



Seminole
Chamber of Commerce

News & Events

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Upcoming Events: FEBRUARY 2010

**FOR THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES,
PLEASE SEE OUR CALENDAR NSERT**

More information is contained on our web site: www.seminolechamber.net

Go to the Newsletters section (on the Home Page) click on for the latest news.

Supt. of Schools, Key Speaker at Chamber Luncheon



Julie M. Janssen, Ed.D., Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools, will give us an update at the Seminole Chamber's monthly "Power Luncheon" Thursday, Feb. 18. The luncheon, beginning with networking

at 11:30 a.m., takes place at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. Advanced payment (\$15 per person) and reservations are appreciated. Sign up online or call the Chamber office at 392-3245.

Other Upcoming Events:

Wed., Feb. 10: State Rep. Janet Long's Pre-Session Open House Mixer, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. the BB&T Building, Suite 101, 5511 Park St. N.

Thurs., Feb. 11: Free forum for businesses by the Business Advisory Board (BAB) in conjunction with the Seminole Chamber, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Seminole Recreation Center, Room 210

Wed. Feb. 17: New session of the Practical Entrepreneurial Academy begins, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, UP 303. Call 341-4445 for information.

Officers Installed & Award Winners Named *Peter T. Hofstra, Esq., is the new Mr. Seminole*

It was an evening to remember by 125 Seminole Chamber of Commerce members and guests, gathered at the Wine Cellar for the annual Installation & Awards Banquet. Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Courts, served as Master of Ceremonies and did the honors of inducting the Chamber Board for 2010.

New to the Board of Directors 2010 are Gary Scarsbrook, Lavern Welch and John Wolbert. They are joining David Bates, Dan Berard, Marianne Fisher, Nancy Giles, Mike McQuilkin (President-Elect), Dr. Jim Olliver (Treasurer), Jackie Tatsak (President), Jacob Valintine and Paul Ziegler (Immediate Past President).

Leaving the Board are Doc Kinsey, Bob Holtzman and Steve Zazzaro - we appreciate their years of service.



Enjoying the dinner before the awards presentation is the soon-to-be-named "Mr. Seminole" Peter Hofstra (seated center) with wife Kim and son Clayton. Standing are Simone Benett and "Rep" DeLoach.

Recipients of last year's awards presented plaques to their successors: "Boss of the Year" - Maria Vasiliadis, owner of Hometown Family Restaurant; "Business of the Year" - St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus represented by Dr. Jim Olliver, Provost; "Merit Award" - Dan Berard, Uncle Bob's Self-Storage and the Chamber's most prestigious award of Mr. Seminole to Peter T. Hofstra, partner of DeLoach & Hofstra, PA, Seminole law firm. Entertainment included music by vocalist Julie Hansen and a slide show of photos from 2009 and past Mr/Ms Seminole by Dan Berard and Gretchen Cain Wells.

More photos on the web site: www.seminolechamber.net

Business Connections & Education Workshop Kicks Off Year With Social Media Networking

After a very informative, interesting and interactive presentation on "Achieving Goals in 2010" by focusedresults.com CEO Mark Bryan, the Seminole Chamber-sponsored Business Connections & Education Workshop is achieving one of its goals - a series of presentations on Social Media Networking. On Jan. 27, Jen Seaman of Kiss Marketing, gave an overview of how to use Internet Marketing to increase one's business, with a sidebar on social media networking. The topic of Facebook will be covered Feb. 10 by Walt Morey, and on Feb. 24, Stacey Swank will tweet on Twitter and LinkedIn. The free group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 a.m. at St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, TLC Building, Room 108. All are invited!

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SEMINOLE CHAMBER CHATTER



Board 2010 Needs Your Help And Suggestions Please see President Jackie's column on the web site. She is continuing the "Brainstorming" sessions started by President Paul, on alternate Friday and Saturday mornings. All Chamber members are invited to share ideas and step forward to chair projects. Committee members are needed for the Membership, Ambassadors, Stampede and Tribute to Teachers committees. Each of has time, talent or treasurers to offer. So, let us know where your interests lie and we will assign you to a committee or upcoming project.

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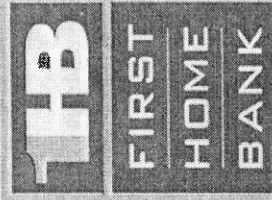
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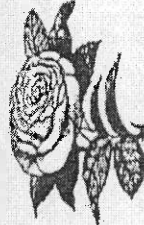
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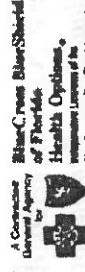
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Saturday, April 3, 2010
Walsingham Park
5K, 1-mile walk/run
Easter Family Outing
Register Now & Save Money Call 392-3245
We will e-mail or fax applications to you!

**Practical Entrepreneurship
Course Begins Feb. 17, 6 p.m., at SPC**

Topics Include:

- Business Planning/Mentoring & Networking
- Small Business Law/Employee Management
- Technology Management/Disaster Planning
- Financing

Who Should Attend:

- Small Business Owners/Aspiring Entrepreneurs
- Dreamers/Pragmatists

Expectations:

Participants are expected to be actively involved. This includes contributing to class discussions, submitting three drafts of a business plan, attending networking events, writing a personal summary of observations and lessons learned in the process, and practicing a business plan presentation to a panel of potential investors or prospective business partners. There are scholarship possibilities for the course that is \$319, includes a \$230 value (new members only) one year membership in the Seminole Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting Times:

The class meets weekly Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the UP Building, Room 303. Register at www.spcollege.edu/ct.



Paul Ziegler passes the responsibilities of being Seminole Chamber of Commerce President to Jackie Tatsak at the recent Installation & Awards Banquet.

New Year, New President

During a challenging economy, the Seminole Chamber of Commerce is beginning 2010 with a balanced budget, thanks to its excellent leadership and the hard work of staff, board, membership and volunteers! Jackie Tatsak will fill the shoes of Paul Ziegler, continuing many of the projects already in motion, but with her own individual touches. See Jackie's monthly column online.

Welcome New Seminole Chamber Members!

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Banks: Regions Bank, Pinellas Park (reinstated).

John Counts

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The day before St. Patrick's Day, John Counts will host a Mixer at Regions Bank, Tuesday, March 16, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Have You Updated Your Chamber Profile on the Web?

Every Chamber member has a directory listing on the web site with a profile for contact information. All you need to update it is your password. If you don't know your password, please e-mail: gretchenc@myseminolechamber.com or call her: 392-3245.