

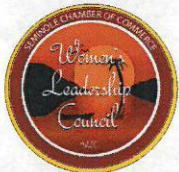


### Upcoming Events:

**Barnhorn Financial's  
Annual Holiday Party!**  
8383 Seminole Blvd Ste. C  
4 pm.- 8 pm.  
Please RSVP 623-9955

**Seminole Chamber's  
Annual Holiday Open House!**  
at the Chamber  
5 pm. - 7 pm.

**Annual Chamber  
Holiday Mixer!**  
at the home of Martha Mohn  
9700 Seminole Blvd.  
6:30 pm. 393-3481



**Women's Leadership  
Council Monthly Mtg.**  
Thursday, Dec 13  
8:00 am. at Chamber

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Please see the calendar  
insert for the entire month's  
Chamber activities



### All About Business at Seminole Chamber's Installation & Awards Banquet

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan, 19, 6 pm. at the Wine Cellar restaurant (17307 Gulf Blvd., N. Redington Beach) for an exciting event, which will include the installation of the Chamber Board of Directors for 2013 and award presentations for the Merit Award, Boss of the Year, Business of the Year, and the coveted Mr./Ms. Seminole.

Chair Nancy Giles said the banquet will feature some new elements to correspond with the Chamber celebrating its 50th year. Her theme is **"Business is Golden"** and she wants the evening to be very business friendly. The attire will be business attire, rather than formal. Stay tuned for more details and an invitation in the mail.

### We Congratulate Our New Board Members

The following will join our Board in 2013:



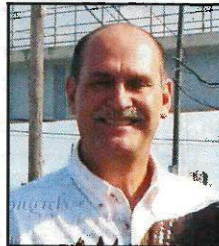
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### Parade to Feature 50 Entries!

The Bright Before Your Eyes Committee is please to report the parade will have 50 units in the illuminated night holiday event set for Sunday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m., along 113th St. from Seminole Mall to the Recreation complex. Many of the participants will be passing out candy, and other items, and there will be a special appearance by Santa Claus..

Seminole High School Band will be creating fanfare, along with dancers, twirlers, clowns, and many floats, trucks and walking units. For the first time there will be a fire department honor guard will be memorial display honoring those who lost their lives in New York City's "9/11."





**Gretchen's Gatherings  
Chamber Chief of Operations**

**Holiday Greetings!**

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. We are thankful to our Chamber staff, Board, members and City leaders, for all they contribute to making this the "Greatest Chamber in the Universe!"

The day after Thanksgiving launched the holiday shopping season, a profitable, although chaotic, time of the year. The good news is every little purchase made here, instead of abroad, gives our local economy a boost, and if we have forgotten the words to Christmas carols since last year, we are reminded of them anew each time we enter a store! If you are dreaming of a "White Christmas" in Seminole, like many of us experienced up North, then you must take a detour from "Nostalgia Road" with its glistening snow to the warm "off white," light brown sand on our nearby beaches. The weather is excellent for having a picnic or stroll at the beach, or even better, at Seminole City Park. There is nothing so satisfying as calling up friends in other places and casually mentioning that instead of being huddled by the fireplace, we are outside enjoying the sunshine. There is certainly a lot to do right here in our own community during the holidays, including:

**Dec. 7, 4 pm. to 8 pm.** - An after hours social at Barnhorn Financial, 8383 Seminole Blvd., Suite C., hosted by Councilor Thom and Rayma Barnhorn. They always have a delicious spread. Please RSVP to 623-9955.

**Dec. 9, 6:30 pm.** - Bright Before Your Eyes illuminated night parade. We are anticipating 10,000 spectators to watch our parade of about 60 entries. Special thanks to our sponsors Adamo & Associates, Alexander Chiropractic & Physical Therapy and MedExpress.

**Dec. 14, 5 pm. to 7 pm.** - The Seminole Chamber's holiday open house. We know how to throw a party! Come one, come all!

**Dec. 14, 5:30 pm. to 9 pm.** - Winterfest, sponsored by the City, at the Seminole Recreation Dept. There will be carolers, snow slide, crafts and hayrides

**Dec. 15, 6 pm. until ??** - Holiday party at the residence of Martha Mohn. This also is her birthday, so be sure to send her 88 greetings.

If you don't like to cook, but love to eat during the holidays, there are numerous restaurants and caterers, who belong to the Chamber and would appreciate your business with them, also a few decorators who can help you out with party planning. This is a season of celebrating, but more importantly giving. The City and various organizations have sponsored non perishable food items/canned good drives for needy families and several of our Chamber members are collecting, such as Yoga 4 All, Allen Sports Center and Seminole Junior Woman's Club. Help them out with a donation, if you can; it feels good to give to those less fortunate.

*Gretchen Wells*



**Roger Edelman  
Chamber President**

As I walk the community and visit businesses, in and around, the Seminole area, I am struck with the notion that while many are doing quite well, in a less than prosperous economy, others are facing serious sales, marketing and financial difficulties.

People get into a business for a variety of reasons, to be their own boss, make their own decisions, make more money, or just to have a place to call their own.

Whatever the reason, many enter the world of small business ownership less than prepared for what they will face, and far too often, fail to achieve the success they expected.

Having come from corporate America, and then starting and running my own small business, I can attest to, and appreciate, their problems and concerns.

During the next year, the Chamber will be offering to our members, as well as the entire community, a variety of seminars and courses on key business-related topics, taught by local business leaders, designed to help owners and managers deal with today's ever-changing environment and market conditions.

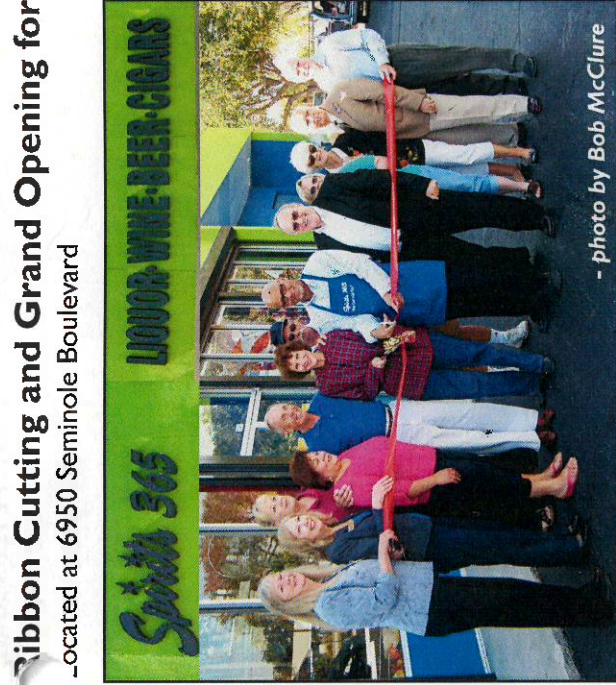
Please watch for the announced times, dates and topics, or simply contact the Chamber, so you are sure to take advantage of this opportunity to create a better business future for yourself.

*Roger Edelman*

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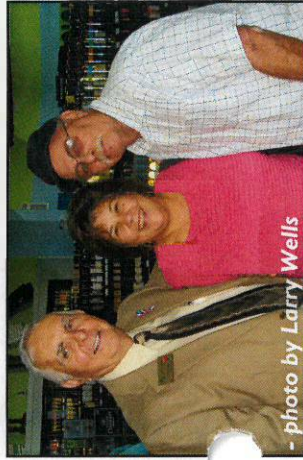
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**Luncheon program  
covers topics of interest  
to business women**

Guest presenters at the recent Seminole Chamber Women's Leadership Council shared important information to fellow business women on: Linda Goldfarb, LSG Consulting Services-"Getting Organized For 2013"; Jennifer Brown, Financial Advisor-Edward Jones-"Smart Year-End Financial Moves"; Atty. Jacquelyn Shannon-"Preventing Against Identity Theft;" and Pastor Mary Haley, Connect2Christ Church, "Dealing With Difficult People." The group meets monthly at the Chamber office; the next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 13, 8 am.



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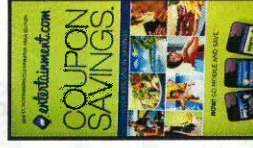


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