



Chamber Update

Mega Marketplace this Thursday!

Only a few seats are left for this Thursday's Mega Marketplace, taking place from 8-10 a.m. at Courtyard by Marriott. This popular event combines a one-on-one opportunity to network with 49 fellow attendees. Cost to participate is only \$10. One representative per business please. [Click here](#) to participate.

Work Construction Hosts Business After Hours

Business After Hours will be held Wednesday, March 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Work Construction, located at 3960 Florida Street in Mandeville, behind Rouses Supermarket by the Causeway off the Florida Street extension.

Legislative Update at March Luncheon

This month's luncheon will feature highlights of the regular legislative session delivered by Sen. Jack Donahue, Rep. John Schroder and our legislative advocate, Ginger Adam. It will be held Wednesday, March 26 at Holiday Inn in Covington. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the program at noon. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Please RSVP by Friday, March 19. [Click here](#).

Lunch 'N Learn - Time Management Skills for Success in Business

The first of the bi-monthly lunch time seminars sponsored by the Chamber's Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC) will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27 at the Southeastern Louisiana University Center on Koop Drive, Room 325.

Our speaker this month is Craig Marinello. Craig is a professional trainer and speaker for both Next Step Resources and The Referral Institute. He specializes in business training and has helped many companies with referral marketing 101, sales training, management skills, communication and behavior, time management, customer service, and leadership in the microwave generation. He is a very interactive speaker and promises that everyone in attendance will leave with at least one nugget of information that they can use in their business.

As this seminar is being underwritten by Gulf Coast Bank, there will not be a cost for participants. Advanced registration is required. Please [click here](#) to register.

B2B Networking set for March 28

The next B2B (Business to Business) Networking event is Friday, March 28 from 8-9 a.m. at the Chamber office. Formerly titled Net Connect, this informal networking opportunity is an exclusive member benefit which allows business owners and

representatives to promote and market their businesses in a small group setting. There is no cost to participate. Seating will be limited to the first 25 who RSVP. [Click here](#) to make your reservation.

Save the date! East-West Business After Hours

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.

The regular April Business After Hours is scheduled for April 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. It will be hosted by Zen-Noh Grain Corp. and CGB Enterprises at 1127 East Service Road, Hwy. 190 in Covington. Cost for members is \$5, \$10 for non-members.

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 start at \$425. Over half our booth space is already sold! [Click here](#) for an Exhibitor Agreement booth reservation form or sponsorship opportunities. Call 892.3216, ext. 21 or email info@sttammany.com for more information.

Committee meetings this week

- Ambassador's Council, March 12 from 8-9 a.m. at the Chamber office
- Communications Committee, March 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Chamber office
- Cultural Economy Committee, March 18 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Chamber office

Ribbon Cuttings

If your business has plans for expansion or if you know of a new business startup that wants to hold a Ribbon Cutting, contact info@sttammany.com. Celebrating a grand opening this week is:

Regions Bank
11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 13
69360 Highway 21
Covington
809.1812

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

The "Bayou State Livestrong Day" is searching for HOST locations across southeast Louisiana to take part in a nationwide Livestrong Day on May 13. Events include healthfair-style booths for a donation of \$10 or more to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, and candlelight vigils in churches that evening. For more information, please visit livestrong.org or contact Debbie Mormino at 985-892-5858.

Come take part in "Jazz on the Bayou" benefiting STARC and Easter Seals Louisiana from 3-7 p.m. on March 29 and 30 at the Slidell home of Ronnie and Gardner Kole.

Enjoy delicious food from premier chefs, music, dancing, and a silent and live auction. Tickets are \$100 each. For more information please call 504-524-5716 or visit www.jazzonthebayou.com.