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Upcoming Events

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FOR THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES, PLEASE SEE OUR ENCLOSED CALENDAR INSERT

Chamber Newsletter To Go Green!

The Seminole "Chamber Chatter" newsletter is transitioning to an electronic format. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address for delivery in the near future.

We feel this approach will be more environmentally friendly and reduce printing/mail out costs significantly. There will continue to be advertising opportunities that will enable us to promote member businesses through the electronic newsletter.

As we work through the transition we will appreciate your patience and feedback!

You will find abbreviated articles on this newsletter cover. More information is contained on our web site: www.seminolechamber.net

Go to the Membership section (on the Home Page) click on Your Chamber At Work

Items include:

- *Chamber President's column
- *Sheriff Jim Coats is Guest Speaker Sept. 17 at Chamber Luncheon - location, Banquet Masters
- *Business Education Workshop Sept.9 & Sept.23
- *Practical Entrepreneurship Aug. 26 – Dec. 16
- *Ribbon Cutting PARC Senior Center
- *Multi-Chamber Expo Nov. 20 & Nov. 21
- *Hurricane Disaster Preparedness for Businesses
- *Jimmy's Gem: Diane VanDiver, Freedom Square Retirement Community
- *Seminole Chamber Golf Tournament

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Notary Services Available

Play Golf with the Seminole Chamber Oct. 22

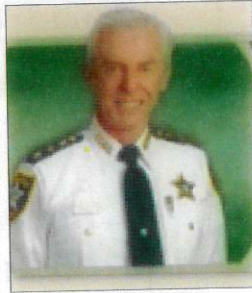
The "Best Business Deals" are made on the golf course ... Seminole Lake Country Club, that is. The Seminole Chamber of Commerce invites all to participate in our annual golf tournament Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6100 Augusta Blvd. N., Seminole, FL. Sponsors, players and volunteers are needed.

There will be a cookout by the Seminole Professional Firefighters #2896 beginning at noon. Shot gun start is at 1 p.m. Dinner at approximately 6 p.m.

If you know your game and can hit a hole-in-one, you could walk away with \$10,000! The top three teams with the best scores will receive gift certificates to local restaurants, and there will be chances to win many nice door prizes.

Hole Signs: \$50 each or \$100 for 3. More advertising opportunities on our web site. For information, call the Chamber office at 392-3245.

Sheriff to Speak at Sept. 17 Chamber Luncheon



Seminole has a safe community, low crime reputation. What measures are in place to keep it that way? An "arresting" speaker, Sheriff Jim Coats will give us an update on the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department at the Chamber's Power Luncheon Thursday, Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m. at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. N. Reservations and pre-payment (\$12 per person) are requested. For information, please call the Chamber at (727)392-3245.

Making the Chamber Web Site Work for You Workshops Scheduled for Sept. 15, Sept. 29

If you've got the questions, we've got the answers ... We recently discovered that a number of our Seminole Chamber Members are not utilizing their listing on our Chamber web site. The web site directory affords you the opportunity to update your membership profile and add a photo or logo.

Your web listing is an opportunity for customers to do business with you after hours, or anytime. We invite you to learn how to maximize the web site at two workshops to be presented on Tuesday evenings, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29. Both dates from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, in the Technology Learning Center, Room 108. To make a reservation, contact the Chamber office at 392-3245.

Multi-Chamber Expo: Nov. 20 & Nov. 21

A \$50 vendor's admission charge secures your spot in the Seminole Chamber-sponsored Business Expo at Seminole Mall on Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.


To register, contact: gretchenc@myseminolechamber.com

Added Bonus: Sign up now for a seminar, "How to Make the Most of Your Trade Show Experience" by Exhibit Display Systems, Int'l. A \$5 charge covers the cost of refreshments

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School Supplies for Needy Children Distributed to 6 Seminole Area Schools

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Seminole Mall Merchants Association to collect Back to School Supplies for children in need at 6 Seminole Schools. There were collection boxes at the Seminole Mall office and RBC Centura Bank at Seminole Mall. Additional locations were the UPS Store and Curves for Women across from Seminole Mall, and Seminole City Hall. In spite of tough economic times, the community was quite generous. All donations, large and small, were appreciated, and by the first day of school, delivered to Bauder, Bardmoor, Orange Grove, Starkey, Madeira Beach and Seminole Elementary schools. Supplies were distributed by school administrators.

Welcome New Chamber Members!

Congratulations to new Seminole Chamber members who received membership plaques at the Aug. 20 Power Luncheon:



New Member
Christine Jones,
Hummel Tire & Auto

From left are Jim Armstrong Armstrong Dermatology; Peggy Watrous and Dean Gunter, E. James Reese Funeral Home & Crematory; Morris Haas, Seminole Mall Office Center; and Jennifer Diedrich, Reese Funeral Home; Ginny Meranda, Grow Financial Federal Credit Union, with President Paul Ziegler. Not in attendance: Eric Conti, Eric Conti Advertising; Christine Jones, Hummel Tire & Auto; Nick DiCegle, Solar Sanitation; Vikas Ghiya & Merrilee Severino,

Jimmy's Gem: Diane VanDiver

Special thanks to Diane VanDiver of Freedom Square Retirement Community, who made arrangements for the school supply collections at Seminole Mall as part of the "First Friday" vendor expo. Diane is an advocate of the Chamber's Golf Tournament, volunteering the day of the event and even setting up a "silent auction." Diane has helped collate the Chamber newsletter and other Chamber mailings.



Extra! Extra! Read All About It

President Paul Ziegler is in the process of forming a new Economic Development Committee. Read all about it in his "President's Column" online www.seminolechamber.net

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 tammyb@myseminolechamber.com or call her: 392-3245.