

FOURTEEN SELECTED AS NOMINEES TO CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce has nominated fourteen individuals to 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 council officers, chairman, chair-elect and three at-large members not currently serving on the board.

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

The fourteen nominees are:

- June Cheatham**, EyeCare Associates
- Andy Guinn**, Cornerstone Brokerage, L.L.C.
- Michael Harrison**, Gibson, Greer & Associates, Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
- Claude Henry**, Texas Bank and Trust
- Charles Hill**, Oncor Electric Delivery
- Gene Keenon**, Republic Services / Allied Waste, Inc.
- Michael Lujan**, Mentoring Minds
- Brian McCabe**, Southside Bank
- Mike McClean**, Allen Samuels, East Texas Dodge, Ram, Chrysler, Jeep and Hyundai
- Chris Simons**, Kitchens Unique
- Richard Solomon**, Austin Bank Cumberland Park
- Jim Toman**, Jim Toman Insurance
- Brian Tuttle**, Steamatic of East Texas, Inc.
- Tony Wahl**, Texas Spine & Joint Hospital



Lynda York
Chairman
2010 - 2011

Chairman's Letter

Let me wish you a belated Happy Fourth of July. Hopefully your family and friends enjoyed a wonderful and safe Independence Day. I love this holiday celebration because none of the stress that comes with other favorite holidays is present. The 4th is celebrated with a relative ease that hot summer days call for... kids are out of school, moms and dads relax to the rhythm of a long awaited summer vacation... what's not to like?!

Speaking of July 4th, did you know that the Resolution of Independence was actually signed on July 2nd? So John Adams may have been wrong when he referenced July 2nd in lieu of the 4th in his letter home to his wife, Abigail, but boy was he on the mark about how future generations would celebrate. Here is what he wrote:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfire, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

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As I reflect on what the 4th means for me today, a couple of thoughts come to mind. The first is how fortunate I am to live in Tyler, Texas. It seems that every time I sit down to write something like this, that theme just keeps running through my mind.

Many of us just enjoyed a fireworks display (on the level of what Adams wrote about to Abigail) or maybe you attended the Wings Over Tyler Air Show. While we are enjoying this in all its splendor, young men and women are putting their lives on the line so that we can. We are so blessed to have the brave soldiers volunteer for that duty. It is so easy to take for granted.

Secondly, when Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence, he along with four others on the committee of five had a vision for what this country should be. Our Constitution ultimately laid out what those freedoms would look like. In my opinion, here in Tyler two hundred and thirty five years later, we are still living that dream. Yes, we have our problems, but our city is a model for limited government and a government for and by the people. It is sad to see the state of Detroit or Cleveland when that vision gets a little muddled. You may have read recently that 35% of all the jobs created in the United States over the last three years have been created in Texas. That is an amazing statistic. I believe if everyone knew what it is like to live here in Tyler, most of those jobs would be here.

I hope your 4th was very enjoyable and that you had a chance to spend some great time with family and friends. I think John Adams would be proud if he could see how we have lived up to his prophetic words... and we should all be thankful.

God Bless you and God Bless this Great Country of Ours.



EAST TEXAS KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

AUGUST 24, 2011

The sixth annual East Texas Kick-Off Luncheon will take place at the UT Tyler Ornelas Activity Center on Old Omen Road. The luncheon will be Wednesday, August 24th from 11:30 am-1:00 pm.

Forty high school and college football coaches have been invited to bring one football player along with them. The attending player will be given a \$250 scholarship to be used towards furthering their education.

The guest speaker will be Grant Teaff, Executive Director of the American Football Coaches Association and former Baylor Head Football Coach. Also a video presentation will highlight the upcoming 2011 football season. News commentator Bryan Houston will emcee for this event. For more information contact Cindy Smoak at csmoak@tylertexas.com.

Guest Speaker **Grant Teaff**

Executive Director of the American Football Coaches Association and former Baylor Head Football Coach.



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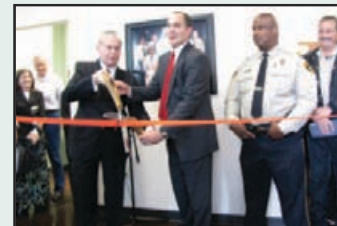
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Nicole Cox
April 2011

A first year member of the Contact Club, Nicole has earned her first Production Award. She works in marketing for Express Employment Professionals in Tyler and is active with Junior Achievement where she has worked on the Bowl-A-Thon. Nicole and her husband, Daniel, are the parents of Mackenzi and Coli.



B.J. Hornbostel
May 2011

A Lifetime Member of the Contact Club, B.J. has been an active member for more than 12 years and has earned 9 Production Awards. She has served the Chamber in leadership roles as Business Development Council Chairman as well as the Senior Resource Committee Chairman. B.J. is the East Texas Regional Manager of United Heritage Credit Union and is active on the Boards of numerous community organizations including Tyler Rotary where she is currently serving as President.

CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce will be held October 4 at the Harvey Convention Center. The annual meeting held each year highlights the accomplishments of the Chamber's fiscal year ending September 30. There will be presentations of the Contact Club's Outstanding Production Awards, 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 of the year. 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 Rev. Jerome Milton and the W.C. Windsor Award went to Nathaniel Moran.

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.

Members interested in sponsoring or purchasing tickets to this year's event may contact Heather Gatlin at hgatlin@tylertexas.com.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS ENCOURAGED

The Business of the Year Award recognizes those businesses and organizations that give so much to our community by actively supporting the mission of the Chamber, which is to enhance the business environment, the economic well-being, and quality of life for the Tyler area. These businesses and organizations are nominated by our chamber members.

The Chamber will recognize the Small Business of the Year (a business with 50 or fewer full time employees) and the Large Business of the Year (a business with more than 50 employees) at the annual meeting October 4th. Last year's Small Business of the Year was Janie's Cake and the Large Business of the Year was Brookshire Grocery Company.

Members are encouraged to nominate businesses. Applications are available by contacting Pam Grime at pgrime@tylertexas.com.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL W.C. WINDSOR AWARD

Nominations for the annual W.C. Windsor Award are now being accepted 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 5th, 2011.

The award recipient is 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."

Lynda York, Chairman of the Chamber Board, 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. This award will be presented at the Chamber's annual meeting on October 4th, 2011, along with the T.B. Butler Award, the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Business of the Year Award.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Start working on your backswing and get ready for Monday, September 12th. Chamber members will once again tee it up for the 14th Annual TACC Membership Golf Tournament.

The unique tournament will allow members to meet and network with other Chamber members and potential members.

Sponsorships are available. Information on the tournament will be mailed to the membership in August. For information contact Henry Bell at hbelle@tylertexas.com.

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