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**Thursday, Dec. 12, 8 a.m.
"Pot luck" Breakfast**

**Chamber Board of Directors
Installation Luncheon
Banquet Masters
Thursday, Dec. 19
11:30 am.**



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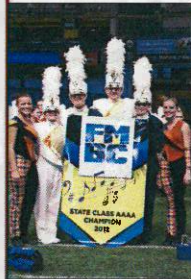
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PARADE! PARADE! PARADE!

Some 55 units, including Seminole High School Warhawks' Marching Band, will participate in the 9th Annual Seminole Holiday Illuminated Night Parade Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. The route is north on 113th Street, from Seminole Mall to the Recreation Center. All vehicles and walkers must be well lighted and should be in place by 5:30 p.m. Cross streets will begin closing at 6 p.m. The emphasis is safety first, then fun!

A New Year Ahead - Installation of Board 2014 - Dec. 19

On Thursday, Dec. 19, 11:30 a.m. the Seminole Chamber Board for 2014 will be installed during a special luncheon at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. Nancy Giles will become the Immediate Past Chair and turn the gavel over to the incoming Chair, Victor Adamo. They will be joined in leadership by current Board members Dr. Jim Olliver, Don Bates, Marianne Fisher, Sandy Hartmann and Eva Jones; and recently-elected Phil Crow, Dean Doulou, Paul King, Diane Luttmann and Gary Malanowski.

Michael Lurie will be leaving the Board, as will Laverne Welch and Gary Scarsbrook.

Victor Adamo said he is looking forward to a very productive year ahead with a goal of increasing members and benefits for those members. He chose the informal luncheon format, so members could attend the ceremony on their extended "lunch hour" and then return to work. The dress will be business attire. Cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are required.



It Is Great Doing Business Together!

Join Us for the Seminole Chamber of Commerce
Annual Holiday Open House
Friday, Dec. 20, Beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Holiday Food & Libations Will Be Served
Network with Fellow Members & Guests
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Gretchen's Gatherings Chamber Chief of Operations

May All Your Holidays Be Bright!

If you were raised "Up North," like many of us transplants, then you may look at the overcast skies of December and expect it to snow. For a moment, anyway, it just seems like it should, even though this is sunny Florida, and you are having a picnic at the beach!

Fortunately, enjoying the winter holidays is not contingent on the weather, and getting into the spirit of things is not dependent on icy temperatures that encourage sitting in front of a roaring fire and sipping hot chocolate.

A true Chamber of Commerce winter day in Seminole is about 75 degrees, sunny, and not windy, so you can take out the boat, or go for a walk. At night, if it gets cool enough, you can build a fire outdoors in one of those patio style ceramic fireplaces and be satisfied. And there might be a few days when it's practical to wear those "Christmas" sweaters.

The Courier & Ives greeting cards with white glitter are pretty to look at, but don't capture the feeling of the holidays in Florida. While we might be watching Hallmark movies that always end with snow falling, and listening to the traditional carols, which are about taking sleigh rides and building a snowman, we are not missing out. You can substitute the word "white" with "bright" and your dreams of the holidays will be just as magical. The area has holiday programs aplenty to enjoy, not to mention the shopping opportunities at local businesses and craft festivals!

**Thank you 9th Annual Seminole Holiday Illuminated Night parade sponsors:
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The Chamber and City of Seminole have put together a wonderful parade for your further entertainment Dec. 8. The band, twirlers, dancers, walkers and assortment of vehicles and floats are sure to touch your heart.

And if you just can't live without it, you can experience "snow" for an evening at the city's Winterfest and tree lighting ceremony Dec. 13.

All these holiday activities are a backdrop for the actual time we spend with family and friends at home, church, or out and about, and are as easily enjoyed in warm weather as the cold, blustery temperatures in northern climates.

Gretchen Wells



Roger Edelman Chamber President

During the past year I have completed survey of more than 100 local businesses, both large and small which has been shared with the Seminole City Council as well as the community at large in the Seminole Beacon newspaper.

The purpose of this survey was to look at the marketplace, top to bottom, in order to see what was working, and was not working well, and how the Chamber could provide additional support and leadership to the business community as it moves forward.

Based on the findings we will be developing new programs for businesses during the upcoming year and in the process seeking to expand our membership base and marketing opportunities.

With that in mind, we have hired the Oliver Group Direct Drive out of south Florida to put together a free half day business seminar here at the Chamber on January 14 for interested members, followed by a high energy high impact membership drive ending on February 26.

Our goal is to significantly increase the Chamber's membership base, and in the process, be able to provide new and exciting marketing ideas and opportunities to all concerned.

Space is limited! If you want to come listen to one of the best business presentations available at no cost, I encourage you to contact the Chamber for details. Make your reservation before it is too late.

Roger Edelman

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There are several ribbon cuttings this month. Please join us as we welcome and support our new business owners in our community.

CPA Partners - Wed., Dec. 4, 8:30 am.

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Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio - Thu., Dec. 12, 5-7 pm.

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- photo by Mary Trice



The Seminole Chamber of Commerce & City recently welcomed Janet McGibbney, the owner of Bellezza Tan & Spa, and her staff during a ribbon cutting at 8460 Seminole Blvd.



Cliff Roe Realty recently opened a second location at 13800 Park Blvd. Cliff Roe and Rebekah Moorehead (center) were joined by Andrea Aldrich, Jill Williams, Carole Spain, Stephanie Stephens, Roger Edelman, Gail Roffis, Donna Miller and Mark Lucas.

Roger Edelman, Gretchen Wells and Donna Miller sign the ribbon with best wishes for success after the ceremony.

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