



Chamber Update

Don't miss B2B Networking this Friday!

B2B (Business to Business) Networking will take place this Friday, March 28 from 8-9 a.m. at the Chamber office. Formally titled Net Connect, this informal networking opportunity is an exclusive member benefit that allows business owners and representatives to promote and market their businesses in a small group setting. Seating is limited to the first 25 who RSVP.

East-West Business After Hours next week

A joint Business After Hours for the West and East Chambers of Commerce will be held on Thursday, April 3 from 5-7 p.m. at the Louisiana Medical Center & Heart Hospital located at 64030 Hwy. 434 in Lacombe.

Save the date for Business Roundtable in April

The next Business Roundtable will feature the home decorating and furniture industry and will take place at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 18 at the Chamber office. Come and share experienced perspectives on a range of topics affecting this industry, and benefit from the knowledge of your fellow professionals.

Reserve your space for EXPO '08!

EXPO '08, the region's largest business trade show, is set for Wednesday, May 7 at the Castine Center. Booths are selling FAST! Click links to the [Exhibitor](#) or [Sponsorship](#) Agreement. Call 892.3216, ext. 21 or email info@sttammanychamber.org for more information.

Visit our website to RSVP for any Chamber event:

<http://events.sttammanychamber.org>

Congratulations on your new website login

In response to our email broadcast last week regarding your user name and password on our website, over 200 of you logged into your account, changed your password, and/or updated your profile in the Members Only area. We hope you found this service useful, and encourage the rest of our members to take advantage of this feature.

Committee meetings this week

- Board of Directors, Tuesday, April 1

Spotlighting Our Small Business Members

This spotlight on small business is a new project of our Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC). Winners are drawn from business cards collected at Chamber events. The more Chamber events you attend, the greater your chance of being in the spotlight!

- It's the *new* New Orleans coffee tradition everyone's talking about: **Javaflow**—the patented combination bottled water and coffee dispenser that delivers fresh-brewed coffee, hot water, or cold water, on demand, with no waste and no fuss. Seeing is believing at www.javaflowllc.com or call 985.863.7792 for a free demonstration.

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

The Old Mandeville Business Association Day of Art, Heal & Soul is taking place this Saturday, March 29. The day begins at the Mandeville Trailhead at 9 a.m. in the meeting room with healing arts wellness presentations on topics such as yoga, massage, and bio-energetic work, as well as a cooking demonstration. Businesses and residences on Girod and Lafitte streets will have music or art displays at lunch and into the evening. There will also be a 4 p.m. 4K run, 4:05 p.m. kids run, and a 5 p.m. champagne stroll, all beginning at the Trailhead. Contact Linda Strickland for more information, 985.727.9665.

Sophisticated Woman's "Hats Off!" luncheon honoring their 12 Enterprising Women of 2007 and announcing the 2007 Enterprising Woman of the Year will be held Tuesday, April 1, 11:30 a.m., Beau Chene Country Club. A silent auction will take place during the lunch, with all proceeds benefiting the Children's Advocacy Center/Hope House. To make your reservation or to offer a silent auction item, call 985.893.7350 or register online at www.sophisticatedwomanmagazine.com.

The St. Tammany Parish Government and Southeastern Louisiana University at St. Tammany Center will sponsor a community blood drive with Ochsner Blood Bank on Wednesday, April 2 at the Ochsner Bloodmobile in the St. Tammany Center parking lot. Times are from 12-3 p.m. and 4-6:30 p.m. All donors will receive a Hornets Bloodbank t-shirt, blood type, mini physical, cholesterol test, and blood assurance package. Donors may also register to win a \$25 gas card. Donors are encouraged to eat a good dinner the night before you donate, and a healthy breakfast. Picture ID is required. Please help give the gift of life!

St. Tammany Parish Hospital's official campaign to become a tobacco-free organization will conclude with Kick Butts Day on Wednesday, April 2, on which all of its locations will go tobacco-free. Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers people to speak up and take action against tobacco use at more than 2,000 events from coast to coast. St. Tammany Parish Hospital Wellness Works wants to provide you with everything you need to host an event on this day. If

interested in a Kick Butts Day Kit, compliments of St. Tammany Parish Hospital, please contact Danielle Readeau at 985.871.6083 or 985.898.4581.

Find out about hundreds of new job opportunities at the Northshore Health Career Fair, taking place Thursday, April 17 from 1-4 p.m. at the Greater Covington Center. Meet with representatives from hospitals, home health agencies, ambulance services and other health-related organizations or learn about entry level training from health career training providers, including Delgado Community College, Sullivan Technical College, Charity School of Nursing, and Nunez Community College. For more information call 985.893.6205.