Mission Statement

“To promote economic growth and the quality of life in the greater Dade City area”

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Chamber NEWS
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CHRISTMAS & KUMQUATS!
Magical Night Christmas Parade
December 6th
7pm

The Annual Kumquat Festival®
January 25, 2020
9am to 5pm

REMINDER
September Chamber Business Breakfast
Sponsor & Location:
San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union at Scotland Yards Golf Club
(flyer enclosed)
Dear Chamber Members,

School’s back in and it’s back to work for everyone – busy times for our members, our families, our businesses and our Chamber! We have a busy schedule this month and the focus at the Chamber is “back to business.”

Dr. Randy Stovall has done a fabulous job as President this year, especially with the dual role of President of the Zephyrhills Chamber as well!!

It is my pleasure to announce that the Chamber Board has elected our 2020 slate of officers, and, of course, Randy will be our 2020 “Past President” staying on the Chamber Executive Committee. Jason Sassor of CB Richard Ellis has accepted the position of President for 2020, with Dr. Ed Goolsby, Provost of Pasco Hernando State College as President Elect, Matt Maggard of Maggard Law Firm as Vice President, Julie Cotton, Lynch/Cotton & Associates as Treasurer and Carrie Carlberg, VP of San Antonio Federal Credit Union as Secretary.

Special thanks to Steve Hickman, President of First National Bank of Pasco for his many years of service as treasurer. Steve will remain on the Board, and we appreciate his insight and leadership.

Thanks to all the Executive Committee for your willingness to serve, your superb council and guidance.

This past months’ Business Breakfast was sponsored by Suncoast Federal Credit Union and our monthly “Business Wins” segment featured Taylor Kelly of Raymond James Financial Services, Kyle Verbeek of Maronda Homes, and Richard Hayes of Digital Lightbridge.

Next month’s Business Breakfast is on Tuesday, September 17, is at Scotland Yards Golf and County Club on Highway 301 between Dade City and Zephyrhills. Breakfast will feature County Administrator Dan Biles with updates and plans for the County in Eastern Pasco. San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union is generously sponsoring our breakfast.

Remember Pasco County’s Premier Event “The Annual Kumquat Festival®”, Saturday, January 25, 2020 in Downtown Dade City!!

**Sponsorship packages are available** that can prominently feature your business in our extensive marketing, and place you front and center on “Sponsor Row” along with upwards of 30,000 potential customers!! – See John, Mel or Jo for information on how to be part of Pasco County’s Premier event.

Lots going on at YOUR Chamber!! Thanks for your support

**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!!**

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*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.*
The Pasco Sheriff’s Office and the Pasco County School Board began a fundraising drive last year for a new initiative called Stop the Bleed. Last year’s shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School in Parkland, Florida once again starkly showed the need for training and resources to be available in shootings and other mass casualty incidents. Right here in our agency, one of our K9 deputies recently received a life-threatening gunshot wound to his leg where a tourniquet was quickly applied that probably saved his life.

The Stop the Bleed campaign is a national initiative, which aims to train and empower civilians to act swiftly and effectively in trauma situations, like active shooter incidents. Training is provided by medical personnel who are experts in the initial stages of trauma management and is tailored to teach quick, life-saving measures that can be provided to anybody in the event of an emergency.

As part of this campaign, each Pasco County school will be provided with three LIFE™ Stations containing five trauma kits in each. The Life Stations will be placed in strategic locations to be rapidly accessed in an emergency, such as an active shooter situation. The initial costs for all of the quality, long-lasting kits needed is $250,000. These stations also include one casualty extraction litter housed in the LIFE Pack, along with other important items that can assist in saving lives, such as:

- 1 Fold-out Product Instruction
- 2 Pair Nitrile Gloves (Latex Free)
- 1 Emergency Scissors
- 1 Tourniquet
- 1 Blood clotting Hemostatic Dressing
- 1 Compressed Gauze
- 1 Trauma Bandage
- 1 Chest Seal (twin pack)

The LIFE™ Station container is a surface-mounted storage cabinet meant to be located in publicly-accessible areas, much like AEDs inside schools, offices, and other buildings. The LIFE™ Station is identical to traditional AED cabinets, but specifically designed to house a LIFE™ Pack.

Thanks to the partnership with Mike Fasano and the Pasco Tax Collectors Office, Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point and our own Pasco Sheriff’s Charities, we have raised enough money to put one life station in every high school by the start of this school year. Members from our Pasco Sheriff’s Explorer program assisted in recording a brief training video that will be played in every high school informing students and staff about the LIFE™ kits and how to use them.

For more information about the national initiative, please visit www.BleedingControl.org
A Plea to ALL Candidates for Civility

The opening of the school year is always filled with the promise of a fresh new start. New crayons and notebooks carried on the backs of our future enter freshly cleaned classrooms. Each step toward the future moves the past further away, and each student has the renewed opportunity to decide on success for the coming year. As we move into fall, we in the elections business are reminded of the opening of campaign season and the upcoming 2020 election cycle. Like our students in new sneakers, candidates, too, have a choice about the success of the coming year. Will they conduct their campaigns, discussions, and debates in a manner that promotes civility in the public discourse? I'm hopeful that candidates will realize that campaign conduct, in both spoken and written words, sets an example for both our youth and our great nation which deserve better.

In the upcoming election cycle, I challenge every candidate, social media user, civic and social organization, neighborhood, golf club, co-workers, bowling leagues, et cetera, to freely debate political issues through civil discourse in a manner which neither appeals to racial, ethnic, religious, sexual or other prejudices, nor promotes further polarization of the electorate as it relates to voting and elections. I think we have seen firsthand the adverse long-term moral and social impact of negative campaigns, and the toll of divisiveness and discord as it relates to our daily lives. The citizens of our nation demand and deserve unbiased information on which to choose their leadership. Call me old school, but I yearn for a day when candidates served as visionaries for the greater good by focusing on their positions and views rather than their opponent's shortcomings. Our country is weary of personal attacks, insulting and inappropriate language, shoddy campaign practices of misrepresentation, intimidation, and unfounded accusations. In our urge to Share, Like and re-Tweet, let us not forget the nefarious cyber actors during the 2016 election who sought to polarize Americans using social media. It is believed these attempts to meddle in our elections will continue during the upcoming cycle.

George Washington and John Adams warned of a divided republic in opposition to each other. One of my favorite quotes comes from Harry S. Truman, "America was not built on fear - America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." Let's all go back to school as we move forward with the job at hand, with a mindfulness about the lesson we're teaching, and a conduct that chooses success for the future over justification of the past.

PHSC TRUSTEES TO REVIEW PROPOSED STUDENT-RELATED FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Pasco-Hernando State College’s District Board of Trustees (DBOT) will consider approving proposed adjusted student-related fees at its September 17, 2019 board meeting, to be held at 6 p.m. at the Spring Hill Campus, 450 Beverly Court.

The student-related fee adjustment proposal was reviewed and approved for DBOT consideration by the PHSC President’s Administrative Leadership Team, a committee of college administrators.

For details regarding proposed fees adjustments, justification for the fees and fee implementation details, visit https://policies.phsc.edu/policies-and-procedures/public-disclosure. Questions or concerns about the proposed fees should be directed to the appropriate dean listed on the web page.

Many fee adjustments relate to vendor increases for workforce courses, laboratories, and program testing. Some fees may be covered by financial aid, scholarships and grants. All fees charged by vendors are negotiated by the college, with additional fee increases and decreases expected in the coming academic year.

Considered among the most cost-effective public colleges in the nation, PHSC has not raised tuition since the 2012-13 academic year. For more information about Pasco-Hernando State College programs and services visit phsc.edu.
The Mayor’s Communiqué....................

September is the unofficial end of the summer months and the beginning of the school year for many families in the area. As children settle into the school year, others ready themselves for new, different and exciting learning opportunities. Whether you are sending your youngsters off to school, embarking on a new career path or entering the halls of academia for the very first time, we wish you success in all your endeavors.

Members of the City Commission also engaged in an informative learning opportunity. Several Commissioners recently attended the Florida League of Cities 93rd Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. This yearly Conference explored ways that we can work together to make our cities and our state stronger and tackle issues that affect all citizens in our communities. The Commissioners attended seminars and workshops focused on a wide range of topics including delivery of municipal services, sharing economies, constitutional amendments, advocacy workshops, social media, telecommunications, community development areas, politics and much more.

Several inspirational and informative addresses were part of the conference session. Attendees listened to two accomplished leaders during the second general session. The keynote addresses were provided by Karen Freeman-Wilson, President, National League of Cities and Josh Linkner, founder and CEO of five successful tech companies, that ultimately sold for a combined $200 million. Ms. Freeman-Wilson is the Mayor of Gary, Indiana as well as the president of the NLC and is leading the organization to focus on helping cities tackle the housing crisis, uplifting legacy cities, creating communities for all generations and encouraging civic engagement. Ms. Freeman Wilson engaged city leaders to create more meaningful bond between communities and their residents. Mr. Linkner, an experienced business leader and top-rated keynote speaker, is an expert on innovation, disruption and hyper-growth leadership. Very informative session and helpful advice and information for leaders in communities around the state.

The opportunity to network with and learn from others across the state offers valuable experience to engage in conversations that stimulate new ideas to assist our cities to be the best they can be, individually as well as collectively. We continue to work diligently to solve certain issues facing our communities and propose new and mind provoking ideas to take our cities to the next level. Together we can offer one another the opportunity to be stronger and united for all our citizens.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Dade City. Your ideas are always welcomed and encouraged. Feel free to contact me at chernandez@dadecityfl.com or 352-523-5052. We continue to move Dade City forward from better to best!

Camille

Camille Hernández, Mayor Dade City
CUSTOMER SERVICE WITH A SMILE!

Have you ever come to City Hall (or called on the phone) to open a water account, pay your utility bill, or turn off the service? If your answer is “yes”, then you have spoken with Carlos, Colleen or Kelli - one of our friendly customer service representatives (CSR) at the City of Dade City!

The customer service representatives collect and process utility payments, as well as various municipal fees – park facility rentals, permits, cost for records production, cemetery fees, etc. Our CSRs also review meter readings for accuracy and provide recycling bins for those who need them.

Carlos Eddins began working for City Hall in July, 2014 as a Customer Service Representative and was promoted to Utility Billing Supervisor in August, 2015. Carlos came to us from Atlanta, Georgia by way of New York.

Colleen Berglund has been working for Dade City as a CSR since September, 2015. Colleen hails from Zephyrhills. She has two daughters and five grandkids. Colleen enjoys spending time with her family, the beach, her grandkids’ sporting events, and reading good books.

Kelli Sims started as a temporary worker in utility billing and became employed by the City in April, 2018. Kelli grew up in Dade City. She loves being surrounded by family, friends, fun and laughter! She enjoys her job, co-workers and customers.
Loving Hands Ministries is a two-year minimum, residential program for men ranging from ages 18-40 who have a history of struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. The Mission of Loving Hands Ministries is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by sharing and demonstrating the love of God in action. Pastor Wendell Wilson, our founder, started this ministry because of the immense love in his heart for men who struggled with addictions. He had a prominent jail ministry and would see young men set free, gain a love for God and even be released on good standings. However good the men would do, he noticed that some of them would inevitably return. He knew that there had to be something more. When one gentleman was going to be released, pastor Wendell went home to his wife, Nancy Wilson, and asked her if she would allow that gentleman to come to their home and share dinner with the family. During dinner, he again turned to his wife and asked this question “He is already here, can he just spend one night?” Although they had teenage daughters in their home, she eventually said yes. That was exactly how Loving Hands Ministries began. Since that day, their home was open to any young man who struggled with addiction and was seeking help.

The ministry serves men on volunteer status or men who may become court ordered to participate in our program. For nearly 36 years now God has provided our every need which enables us to offer discipleship free to all. We currently have two locations, one in Palmetto, Florida and the other here in Dade City. We as well have an induction center in Florida City with plans to have full-scale locations in the South Florida Region, and as well as in Georgia.

Our schedule is intense and is focused entirely on Jesus Christ! The men spend an average of 7 hours a day in our chapel studying the Word of God and being taught by teachers and pastors who devote their time to the men. For the entirety of the programs existence we have maintained similar structure. In times prior the state has offered to aid; however, it was conditional. We would have had to restructure the program and remover Jesus from our curriculum. Our late founder Pastor Wendell Wilson knew that our success was entirely because Jesus was at the center and was unwilling to surrender that. The entire time the ministry has been open we have received no state or government funding, nor have we ever charged a single man to stay.

We are blessed enough to have the opportunity every Sunday to share our testimonies of Jesus Christ’s Delivering Power in churches throughout Florida. On any given Sunday, there may be groups of men in up to 4 or 5 services being able to minister in those churches. Our experience is that people are hurting and need hope and that hope is Jesus! Most of our support comes from local churches that we visit on an annual or semi-annual basis. We are also supported largely by private donors, local businesses and some fundraisers that we do throughout the year.

A lot of the men we have accepted in the ministry have some form of a church background, however not all. For some of the men this is a brand-new experience, and as you may imagine presents some challenges. Our founding Pastor Wendell Wilson was a true man of God that sacrificed his life for Jesus, and it is our goal to continue doing the same as we follow in his footsteps and help each man who comes into the ministry learn how to live a surrendered life, one that is no longer under the grips of addiction.
We are pleased to announce that Yeovil Town Ladies Football Club is now under the ownership headed by Adam Murry. The deal for the League One Club was agreed last month.

Last weekend, the club’s new identity was introduced, going from Yeovil Town Ladies to Yeovil Town Women and now sporting a modernized crest. The image overhaul can only foreshadow the changes to be expected in Somerset, England, the new badge is identical to that of ESSA, albeit colored with the Glovers’ yellow and green. This is a hugely exciting time for women’s football. There has never been as much interest in the women’s game and we are delighted to have been able to support the take-over. This great club has absolutely enormous potential.

We want to create a solid investment in the clubs structure, from the 1st Team right through to the Academies, with plans to take the club back into the Women’s Super League. We have selected a management team going forward, to create a solid platform and structure to build and develop on all at a higher level.

One of the factors is the importance of developing players at the club and implementing a reliable academy. Developing the girls in the team is paramount to us and getting those girls to the highest level they can go is also important to the club.” We want to win games, that’s what it’s all about, but we also want to develop the girls in regard to their futures and make sure that we are providing the best possible foundations to develop themselves.”

ESSA, will also play a part in Yeovil’s future. We are working on bringing girls over from the US to UK and playing some professional football in the top 4 leagues of English Women’s Football. On the educational side of it we want to offer scholarships for girls at ESSA to come to the UK and likewise, we want to give girls in the UK the opportunity to come over and play in the States and experience soccer over here, to offer pathways that perhaps other clubs might not be able to offer, in regards to pathways and opportunities that they might not get.

Sarah Wiltshire has been welcomed back after re-joining the Glovers from Tottenham Hotspur, whilst Welsh international and ex-Liverpool academy player Meesha Dudley-Jones arrives from WSL challengers Manchester City. Defender Jodie Chubb arrives from recently promoted Buckland Athletic, whilst Katie Jones, Rebecca Halford and Kelly Aldridge all return to the club for 2019/20.

More about Yeovil Town Women F.C can be found at: http://www.essafc.com/yeovil-town-women-f-c-achieve-by-unity/
PHSC OFFERS 911 TELECOMMUNICATOR OPERATOR COURSE

Pasco-Hernando State College is offering a 911 Telecommunicator Operator course starting August 28 at the West Campus, 10230 Ridge Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34654. This is a 240 hour course, offered as a hybrid course, with on-campus (face-to-face) classes meeting Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and two Saturdays: September 7 and November 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The balance of the course is taken online.

This program will cover all competencies required to perform the role of a telecommunication operator in Florida and will prepare the student to take the Florida Department of Health 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator Exam. Students will also earn their CPR certification in this class.

“This program is the only one of its kind in the Tampa Bay area and will help area 911 operations fill vacancies for such an important community service,” said Margie Burnham, assistant dean, professional development and continuing education, PHSC.

The tuition and fees for this course is $1,540, which includes the textbook and CPR certification costs. The Florida Department of Education Gold Standard Career Pathways Statewide Articulation Agreement guarantees that the successful completion of this course will articulate into three credits in PHSC’s Associate in Science degree in criminal justice technology for CJE 1000, Introduction to Law Enforcement.

For more information or to register, visit phsc.edu.

San Antonio Farmers Market
Saturday September 14th
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Enjoy shopping & visiting under the shady oaks in San Antonio City Park (12202 Main Street) at the Farmers Market. The market is the 2nd Saturday of each month September through May, and sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Antonio.

Visitors will find a variety of vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods, honey, jams & jellies, plants, yard art, jewelry, and so much more!! Special this month will be a Pop-up Clothes Boutique. There will be free children’s activities, a basket chance drawing, and music by the Barking Dogs. Mr. Jim’s famous Hot Dogs will be available for purchase. For more info or to reserve a space call 352-437-5161.
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~Sponsorship Packages

Awareness of your brand
~Multimedia program partnership
~Event participation
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Introduce your business to the community

Networking with your clients
~Interaction with potential customers
~Business Breakfasts
~Chamber Ambassador Opportunities
~Events and Committees

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.”
The Sunrise Rotary Club of Dade City inducted 2 new members. Kim Anderson, Principal at San Antonio Elementary and Rick Leanillo, Past President of the Zephyrhills Rotary Club joined the Sunrise club. Jen Ferguson and Barbara Mallory sponsored the new members and pinned them in a ceremony led by President Cindy Harper. Photo Credit - Jean Nathe

L-R Kim Anderson, Jen Ferguson Sunrise Rotary Treasurer, Barbara Mallory Sunrise Rotary Past President, Rick Leanillo

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON?

The official hurricane season for the Atlantic Basin (the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico) is from 1 June to 30 November. As seen in the graph above, the peak of the season is from mid-August to late October. However, deadly hurricanes can occur anytime in the hurricane season.

Whether a power outage in your home is caused by grid failure or severe weather, here are a few steps you can take to prepare and respond:

- If you have space in your refrigerator or freezer, consider filling plastic containers with water, leaving about an inch of space inside each one (water expands as it freezes so it is important to leave room in the container for this expansion). Place containers in the fridge and freezer. This chilled/frozen water will keep food cold for several hours.
- If you use a computer, keep files and operating systems backed up regularly. Consider buying extra batteries and a power converter if you use a laptop.
- If you have an electric garage door opener, find out where the manual release lever is located and learn how to operate it.
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Wade Thomas Receives National Award

Wade Thomas of Thomas and Son, Inc. earned national recognition as the recipient of the Sertoma Service to Mankind National Award for founding the Thomas Promise Foundation, a local charity that provides weekend lunches for food insecure students in Pasco County. The Service to Mankind award is the highest honor that may be given to a non Sertoman.

Although the selection was announced April 25 at the Sertoma National Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Thomas, who was unable to be at the convention was presented with a plaque and a $1,000 check for the foundation at the Sea-port Sertoma Club meeting August 13 in Tampa.

The journey to national recognition began when Thomas was presented with the Service to Mankind Award from the local Seaport Sertoma Club on July 13 last year. That award was followed by the Sertoma Central Florida District Service to Mankind Award on July 21 and the South East, Caribbean Region Service To Mankind Award on September 21, 2018 at a banquet held at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter S.C. That put him in the running for the national award.

“Wow,” Thomas said. “I was honored when the Seaport Club first presented me with their award, I never expected that it would go all the way to national recognition. It is humbling, honestly.”

“People need to know that this would never have happened with out my daughter Brooke’s inspiration and my wife, Dianna’s support and work as the first executive director, or without the support of the board and the individuals and businesses that donate financially as well as the countless volunteers that help pack the bags every week, Thomas continued. We’re all just trying to make sure that no student in Pasco County goes hungry over the weekend. I didn’t do this alone.”

The Thomas Promise Foundation provides bags full of food complete with six meals and snacks for Pasco County students over the weekend when they would otherwise go without. Twenty-six Pasco schools and more than 1,400 children benefit from this program every week of the school year and when school is not in session. The students are vetted by the school’s ABC Program which gives the foundation confidence that the students they are helping are genuinely in need.

Thomas’ connection with Sertoma began when Art Whiting, chairman of the Seaport Sertoma board of directors met Thomas who provided immediate assistance to a charitable project in which Whiting was involved. “I was then, and remain impressed by Wade’s immediate response in helping out.,” Whiting said. Whiting submitted Thomas’ name for the first award.

The Thomas Promise Foundation began eight years ago, when Thomas’ daughter Brooke, then seven years old, would spend her lunch stipend far too quickly. It turned out that she was providing food for friends whom she saw were hungry at lunchtime. She said she just wanted to help her friends.

Thomas and his wife Dianna researched the situation and found that throughout Pasco County, many children do not have access to nutritious meals due to homelessness or poverty. This was especially true over the weekend, when there were no breakfast or lunch programs available at school. Thomas founded the Thomas Promise Foundation on the belief that no child should ever go hungry.

Sertoma, founded on April 11, 1912 by three Kansas City, Missouri, business-men, is an acronym taken from the phrase Service to Mankind. Sertoma community leaders are engaged in improving the quality of life by making a difference for those who suffer from hearing loss and other difficulties.

Wade Thomas displays his Service To Mankind National Award at the Seaport Sertoma Club meeting held August 13 at Buffalo Wild Wings in Ybor City. From left to right are Seaport Sertoma Chairman of the Board of Directors Art Whiting; Thomas Promise Foundation Board of Directors Vice President Steve Hickman; First TPF Executive Direc-tor Dianna Thomas, TPF Founder Wade Thomas, current TPH Executive Director Joe Simmons; TPF Marketing Manager Gary Hatrick; and Seaport Sertoma Club President Ed Kinley
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Improving Lives with The Arc Nature Coast

By Diane Bedard

In 1973, a small group of Hernando County residents sought a better way to care for the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled citizens of the area. Many of these families had children or relatives who had been labelled “retarded” and were living in dark institutions away from their loved ones. These families created a local chapter of The Arc, a national organization that advocates for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to receive the same basic legal, civil, and human rights as other citizens.

“Most of our first clients were previously kept in institutions, given basic medical care and a roof over their heads, but little more,” Mark W. Barry, Executive Director, tells me on a recent tour of their Neff Lake Campus. Mark graduated from Saint Leo University and worked for The Arc of Pasco County for 18 years before coming to The Arc Nature Coast. Now the two organizations are merging to better serve the population.

“I went to an institution in 1980 and the population was on feeding tubes in stainless steel beds. I was convicted,” he shared with me. “There has been a silent civil rights movement for this population.”

The Florida Farm Colony began in 1915 with the establishment of a legislative commission to study the needs of persons who were “feeble-minded” and epileptic. This resulted in November 1921 with the opening of the Florida Farm Colony for the Feeble-Minded and Epileptic in Gainesville, Florida on a 3000-acre tract. This was the first state-funded program for residents with developmental challenges. It began with three buildings and 240 residents.

Institutional life was pretty much all that was available for Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled citizens in early Florida. Image from of The Florida Farm Colony courtesy of Florida Memory
**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 know 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’ among 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

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Get Your East Pasco Update at the Dade City Chamber Breakfast

Guest Speaker Dan Biles
Pasco County Administrator

Pasco County Administrator and Staff will give us an update on the State of the County in Eastern Pasco.

Tuesday, September 17th
7:00am - Networking
7:30am - Breakfast & Program

Scotland Yards Golf Club
9424 Highway 301, Dade City FL

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$10 for Members / $15 for Non-Members
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iQuit Tobacco Cessation Program
A representative from the Area Health Education Center will provide the free tools and services to help you quit any kind of tobacco. You'll set a quit date, get support, learn to use nicotine replacement therapies correctly and understand your triggers.

**Wednesday, September 4, 10 am to Noon**
AdventHealth Zephyrhills Wellness Center

or

**Thursday, September 26, 3 pm to 5 pm**
AdventHealth Dade City, Classroom 108
13100 Fort King Road, Dade City

*Reservations required for either program. Call 813-929-1000.*

Diabetes Support Group
If you or someone you care about is affected by diabetes, you’ll benefit from learning about new diabetes medications that are very promising. This program is facilitated by Stephanie Foss, MS, RD, CDE.

**Wednesday, September 4, 3 pm to 4 pm**
AdventHealth Zephyrhills Wellness Center

*Reservations required. Call 813-715-6683.*

Grief Support Group
Grief is personal and everyone copes differently. Our AdventHealth Chaplains have created a space where you can deal freely with your loss. Their goal is to help you move to a more positive place emotionally and spiritually.

**Thursday, September 5, 3 pm to 4 pm**
AdventHealth Zephyrhills Wellness Center

*No reservations required.*

Stroke Lifestyle Group
If you’re a stroke survivor or have had a TIA, you may be experiencing some challenges. You can find emotional and moral support through one another, and learn coping skills that will empower you. This group is facilitated by our AdventHealth Zephyrhills Stroke Educator.

**Monday, September 9, 11 am to Noon**
AdventHealth Zephyrhills Wellness Center

*No reservations required.*

Money Conservation and Resource Management
Budgeting includes setting financial priorities, including having a savings account for peace of mind. Scott Taylor will provide simple but constructive ways to build your savings. Scott is a Certified Financial Planner with the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

**Tuesday, September 10**
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
AdventHealth Zephyrhills Wellness Center

*Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.*

Cooking Demo: Living Food Bakery.
We’re preparing a seasonal treat! Vicky Lin from the Living Food Bakery has been growing wonderful things in her beautiful, organic garden. She’ll be using some of these ingredients to prepare a healthy, autumn treat. Of course, you’ll get to sample what Vicky prepares and she’ll share the recipe, too.

**Wednesday, September 11, 5 pm to 6 pm**
AdventHealth Zephyrhills Wellness Center

*Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.*

ALL CLASSES ARE FREE.
You can also register for these programs by visiting AdventHealthZephyrhills.com and going to the events page.

*For Dade City programs, go to AdventHealthDadeCity.com*
Grief; You Are Not Alone
Grief is a powerful emotion that can impact your life in countless ways. When you’re trying to navigate uncharted territory, you may feel extremely alone. That’s why in addition to our monthly Grief Support Group, we’re offering this program on dealing with loss and learning positive coping skills. Doug Higgins, M.Div., Senior Chaplain for AdventHealth Zephyrhills, will facilitate.

Wednesday, September 18, 11 am to Noon
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia
If you or someone you love is experiencing memory loss, difficulty completing tasks, confusion with time and place or problems speaking words or writing, you may benefit from this Alzheimer’s health talk. An Alzheimer’s Association representative will explain the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia, risk factors and disease stages, current research, treatments and more.

Wednesday, September 18, 2 pm to 3 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

Keys to Good Communication
For our relationships to thrive at home, work or in the community, it’s important to speak appropriately, listen and provide feedback. Andrés Sequera, AdventHealth Dade City Chaplain, will share ways to communicate effectively.

Thursday, September 19, 2 pm to 3 pm
AdventHealth Dade City, Classroom 108
13100 Fort King Road, Dade City
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP)
If you’re ready to get your health on track, then CHIP is for you! This scientifically proven, nine-week lifestyle intervention program can prevent, stop and reverse many common chronic diseases caused by lifestyle choices. You’ll benefit from different topics and facilitators weekly. This series is being offered for FREE and is normally a $599 value. Limited spaces are available.

Every Monday and Thursday, September 23 through November 21, 4 pm to 5 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

Stretches for Seniors
If you’d like to learn easy stretches that will improve balance and flexibility, wear loose, comfortable clothing and try out Cara Godwin’s class. Cara is a yoga instructor.

Wednesday, September 25
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

Summer Movie
Half of all adults in the United States struggle with chronic health conditions. “Eating You Alive” is a documentary featuring leading medical experts and researchers. These individuals will share why our health has declined and steps you can take to regain control. Popcorn is available for a small donation. Feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic beverage.

Wednesday, September 25
5:30 pm to 7 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

ALL CLASSES ARE FREE.
You can also register for these programs by visiting AdventHealthZephyrhills.com and going to the events page.

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September 19th
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For information call: 813-714-0435
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- Pumpkin painting
- Concessions
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- Pumpkin patch
- Barrel Train Rides with Conductor Joe
- Rock Climbing
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Thursday, September 12
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AdventHealth Dade City
Classrooms 107 & 108
13100 Fort King Rd
Dade City, FL

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