

SEMINOLE CHAMBER CHATTER

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Upcoming Events/MAY 2009

Fri. 8 & Sat. 9 Multi-chamber expo at Seminole Mall 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun. 10 Happy Mother's Day!

Tues 12 City Council, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Wed 13 Business Education Workshop
SPC Seminole campus, 7:30 a.m.
TLC Building, Rm. 108

Wed 20 Chamber Board Meeting,
7:30 a.m. Chamber Office

Thurs 21 Chamber Luncheon
11:30 a.m. Banquet Masters

Mon 25 Memorial Day - Chamber Office Closed

Tues 26 City Council, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Wed 27 Business Education Workshop
SPC Seminole campus, 7:30 a.m.

June 2 Kids Appreciation Day 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Seminole City Park - Last day of school party



5K Results

To check your race results from the 5k Stampede, please go to www.coolrunning.com/results

Community Event:

Taste of Seminole, Saturday, May 2, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Treasure Island Fun Center, 7770 Seminole Blvd.

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Winners all, at Seminole Stampede!



1-mile contestants are off and running at the 16th Annual Seminole Stampede April 11 at Walsingham Park.

State Attorney to be Luncheon Speaker

Bernie McCabe, Pinellas/Pasco State Attorney, will be the guest speaker at the Seminole Chamber's monthly luncheon Thursday, May 21, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. N.

Advance payment (\$12 per person) reservation is appreciated. Please use the form provided with this newsletter, or call the Chamber at 392-3245.

Bernie was elected State Attorney in September, 1992 and has been an Assistant State Attorney since 1972. From 1972 through September, 1992, he has held the positions of Chief Assistant State Attorney, Executive Assistant State Attorney, and Division Director in St. Petersburg and in Pasco County. The Office of the State Attorney handles over 45,000 cases per year, including felonies and misdemeanors. The jurisdiction of the Sixth Judicial Circuit covers both Pinellas and Pasco Counties with a total population of well over 1 million residents.



Spring Fling At Seminole Mall

Multi-Chamber Expo

Friday & Saturday May 8 & 9

Both days 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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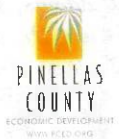
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Themes: Mother's Day, Memorial Day

Summer Parties/Weddings



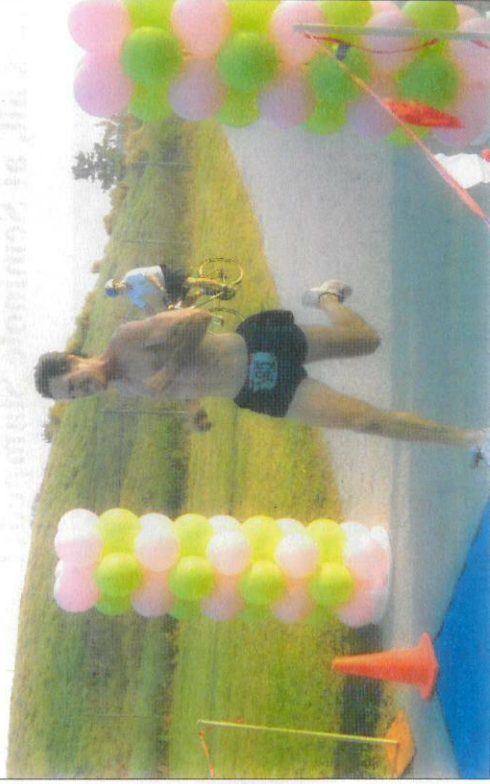
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Dear Seminole Stampede Committee:

Thank You for the wonderful race/Easter event on (April 11) Sat!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Man, that was a great race course! And a beautiful Park!!! Everyone and all the volunteers were Great!!!!!! My award was beautiful!!!!!! I am sorry I could not stay for the awards ceremony, I had a sister visiting up in Ocala and had to be there at 11 am.

I ran the race 6 years ago it was a little short ...but, this years course was Outstanding! I really enjoyed finishing the last mile around the backside of that beautiful lake. What a senic course! I just wanted to say Thank You for a WONDERFUL Event!

Mickey Hooke , Bradenton (Overall Winner 2009)
Pictured crossing the 5k finish line, time: 17:29



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Jimmy's Gem: Rick Mullins



When the Seminole Chamber needed help, Jimmy Johnson knew who to call. Rick Mullins, owner of Rick's Lawn & Home Care and a longtime Chamber member, graciously gave his time and muscle power to deliver to several customers used office furniture donated by Colonial Bank (Paul Ziegler). The proceeds from the furniture sale were donated by Paul to the Chamber. In fact, Rick had so much fun lifting chairs and desks that he made add "moving/delivery" services to his business.

Welcome New Seminole Chamber Member!

Chris Jones, of CJ's Pool Services and Supplies, displays his Seminole Chamber membership plaque. Chris works out of his home at 12551 Ridge Rd. in Seminole. He can be reached at (727)224-1679
 e-mail: cjspoolservice@gmail.com
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Sign Up Now For Inter-Chamber Golf League

Chamber members join us at Seminole Lake Country Club on Monday, May 4, for our Inter-Chamber Golf League. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 5:30 p.m. The league will run for 20 weeks, with a season-ending tournament and dinner on Saturday, Sept. 26. The fee is \$18 per week (tax included) with \$1 per person/per week being donated back to each golfer's Chamber of Commerce. To

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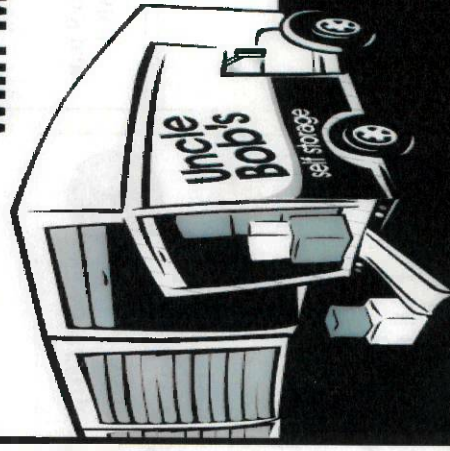
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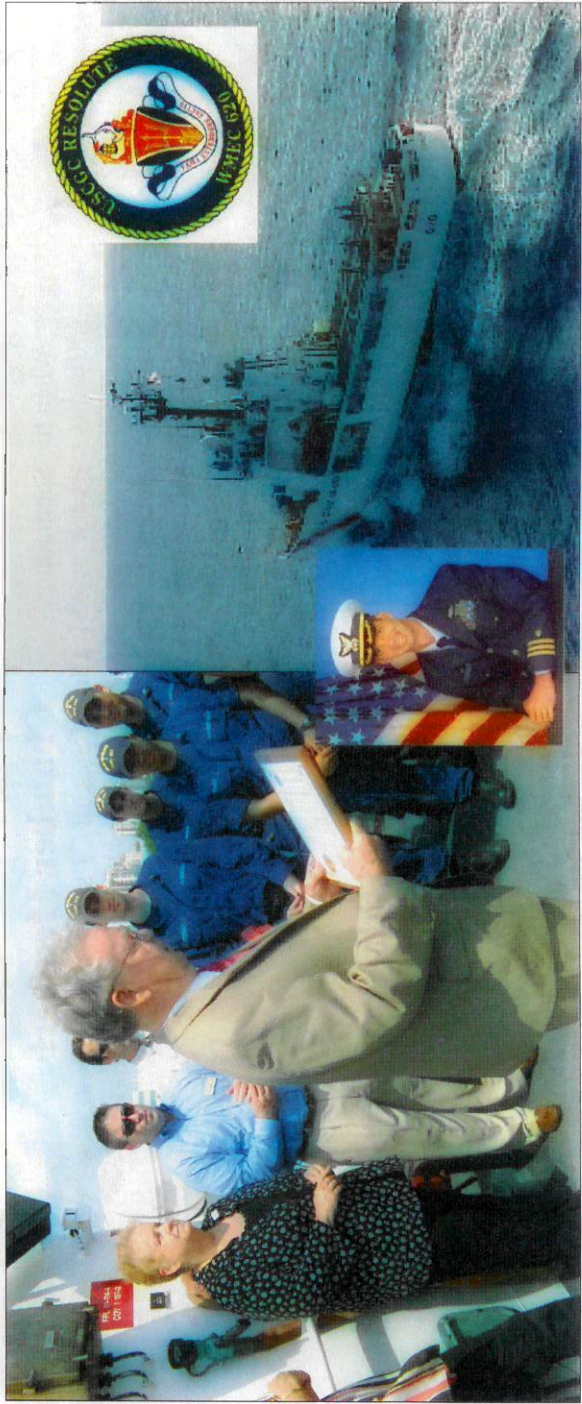
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The Seminole Chamber of Commerce added a project in April that promises to be a milestone event for us and something all Chamber members can take pride in. On April 1 we 'adopted' the US Coast Guard Cutter Resolute and its crew and we awarded DC2 Marshall Douglas the Sailor of the Year award from our Chamber. The "all hands on deck" ceremony staged in front of its crew of 75 (docked in St. Petersburg) was inspiring and we now have publicly expressed our admiration and support to not just Commander Nathan Moore and crew of the Resolute. This symbolically states our appreciation for the men, women and families in our community touched by the military. Without them our businesses could not safely operate in this world.

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Chamber President's Column By Paul Ziegler

Everyone Start Your Engines!

Ah, the month of May has finally arrived and it is time for the 98th running of the Indy 500. This American tradition has changed and evolved over the years, to some extent diminished by the rise of NASCAR Sprint Cup racing, but still a strong contender for our attention every Memorial Day weekend. The fact that it is still around is a bit amazing, demonstrating that the core idea it is based on is as solid as ever - men (and women) are continually striving for better, faster, more efficient and more reliable contraptions - these just happen to be race cars.

Well, like the Indy 500, the Seminole Chamber of Commerce has certainly started its engine and is ready to race! We have revamped and returned many things over the past several months that will make us a better performing Chamber for our members. About the time you read this we will be unveiling our new web site. The first publishing will be a prototype with much of the community and business information yet to come. We will be soliciting comments from all of you.

We are also launching a membership drive this month to increase the number of businesses participating in our grand network. The goal is to grow to 400 members within a year so we can carry on bigger and better events in the future. Also, some of you have asked for more mixers - we are about to fill your request. You can find them on the new web site.

We have revamped your Chamber by the successful completion of the Seminole Stampede that was bigger than ever, enhanced by the First Baptist Church of Seminole's Easter Egg Hunt and Tribute to Teachers was a wonderful partnership with Jean Campbell and her volunteers working with Dr. Jim Olliver and several Chamber members and staff to make this year's Tribute the best and most memorable.

We didn't stop there. We added a project in April that promises to be a milestone event for us and something all Chamber members can take pride in. On April 1st we 'adopted' the US Coast Guard Cutter Resolute and its crew and we awarded DC2 Marshall Douglas the Sailor of the Year award from our Chamber. Check out our web site for more on this project.

We also had over half of the Chamber Board of Directors attend a budget hearing meeting at Osceola High School to personally meet with several County Commissioners to explain why the Business Assistance Partnership is vital to, among other things, keeping small businesses in business. We were joined by other Chambers of Commerce in the area, most notably Pinellas Park./Gateway. Speaking of good partnering opportunities, we just partnered with Pinellas Park to have a joint mixer at John's Pass April 16 and our Chamber is working diligently with theirs to have a multi-chamber expo on May 8 & 9 at Seminole Mall.

So if you like to go fast and perform at your best, get involved by climbing aboard and joining in with the Chamber events and learning activities. The pace is fast, but you will be pleased by what you will accomplish for yourself and your business. I hope we can help you Start Your Engine!

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Tribute To Teachers Annual Breakfast, an Opportunity to Say "Thank You"

One teacher, representing each of the 19 schools in the Seminole area, was recognized at the annual Tribute to Teachers Breakfast, along with their school administrator. The event, sponsored by the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and Tribute to Teachers Committee, took place April 23 at Seminole Middle School, and was an opportunity for the business community to say thank you. This year's Master of Ceremonies was Clerk of Courts Ken Burke, local student Meagan Gillespie was the guest speaker, and there was musical entertainment by Seminole High School music students.

This year's honorees were: Bardmoor Elementary, Marilyn Haniak; Bauder Elementary, Angela Robbins; Bay Pines Lutheran, Sarah (Underwood) Boehme; Blessed Sacrament, Linda Susens; Indian Rocks Christian School, Terri Lynn Affleck; Keswick Christian School, Sarah Ibs; Madeira Beach Elementary, Diana Calhoun; Madeira Beach Middle School, Dave Taglirini; Oakhurst Elementary, Laurel Waters; Orange Grove Elementary, Martha Gusk; Osceola High School, Ernie Wahlen; Osceola Middle School, Gerald Popjoy; PARC, Michele Hill; Seminole Elementary, Peggy Neal; Seminole High School, Susan Wolodkowitz; Seminole Middle School, Brooke Schwartz; Seminole Vo Ed Center, John Veenstra; St. Petersburg College, Faride Trujillo; Starkey Elementary, Robert Franck.



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Learn & Have Fun! Seminole Chamber of Commerce Business Education Workshop Programs Ahead

Meetings of the Seminole Chamber's Business Education Workshops are on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 a.m., St. Petersburg College, Seminole, 11C Building, Room 108.

May 13: Traci Cleary, Traci, owner of Connections Point Coaching, holds a Bachelor in Education and both a Masters and a Specialist degree in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Florida. She is a Certified Professional Coach and a Nationally Certified Counselor. She is an adjunct instructor at both St. Petersburg College and Hillsborough Community Colleges' Corporate Training Departments.

Traci has 15-years of work experience in varied career background involving teaching, consulting, coaching, training, managing and speaking. Today she uses her expertise in these different areas to coach, train and consult with clients on how to choreograph goal-oriented movement in their lives and businesses by utilizing five proven strategies.

May 27: Kevin Smith: **Time Management.** Back by popular demand, entrepreneur Kevin Smith is a business coach, and well-versed in sales and marketing.

The Business Education Workshop is an opportunity to exchange business cards that will produce leads, but foremost a workshop to facilitate learning.

Participation is one of many intangible benefits of being a Chamber member. Enjoy the free coffee, camaraderie and fun!



It's All About the Kids!!

Donations Requested

Kids Appreciation Day is Tuesday, June 2, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is the last day of school for most elementary school students and time for a giant party at Seminole City Park! There will be games, fun, food and the chance to win prizes. Each child will receive one raffle ticket and a food/drink ticket. This is a community event and the Seminole Chamber is asking for your donations. Last year close to 2,000 children attended this event and more than 100 businesses participated as sponsors. Toys for prizes, or checks to buy prizes, are appreciated. Please make checks payable to the Seminole Chamber.

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