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Chamber to install new board members at banquet

The St. Tammany West Chamber will honor its 2011 volunteer leadership and kick off the new chamber year at its annual Installation & Awards Banquet on Thursday, January 12 at the Fleur de Lis Event Center in Mandeville.

Join us for an elegant evening where we will herald the achievements of the 2011 Community Leadership and Tammany Award winners during a premier video presentation. We will also install our incoming board of directors who have committed their time and expertise for the next three years to carrying out chamber programs designed to serve our small business community and maintain an atmosphere for commerce to occur in St. Tammany.

Taking a break from the usual meetings, issues forums, seminars and collaborative events with regional partners, business owners and employees will gather from 6:30-10:00 p.m. to enjoy an impressive menu prepared by Chef Jeff Hummell, trained under Chef Pat Gallagher and formerly of Boule Prime House among other popular restaurants in our area. Amid celebration, the evening will also feature silent and live auctions with an impressive array of items including rounds of golf, hotel stays, fine dining at select premier north shore restaurants, wine tastings, spa packages and much more. This important fundraiser supports the programs and initiatives that serve our member businesses.

And of course, our programs all year long could not take place without the generosity of sponsors. This year's Banquet sponsors so far include: Platinum level: Chevron; Auction sponsor: Humana; Gold level: Capital One Bank, Inside Northside Magazine and Silva Gurtner & Abney, LLC; Silver sponsor: Resource Bank.

Tickets cost \$60 per person. Dress is cocktail attire. For more information on this event, to purchase a ticket, or for information about joining our chamber in 2012 and being part of our dynamic membership rank, call 892-3216.

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