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**Women's
Leadership Council
Monthly Mtg.**

**Thursday, March 27
8 am.**

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Fred Zinda Receives Mr. Seminole Award for 2014

The "Seminole Stars Spectacular" (Mr./Ms. Seminole Banquet) was a success, thanks to Ken Burke, Master of Ceremonies, Chamber staff and committee! Our congratulations to the winners: Mr. Seminole - Fred Zinda of Joto's Pizza (pictured with wife Carol); Business of the Year - Lisa & Dwayne Snodgrass, Seminole Goodyear Tire; Boss of the Year - Marianne Fisher, Oakhurst Medical Center and East Bay Medical Clinic; and Merit Award winner - Jean Campbell, Campbell's Tutorial. The event took place March 1 at the Holiday Inn Harbourside's Key West Center, which proved to be an elegant venue for "Puttin' on the Ritz" decor that included "top hat" table decorations. The "red carpet" was rolled out for 120 attendees, who had their photos taken under a balloon arch. Entertainment was by Roger Kraft. Special guests were 17 of the former Mr./Ms. Seminole.

Boss of the Year



Marianne Fisher,
Oakhurst Medical
Center and East Bay
Medical Clinic
with Victor Adamo
presenter

Business of the Year



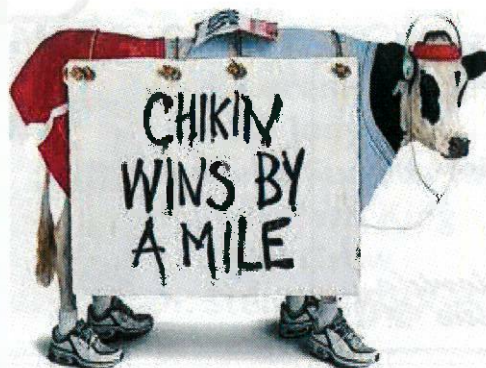
Dwayne & Lisa
Snodgrass
Seminole Goodyear
Tire

Merit Award



Jean Campbell,
Campbell's Tutorial
with husband Dave

STAMPEDE UPDATE



Chick-fil-e of Seminole Plaza, has issued a challenge to students, their parents and grandparents, and faculty: the school with the most participation at the Seminole Stampede 5k, 1 mile run, will earn a party! **Entry forms are included in this newsletter.** Be sure to sign up ASAP (write the school's name on the form) and remember to thank our sponsors!

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Gretchen's Gatherings Chamber Chief of Operations

We love these community events!

How do you solidify relationships among city, chamber, civic organizations, residents and visitors, and have a great time?

You stage the Seminole Pow Wow parade & festival, and then 2 weeks later, the Seminole Stampede 5k and 1 mile run! With these activities, everyone in the community has the opportunity to come together and be involved as a volunteer, participant, spectator or sponsor.

March is the perfect month for these wholesome family-oriented events, since the weather is great, and our snowbirds are here - the more, the merrier, as we say. We really do have a good time at the Seminole Stampede.

Join us and experience it for yourself! There is a group of running regulars, like Peggy McAvaddy and Carol Huston, who have been with us since the first of our 21 years. It's really great to see them, along with about 300 others, at the start line, getting ready to beat their own best times. The certified course at Walsingham Park is probably the most picturesque in the county. There are check points to keep people hydrated (and going in the right direction) and the race is professionally timed with chips.

If you like to walk, the 1 mile offers just the right amount of exercise. Everyone is a winner, and hopefully, everyone will stay for the "awards ceremony" afterward, when medals and trophies are presented in the various categories. See you there!

Gretchen Wells

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Roger Edelman Chamber President

Over the past several years your Seminole Chamber of Commerce has worked to stabilize and increase its membership base and to bring new awareness and programs to the Seminole business community.

With the help of the Board and local businesses, we recently completed the most successful membership drive in the Chamber's history, adding 90 new members over a 30-day period from the city and the greater Seminole area.

This accomplishment is a testament to how the Chamber is now perceived within the community, and it is our belief that the strength of the business community is measured by the progress we all make in developing and carrying forward progressive thinking programs and plans for the future.

We are excited by what is happening within our Chamber and our community. During the next several years we are going to see Seminole change dramatically and become a much more vibrant and highly visible area.

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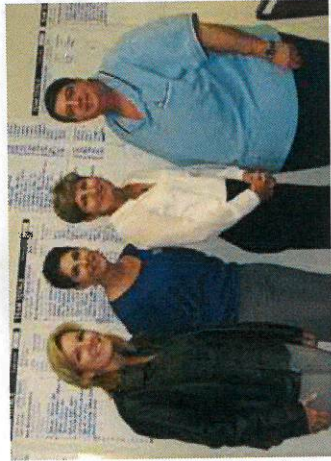
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Lorie Whitney

The Membership Drive brought in 89 new members! The teams worked really hard and we extend to them our heartfelt thanks! We also planted some seeds with prospects, who will no doubt join in the near future. We are totally committed to our Seminole business community and will continue our mission to offer businesses & organizations ways to prosper and pay it forward.



Team "Victory," that included Victor Adamo, Sandy Hartmann, Kadi Tubbs and Cyndi Bond brought in the most members.



Special prizes were awarded to the runners up, Vanilla Gorilla (Dr. Olliver's team) and Starbursts (Laverne Welch's team).



Victor Adamo has a special place for the big screen TV he won!

Mr./Ms. Seminole Banquet: Special Thanks to

Holiday Inn Harbourside

Seminole Garden Florist & Party Store
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Hottin's Trophies & Awards
Pieczonka Trophy of Florida

Angela Zazzaro & Steve Zazzaro ~ Golden Angel Photography

Music by Roger Kraft

Mr./Ms. Seminole Committee:

Bob & Lorena Castles
John & Judy Elias
Dr. Claude & Sue McMullen
Paul & Patti King
Phil Crow
Dr. Stephen Nickse

Introducing New Members

From The February Membership Drive

- A Peeling Concepts
 Aldersgate United Methodist Church
 Allied Auto Sales, Inc.
 Amerispec Home Inspection Services
 Angry Pepper Tap House
 Angry Pepper Waterside Grill
 Anona United Methodist Church, Inc.
 Assure Appraisal
 Bardmoor Elementary
 Beth Ann Ackerman, Inc.
 Career Academies of Seminole
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 Limelight Home Staging
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 Lorie Whitney
 Maria's Silver Spoon
 Marker Graphics
 Mary Butler Real Estate Broker Assoc.
 Mary Larmore
 Massage & Wellness Spa
 Melody Hunter, Realtor
 Minuteman Press
 New Outlook Home Staging
 Orange Grove Elementary
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 Patricia Collins, LLC
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Ribbon Cutting & Mixer

Thursday, Mar. 20 ~ 5 - 7 pm.

Injury Health Center

Drs. Clearwater & Tilka

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Special guest: former Sen. Dennis Jones

March Workshop!

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Acupuncture, But were Afraid To Ask

Thursday, Mar. 28 ~ 12 - 1pm.

If you would like to learn more about the benefits of Acupuncture, please join us for a demonstration and workshop here at the Chamber on March 28. Refreshments will be served.

Hosted by: Cate Bransfield, Relief at Hand, LLC



Women's Leadership Council

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Chamber Conference Center

A Spring Fling With Lots of Wings!

Join us at Barnhorn Financial, **Thursday, March 13, from 5 to 7 pm.**, for a special business after hours celebration of **SPRING!** There will be music, drinks & great food. Come on out and mingle with your fellow Chamber members at 8383 Seminole Blvd. (727) 623-9955

SAVE THE DATE!

IT'S ALL ABOUT TEACHERS & KIDS!

Tribute to Teachers Breakfast **Kid's Appreciation Day!**

Tue., May 6, 2014

Registration/Breakfast

begins at 7:00 am.

Awards Program starts at 7:30 am.

A well deserved recognition for our local teachers.

Wed., June 4, 2014

3 pm. - 5:30 pm.

A special celebratory event, honoring local elementary students within our community, on their last day of school.

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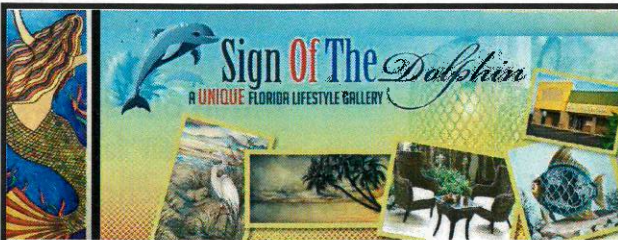
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