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FOURTEEN NOMINEES

SELECTED FOR CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2005-2006

The Nominating Committee of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce has nominated fourteen individuals, of which seven will serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors beginning October 1. Along with the annual survey, a ballot is being mailed to the membership to select seven of the fourteen nominees. This process of electing directors has been in place seven years.

The Nominating Committee this year consisted of the current officers and at large, Vicki Sorrell, Martin Heines and Mike Ballew.

The fourteen nominees are: Mike Ballew, East Texas Council

Boy Scouts of America, Sheila Billingsley, KLTV, Larry Bolton, Austin Bank, Gail Evans, Carrier Corp., Paula Fambrough, KLTV, Anwar Khalifa, Pyramid Homes, Eleno Licea, Southside Bank, Mark McDaniel, City of Tyler, Skip Ogle, Cox Communications, Tony Orlovski, Tyler Pipe, Venu Rao, Trinity Mother Frances Health System, Vicki Sorrell, Edward Jones, John Soules, Jr., John Soules Foods, and Ed Wallace, Wallace & Wallace Real Estate.

The newly-elected directors will be introduced at the October Board meeting.



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EAST TEXAS COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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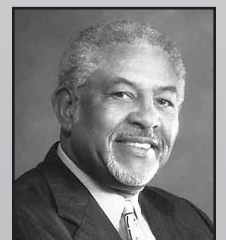
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Chairman's Message

As many settle in for the lazy days of summer, we reflect on the hard work being done in our community. Many collaborative efforts are in the works that are resulting in great progress.

Mike Thomas continues to make presentations of the final Vision 2010 plan to area groups where he is gathering input and endorsements by numerous local organizations.

The Regional Mobility Authority, with combined leadership from residents of Smith and Gregg counties, continues to make great strides regarding transportation needs that will benefit our entire region.

The South Broadway road construction is underway! The end result of this short term painful situation will be safer roads and greater movement of our ever-increasing traffic. We are thankful to TxDOT for their hard work to keep our traffic moving.

Special thanks to our legislators who recently cleared the way for UT Health Center to grant new degrees. The partnerships that UT Tyler and UT Health Center have formed on a variety of projects impact our community in many ways. Did you know that Tyler is one of only three cities in Texas with 2 UT institutions? The other 2 are Dallas and San Antonio!

We are so lucky that our community has the talent, tools, and resources to make great strides in promoting Tyler and Smith County's growth and progress. Your part in these efforts is critical as you add your own unique talents to the process. These are all collaborative efforts and we are all partners.

Looking forward to a busy Fall ---have a great finish to your summer!

Jeff Austin III

NEW TEACHERS LUNCHEON TO BE SCHEDULED

New Teachers in the Smith County area will be recognized by the Education / Human Resources Committee at a luncheon to be held before the start of the 2005-2006 school year. Watch your mail for specific details regarding the date and location. Sponsors include Allen Samuels East Texas Dodge, Cox Communications and Brookshire Grocery Company.

This is an annual event held to recognize the importance of education and

the teacher in the classroom. New teachers are introduced to the Tyler business community in order to promote the teachers' awareness of Tyler and the business community's strong support of education. The New Teachers Luncheon Committee is chaired by Kim Tunnell of TISD. Tickets to the luncheon are \$15.00 each and may be obtained by calling the Chamber, 903-592-1661. Chamber members are encouraged to sponsor a ticket for a new teacher as well.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL W.C. WINDSOR AWARD

Recommendations for the annual W. C. Windsor Award are now being received by the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber offices, 315 N. Broadway. These forms have also been mailed to civic leaders throughout the community for their recommendations. Deadline for the receipt of nominations is 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 12, 2005.

The award is made to a young person, between the ages of 21 and 40, who is a resident of Tyler, and who has exhibited the "greatest activity and

achievement in community betterment." Jeff Austin III, Chairman of the Board of the Chamber, said the Award, established in 1952 by the late Tyler civic leader, W.C. Windsor, was founded to encourage development of young leadership in the community. Selection will be accomplished by a committee of outstanding community leaders appointed by the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. The award will be presented at the Chamber's annual meeting on October 4, 2005, along with the T.B. Butler Award, the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Business of the Year Awards.

DON'T MISS THE SENIOR HEALTH AND LIVING EXPO!

The TACC Senior Resources Committee has planned an area-wide event for Tuesday, September 15, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Harvey Convention Center. The 2005 Senior Health Expo will feature:

- Entertainment**
- Free Health Screenings**
- Exhibitor Booths**
- Complimentary Lunch**

The Clairmont, East Texas Medical Center, Eye Care Associates, and The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler have made plans to provide valuable health screenings. Sponsors for this year's Expo include

East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System, Trinity Mother Frances Health System, University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, Eye Care Associates, Legacy Hospice, Dr. David K. Fletcher / The Back to Balance Center, Atria Retirement and Assisted Living, Heritage Home Health, The Clairmont, Park Place Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, and American Express Financial Advisors / Gibson, Vasso & Associates.

This is your opportunity to participate. There are a limited number of exhibitor booths and you are urged to call as soon as possible. Please call Monica Tynes at 903-596- 0106 or Henry Bell at 903-592-1018 to reserve a booth.

This is a great opportunity to network with seniors in our community!

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**Nancy Brown
Larson**

APRIL

Contactors of the month for April, Nancy is a second year member of the Contact Club. She has been a member of the Chamber since 1983 where she

has served on numerous committees including the Tyler Economic Development Committee Tax Abatement Board. Nancy was a member of Leadership Tyler Class II as well as a graduate of Leadership Texas. She has served on the boards and as president of the Regional East Texas Food Bank and the Smith County Appraisal Review Board. She is a Broker Agent for Omni Real Estate and is a member of Grace Community Church.



Don Skylar
MAY

A voice you often hear on the radio, Don is in sales for Gleiser Communications – radio stations KTBB and KDOK, and has been a

member of the Contact Club for two years. He is no stranger to community activities, having served in Daytona Beach, Florida, as President of the Daytona Beach Advertising Federation and as "Professor Greenhouse", the TV spokesperson for the county recycling program. He has also been the recipient of numerous "Addy" awards. Don and his wife Lilly have 2 grown children.



**Micheal
Lavender**

JUNE

Contactors of the Month for June, Micheal is Assistant Vice President of Business Banking for Hibernia National

Bank. He is a graduate of Leadership Tyler, serves as a Loaned Executive for the United Way of Tyler/Smith County, and is a member of the Chamber Technology Committee. He has been a member of the Contact Club for two years. Micheal is married to Erin and they recently welcomed daughter Campbell to their family.

CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4, 2005

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce will be held October 4 at the Tyler Area Senior Citizens Center (TASCA). The annual meeting highlights the accomplishments of the Chamber's fiscal year ending September 30. There will be presentations of the Contact Club's Outstanding Production Awards, presentation of the T.B. Butler Award, the W.C. Windsor Award, the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award and the Business of the Year for large and small businesses.

The Butler Award is presented annually by the T.B. Butler Publishing Company to honor an outstanding Tyler citizen. The W.C. Windsor Award is presented in conjunction with the W.C. Windsor family to honor an outstanding Tyler citizen under the age of 36. Last year's T.B. Butler Award recipient was Anita Ray and the W.C. Windsor Award went to Jay

Ferguson. The Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented to the outstanding volunteer for the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Four individuals were selected during the year as Volunteer of the Quarter and, from those four, a Volunteer of the Year will be selected by the Volunteer of the Year Committee. Nomination forms for Business of the Year will be included in the Director ballot mailing.

The sponsors of this year's Annual Meeting are Hibernia Bank, Austin Bank, The Genecov Group, Southside Bank, Carrier Corporation, Cox Communications and Prothro, Wilhelmi and Company.

Members interested in purchasing tickets to this year's event may call the Chamber at 903-592-1661 ext 223.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19TH

Start working on your backswing and get ready for Monday September 19th. Chamber members will once again tee it up for the Ninth Annual TACC Membership Golf Tournament presented by Allen Samuels East Texas Dodge. The unique tournament will allow for members to meet

and network with other Chamber members and potential members. Sponsorships are available including a lunch, beverage, longest drive and hole sponsors. Information on the tournament will be mailed to the membership in August. For information call the Chamber at 903-592-1661.

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