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Upcoming Events:

Networking Breakfasts

Tuesday, March 16th

7:45 AM

Hosted & Sponsored by

PNC Bank

East Ocean Branch

Tuesday, March 23rd

7:45 AM

Hosted & Sponsored by

Planet Ozone

Luncheon

Wednesday, March 17th

11:45 AM

Sponsored by

Fifth Third

Processing Solutions

at Carrabba's Italian Grill

Guest Speaker:

Nicki Van Vonno, AICP

County's Comp Plan and

EAR Based Plan Amendments

Reservations are required

**Young Professionals
 of Martin County**

Thursday, March 18th

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Sponsored & Hosted by

Florida Oceanographic

Society

Business After Hours

Wednesday, March 31st

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Sponsored & Hosted by

Ramada Inn

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President's Report

Joe Catrambone

President/CEO

Florida lost more than 38,000 businesses last year and more than 1.1 million Floridians are unemployed. The Florida Chamber of Commerce has a multi-point plan to change all of that in 2010.

While government doesn't create jobs, the Florida legislature can, and should, do everything in its power to send a strong message to entrepreneurs that jobs are a top priority in the upcoming session. Florida's businesses and families are counting on lawmakers to make policy decisions that

support an economic recovery in our state and plan for greater economic opportunities in the future. Florida businesses range from very small to very large employers. They have weathered the worst economic storm in recent memory. Today, those businesses are emerging stronger and smarter. They are ready to expand and put people back to work.

Any tax on small business is a tax on job creation, we will fight any proposal to raise business taxes or create new fees that will hinder

job creation, economic growth or productivity. We support the reduction of the \$1.2 billion unemployment compensation tax increase scheduled to hit businesses next month.

Another huge issue, Florida is financially unprepared for a major hurricane, the legislature needs to make free market reforms to the property insurance market. Our citizens are paying \$5 billion in hidden hurricane assessments. The legislature should responsibly fix it before the next big storm hits Florida and our residents are hit with thousands of dollars in assessments.

Four out of five new jobs in Florida will be in small businesses. As the world recovers from the recession, Florida should immediately make investments in industries

that are ready to hire.

Good news is the Florida Chamber will be actively working with them to evaluate their policy proposals, and measure their against the bottom line – jobs. While some people see Florida's challenges as negatives, we see them as opportunities to do things smarter and prioritize what government does with the resources available. Florida should focus on growing the private sector and reducing the public sector.

Be assured we will be monitoring the session, with the Florida Chamber, lobbying for positive legislation and against egregious unnecessary legislation. At times, we may ask for your help contacting members of our Legislative Delegation. Please stand ready to respond.

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