13100 Fort King Road, Dade City, FL 33525

RSVP: Jo Uber at juber@dadecitychamber.org

$10 for members and $15 for non-members.
RAFFLE DRAWING FOR QUILT!
QUILT DONATED BY JANE HANCOCK & KELLI BOLES.

Southern Draft Horse Pulling Competition
at NOON

- The quilt will be raffled off at the Jelly Bean Fling on Sat., April 4, 2020. You do not have to be present to win.
- Show of Quilts & Clothing
- Local Quilters on Display
- Quilts & Supplies Sale
- Brenda Gramps will provide quilt appraisals all day. Written appraisals $50, verbal evaluation $20
- Cane Grinding & Syrup Making
- Arts & Crafts Show
- The Barking Dogs

Admission Adults .................. $10
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LOCATION: 1 mile north of downtown
Dade City off US Hwy 301
at 15602 Pioneer Museum Road 33523

INFORMATION: PO Box 335 Dade City, FL 33526
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Women are more likely than men to experience subtle heart attack symptoms, such as nausea, dizziness and trouble sleeping. Understanding your risk for heart disease and learning the warning signs for a heart attack could save your life. Join Dr. Jennifer Roller as she discusses how heart health and women’s health are linked.

Light lunch provided.

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February 4, 2020  5:30pm-7:30pm  Search Engine Optimization (SEO)  Learn how to increase your site traffic by winning a coveted top 10 listing in Google’s search engine results. Includes the very latest changes in Google’s policies, the new “EAT Program” and the “Your Money or Your Life” rules. You’ll learn how to evaluate online competition and find the most effective keyword phrases. This seminar will be held at the New Port Richey Library, 5939 Main Street, New Port Richey, FL 34652

February 4, 2020  5:30pm-7:30pm  Strategic Planning  The business plan is a manual that guides your company’s daily operation towards the goals and objectives. You will learn what data is required to write a plan. Review the techniques used to acquire it and how to use the data to establish realistic goals and objectives. This seminar will be held at the Land O’ Lakes Branch Library, 2918 Collier Parkway, Land O’ Lakes, FL 34639

February 5, 2020  5:30pm-7:30pm  Basic QuickBooks  This seminar is designed for persons planning to start a business, or who have recently started a business. But who have yet to set up an effective record keeping system. The seminar is a basic introduction to QuickBooks. Note: this is not for advanced users. This seminar will be held at the South Holiday Branch Library, 4649 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday, FL 34690

February 10, 2020  5:30pm-7:30pm  Website Creation Made Easy  Learn how you can create and maintain your own website through the use of the new, free, extremely easy-to-use Mobirise site creation tool. Other site creation options will also be discussed including Squarespace, Shopify and search engine optimization. In addition, we’ll explore site hosting services, hosting strategies and costs. If time allows keyword evaluation and selection will also be covered. This seminar will be held at the Regency Park Branch Library, 9701 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34685

February 11, 2020  5:30pm-7:30pm  How to Really Start Your Own Business  We will discuss the idea, testing the idea, and protecting the idea. We will then review key issues for starting a business: finding good people, structuring the business, understanding cash flow, finding the money, and business plan. This seminar will be held at the New River Branch Library, 34043 SR54, Zephyrhills, FL 33543

February 12, 2020  5:30pm-7:30pm  How to Use the Internet in Your Business  After reviewing the various roles that a website can support in enhancing your business, we will demystify much of the gobbledygook and walk you through an eight-step process of key activities needed to allow you to quickly leverage this technology in almost any business. This seminar will be held at the Hudson Regional Library, 8012 Library Rd., Hudson, FL 34667

February 18, 2020  5:30pm - 7:30pm  How to Value Your Business  This workshop will help attendees identify essential points when preparing to buy a business or to sell your business. Key topics covered: legal risk, financial risk, conservation of value, four methods of valuation and anticipation of business uncertainties. This seminar will be held at the SMARTstart West Pasco Entrepreneur Center, 4532 Us Hwy 19, New Port Richey, FL 34652

February 20, 2020  5:30pm-7:30pm  Launch Your Business with YouTube  Whether you want to learn how to post your videos to YouTube or design/develop your YouTube videos, this seminar is for you. We will review your social media strategy and you’ll learn how to integrate YouTube into your current social media efforts. This seminar will be held at the South Holiday 4649 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday, FL 34690

February 25, 2020  5:30pm-7:30pm  Results Based Marketing  How do prospects (find out) see your business? Everyday your prospects sees 6,000 branding messages, see 4,000 ads, get 175+ emails, and spends 90% of their time on the internet just browsing. Learn the “why” “What” and “how” to cut through this marketing “noise” to be compelling, differentiating AND make the sale! This seminar will be held at the SMARTstart West Pasco Entrepreneur Center, 4532 Hwy 19, New Port Richey, FL 34652
ASK THE DOCTOR: DIGESTIVE DISEASES

From hernias to gallbladder removal, endoscopies and colonoscopies, our digestive health team is here to help you feel whole. Join us for an informal question-and-answer session with Dr. Thushy Siva as she discusses digestive conditions from top to bottom.

Light refreshments provided.

Reservations are required.

Tuesday, February 11
Noon to 12:45 pm

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Thushy Siva, MD
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Where storybooks come to life...
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Vendors, children’s activities and
storytimes!
Meet Daniel Tiger and Katerina Kittycat
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Event time: 11:00 – 2:00 pm
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FREE ADMISSION EVENT
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Did you know it’s possible to have a heart attack and never know it? These “silent” heart attacks can occur without displaying any of the classic heart attack symptoms. William Eble, Clinical Nurse Educator, will help you understand your risk for heart attack and how to identify the early warning signs.

Light refreshments provided.

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William Eble, BSN, RN, CEN
Clinical Nurse Educator

Thursday, February 13
2 pm to 3 pm
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