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Upcoming Events:

Membership Drive Kick-Off Breakfast

Tuesday, December 15th
 7:45 AM
Sponsored by Riverside National Bank and Atlanta Bread Company at Chamber Office

Young Professionals of Martin County Holiday Penthouse Party

Thursday, December 17th
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Sponsored by United Way of Martin County at 47 SW Osceola St., 3rd floor Downtown Stuart

Happy Holidays

From the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce Staff & Board of Directors

Shop Local... Shop With Chamber Members

Keep Chamber Membership Strong ... Join the Driving Force in 2010!

The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a membership drive for the first time in approximately 15 years. It is scheduled for the entire month of January 2010. We're conducting an "old fashion" contest. Simply, who ever brings in the most new members wins! The theme of the drive is "JOIN THE DRIVING FORCE IN 2010!"

We will have a multitude of prizes as incentives for volunteers to compete in selling new chamber memberships. Prizes will range from a vacation trip and advertising packages valued up to \$2000 to golf outings, dinners at local member restaurants and more.



Drive chairman Tony Barletta, Brightway Insurance (left) with fellow drive participants (front) Maureen Vaillancourt, Re/Max of Stuart; Florence Howe, Mr. Small Move; Peter Lashenka, Riverside Bank; (back) Leslie Haviland-Smith, Keiser University; Dan Hulén, Fifth Third Processing Solutions; Rebecca Mazza, David Lerner Associates, Inc.

We need your support! Please consider volunteering to participate. Business owners and employees are welcome to participate.

We will host a kick-off breakfast sponsored by Riverside National Bank and Atlanta Bread Company on December 15th at the chamber offices.

If you would like to volunteer or for additional information please contact Events Coordinator/Account Executive Jayme Uteschill at jaymeu@stuartmartinchamber.org or 772-287-1088 ext 111.

Thank you in advance for your support!



The Torch-South Worship Center officially opened its doors to South Florida on November 22, 2009 when it held its Grand Opening Celebration. The Torch-South is a spirit-filled church that emphasizes spiritual growth and becoming people that minister to others by using individual giftedness. Pastor Bryan Crawford and the Torch-South are members of the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce. There were nearly 100 people that attended the first service. Many enjoyed a day filled with worship, food, and rides for children after the service. The Torch-South Worship Center invites all to join them Sundays at 10:30am. They are located at 4175 SE Cove Rd in Stuart. The church office # is 772-223-2109.



Special thanks to Louis and Julie Lentine and Lentine Marine for sponsoring November's Business After Hours. Photographed with chamber Chairman Jody Bond, Just Gold Jewelers and chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone. (Photo courtesy Greg Gardner's Wide Angle Photo/Video)

Chamber Kicks Off A New Decade With New A Website

The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce is proud to introduce our new website, www.stuartmartinchamber.org. Along with a new name, the site also includes many new value added features to benefit members, new residents, visitors and new businesses.

Some of the new features include:

- On-line RSVP: You may RSVP and pay for luncheons and other special events with your credit card on our secure site.
- Pay an Invoice: You may renew your membership or pay any outstanding invoices including advertising and sponsorships on line.
- Photo Gallery: You may view photos of any of our networking functions or special events.
- Chamber Calendar: Our calendar features our monthly events, which may be downloaded to

your calendar or will send a reminder to your e-mail address.

- Community Calendar: Features a variety of community events which may also be downloaded to your calendar. Anyone hosting

an event may send information to info@stuartmartinchamber.org and it will be posted in a timely manner.

- Monthly E-mailers: Our monthly flyers, including our calendar,

which were previously mailed to chamber members are now available exclusively on the site. The booklet may be downloaded and printed in its entirety or by individual page.

- Beach cam: Located on our Beaches and Parks page, the beach cam provides up to the minute viewing of the local beaches, along with weather and tide information.

The website continues to feature a variety of information for visitors and new residents with more photos and visual treats. As with any website, the chamber is constantly updating information. A new features coming soon is a Member to Member Discount page.

Please add our website www.stuartmartinchamber.org to your Favorites to stay abreast of the latest chamber and community information.



Ken Ferguson

Director of Business Services

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Here it is December already, the holiday season is here and another year is about to conclude (Thankfully without a hurricane). So, we would like to welcome back our winter residents and vacation visitors. The Stuart/Martin County Chamber would like to wish each and everyone a HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2010.

TAKE ADVANTAGE
 Speaking of a New Year, which is just around the corner, are you taking advantage of the benefits and opportunities that your

Chamber offers? Do you have a website? If so, for \$180 per year, you can have a hotlink through the Chamber so browsers can easily go directly to your site to see what you offer?

If you are looking for additional employees, did you know that if you have less than 25 employees you can post your job openings on NationJob, a premier internet recruitment service, through our website FREE OF CHARGE?

If your marketing plans in 2009 didn't bring the results you expected, consider sponsoring a

page on the Chamber site where many options are available. Are you networking by attending Chamber events, such as our Breakfasts, Luncheons, and Business After Hours; or better yet, consider sponsoring one.

Too busy to participate? Do you have a newsworthy event, such as a new location, new manager or a new service? You can email the Chamber attaching a Word Format Document, and we will post it on our newly revamped website under E-Compass News FREE OF CHARGE. Need demographic info, population data, school enrollment, etc., we have it.

So, go ahead, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US, that is what we are here for. We are as close as 287-1088 or www.stuartmartinchamber.org Check it out.

UPDATE YOUR INFO

If you are a member, PLEASE check out the Member Profile information we show on the website and if the address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, or any other data is incorrect, please e-mail us the correct info. It is for your benefit and will make it easier for new and existing customers to find you more quickly.

CLOSING HUMOR:

More "Play on Words". (1.) Rubberneck: What you do to relax your wife. (2.) Sudafed: Litigation against a Federal Official. (3.) Polarize: What a penguin sees with. (4.) Seamstress: A 200 pound lady in a size 8 dress. (5.) Selfish: What the owner of a Seafood Store does., and (6.) Bernadette: When you set fire to a paid up mortgage.