



Chamber Update

September 14, 2010

Chamber now accepting Business Appreciation Award nominations

In an effort to recognize that local businesses contribute to our great north shore quality of life, the St. Tammany West Chamber is now accepting nominations for the Small Business Advisory Council's 10th Annual Business Appreciation Awards.

Nominations will be accepted for seven award categories:

Site to See - A business location that enhances the appearance of the community. One winner may be selected for Covington, Mandeville, Abita Springs, Madisonville and Folsom (five total).

All in the Family - An establishment that is a successful family-owned business.

EEIC - A company that Encourages Employee Involvement in the Community.

Service with a Smile - A company known for their outstanding customer service.

Out of the Gate Running - A business that has been in operation for less than three years and has positively contributed to the community.

Employee Training - A business that reinforces employees' continuing education.

High Tech - A business that is a leader in technological change.

All nominations must be received by Friday, October 19. [Click here](#) to download a nomination form. Awards will be presented at our luncheon taking place on November 17 at Benedict's Plantation.

Chamber Appreciation Week

This is a special week not only for our Chamber but for all

Our Chamber has joined thousands of other businesses and organizations nationwide that are now using social media to maximize communications efforts, allowing millions of people to interact with one another in a whole new way and ultimately changing the way we do business.

Don't forget to join our:
330+ "fans" on Facebook



and



160+ "followers" on Twitter

Chambers of Commerce in Louisiana. In 2005, the Louisiana Legislature declared the second full week in September annually, "Louisiana Chambers of Commerce Appreciation Week."

Our chamber is four-star accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a distinction achieved by less than one percent of all Chambers of Commerce in the U.S.A! Acting as the Voice of Business, we strive to encourage partnerships and coalitions to promote community and economic development.

During this Chamber recognition week, our board and staff extend to our members sincere appreciation for your loyalty and commitment that enables our organization to be strong and to accomplish the goals that you tell us are important through your feedback in our focus groups, surveys and one-on-one input to our ambassadors and staff.

Every week Chamber members send us information about events and positive stories about their businesses. [Click here to view Member Happenings.](#)

Chamber Event

Tuesday, September 21
SBAC Seminar @ SLU room 325, Koop Drive
Topic: Legal Aspects of Hiring & Firing
Speaker: Alex Peragine, Peragine & Lorio. LLC
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 22
Business After Hours @ **Capital One Bank**
3840 Highway 22, Mandeville
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29
Monthly Luncheon @ Tchefuncta Country Club
Come hear about the Northshore Rising Professionals and "St. Tammany - A Bicentennial Celebration".
The newly published Parish Bicentennial Books will be available for purchase at \$25 each.
Sponsor: **Netchex Online**
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m

[Click here](#) to make reservations for any Chamber event.