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CHAMBER EVENTS

Networking Breakfasts

Tuesday, July 13th

7:45 AM

Sponsored by

*United For Families
at Chamber office*

Tuesday, July 27th

7:45 AM

Sponsored by

*Aloha Cafe
at Health & Wellness Show
Indian River State College*

Luncheon

Wednesday, July 14th

11:45 AM

Sponsored by

First Citizens Bank

Hosted by

*Miles Grant Country Club
Program: Tax Abatement
Referendum presented by
Ron Bunch, Business
Development Board*

Reservations are required

Business After Hours

Wednesday, July 21st

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Hosted & Sponsored by

*Stuart's Own Cowboys'
BBQ & Steak Co.*

**Young Professionals of
Martin County**

Thursday, July 29th

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Hosted & Sponsored by

Element Lounge

2nd Annual Health & Wellness Show Coming July 27th to IRSC



The Stuart/Martin County Chamber invites you to discuss, discover and get up-to-date on the latest in healthcare in our community at our 2nd Annual Health & Wellness Show. The show is a free event open to the public and will feature hot-topic presentations

from industry celebrities, exhibits and demonstrations from various local vendors as well as some fun prize drawings.

From local doctors and chiropractors to health food stores, gyms and yoga, the Health & Wellness Show aims to have something to

peak everyone's interest. Involve your business, product or service by becoming a sponsor or vendor and you'll have the opportunity to showcase what you have to offer to more than 1,500 interested attendees.

Vendors can set up with demos, giveaways and information and interact with members of the community. We're currently looking for some interesting, new vendors and sponsors to get involved with this educational community event. Booth space is very reasonably priced at \$150 for Chamber Members and \$300 for Non-Chamber Members. Various sponsorship levels and benefits are available as well.



Don't miss this unique promotional opportunity for your business. For more information on sponsoring or to reserve a booth space, call 772-287-1088 ext. 101. Hurry, space is limited!

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Special Thanks To All of Our Operation Thank You Volunteers!



Operation Thank You sponsors Lisa Ciccone and Peter Lashenka, Riverside National Bank (trade name of TD Bank) with Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone, left; Chairman Jody Bond, Just Gold Jewelers, Inc. and Tony Barletta, Briteway Insurance, right.



Chamber member volunteers visited fellow members as part of Operation Thank You to deliver the annual Resort & Business Guide. If you did not receive a visit or are a home based business, you can pick up your guide at the chamber office or at a chamber event.



Thanks to Chantal's Par Avion, Inc. for providing the delicious treats for the Operation Thank You breakfast.



The June Business After Hours was graciously sponsored and hosted by Harbor Place of Port St. Lucie. Front row left to right: Harbor Place staff members Abby Sanchez, JoAnn Pantano, Beth Kelley, Lucia Costa. Back row: Ken O'Gorman, Kat Tokman, Debra Thompson with chamber representatives Ken Norman of McCarthy, Summers, Bobko, Wood, Sawyer, P.A.; Joe Catrambone, President/CEO; Chairman Jody Bond, Just Gold Jewelers, Inc. and Tim Kinane, Vistage/Real World Group, Inc.



Thanks to June New Member Reception breakfast sponsor Tropical Smoothie/South Stuart. Shown are Joe Rogers, owner and Jenna Barkheimer.



President's Report

Joe Catrambone

President/CEO

Tax Abatement Referendum

August 24, 2010 is our Primary Election. Martin County registered voters have the opportunity to select County Commissioners in District 2 & District 4. We may return the incumbents to office for four more years or opt to elect their opponents. The chamber will interview candidates and endorse those we believe are best suited to represent business interest in Martin County through our Political Action Committee, C-PAC. We will certainly publicize those candidates in order to keep

the electorate informed. Also included on the ballot will be a referendum asking the voters to approve a measure called "Economic Development Incentives Ad Valorem Tax Exemption" It will read:

Shall Martin County Board of County Commissioners be authorized to grant pursuant to Section 3, Article VIII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

___ Yes - For authority to grant exemptions.

___ No - Against authority to grant exemptions.

The single most important point is that Tax Abatement would only be used to INDUCE a company expansion or relocation, so without the abatement there would be no increased tax revenue because the expansion/relocation wouldn't happen without it.

Tax Abatement DOES NOT:

- Give away any taxpayer dollars-based on positive Return on Investment
- Waive or eliminate other fees
- Waive or eliminate infrastructure requirements under our land development regulations
- Reduce or eliminate current taxes on real property

Between now and August 24 you will hear varied opinions relating to the referendum which we refer to as the "JOBS BILL". The most important message we must convey is this legislation when passed will give our elected County Commissioners the option to offer tax incentives to targeted businesses interested in locating or expanding in Martin County. The option to bring HIGH TECH HIGH WAGE JOBS here to Martin County. That is undisputable; the County Commissioner will be in control, not the Chambers of Commerce, not the Economic Council and not the Business Development Board!

There will be other candidates on the ballot with local school board seats being contested as well as State and National implications we will address at a later date.

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