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Calendar of EVENTS



August 4 11:47 a.m.
Membership Event Chair's meeting at Bienvenidos.

August 5 7:15 a.m.
Chamber Board of Directors meeting at Millbrook Healthcare.

August 6 5:30—7:30 p.m.
NetConnect After 5 (NCA5) at David's Sports Bar & Grill at Country View Golf Course.

August 13 11:30 a.m.
Membership Luncheon at Bienvenidos.

August 14 11:33 a.m.
Membership Event Captain's Meeting at Bienvenidos.

August 18 4:00 p.m.
Tourism Committee meeting at Bienvenidos Restaurant.

August 20 7:00 a.m.
Rise and Shine Breakfast

August 28 7:30 a.m.
Better Business Breakfast.

Sept. 1-3
Membership Event at Dallas Telco Federal Credit Union Bldg.

Sept. 3 5:30—7:00 p.m.
NCA 5 at Neighborhood Credit Union.

Sept. 7
Office Closed

BSW TGIF @
Thorntree
every Friday
in August @
7:30 a.m.



What does my Chamber do for me?

What does my Chamber do for me is a question asked many times - most often at renewal time or when being invited to join. These are tough times, and these are tough questions. However, there are good answers and solid reasons to join and participate in your Lancaster Chamber - especially in these times.

Have you ever heard someone say "I joined such and such church last year and it hasn't done a thing for me"? I always ask "have you actually gone to services, or joined the choir or bible study or other fellowship group?" When the person says "no", then I wonder how they expected to get something out of that organization without putting something into the organization.

Your Lancaster Chamber offers all sorts of opportunities to get involved - to market yourself and/or your business. How about joining our **Ambassadors FunGroup**, who preside over Grand Openings or Ribbon Cuttings of new businesses coming to town? How about **NetConnect After 5 - NCA5** - a great networking opportunity on the first Thursday evening of each month? **Chamber Luncheons** are another great way to introduce you to the community. These are held on the second Thursday of each month, generally in Grand Hall of the Recreation Center.

Committees are another positive way to become involved and are always fun and productive. The two biggest are **The Auction/Gala** in the spring and the **Duffers Derby Golf Tournament** in the fall. And there is always **Shop Members First, Visitors and Tourism, Governmental Affairs, Membership, and Small Business Council** and its **Better Business Breakfast** each fourth Friday.

You can always find something at the Chamber in which to get involved - and that will make both your business and the Chamber better organizations! Our mission is "To Actively Support, Promote and Attract Business to Better Serve the Greater Lancaster Area".

Come let us work together!

Don't miss our Monthly Chamber Luncheon Thursday, August 13th 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

***Bienvenidos Restaurant ***

Lynnette Lakey Taff, Ten Mile Software, will be explaining more about our new website and other new media networking.

*\$18/person \$160/sponsor table of 8
Call the Chamber at 972-227-2579 for reservations.*

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



What does your Chamber do for you? This is our theme this month. The Lancaster Chamber has been introducing some innovative programs for its members. Our August luncheon will center around these programs. We want to show you how your

Chamber works for you as a body and as individuals. We want you to know that the Chamber works for you on a local, state and national level as well.

We want to dispel the notion that the Chamber is an entity "out there" that is created for itself. Your Chamber of Commerce is created, *of its members, for its members.*

I have personally benefitted by attending luncheons, networking activities, committees, etc. I have found these to be great ways to network and establish relationships with other business people that I would never have known without the Chamber. I know that others have benefitted also, because I have used the services of many of those contacts. For instance: I use Lancaster Chamber members for pest control, promotional materials, credit card processing, banking, car

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NetConnect After 5 (NCA5)

August 6, 2009
5:30—7:00 p.m.

Host: David's Sports Bar & Grill at
Lancaster Country View Golf Course
240 W. Belt Line Road
Lancaster, Texas

Come network in a relaxed atmosphere
and meet new people. Bring business
cards, brochures, door prizes, etc.

AROUND AND ABOUT...by Joe Johnson

August 2009 – Summer is here, it is baseball season – and the Rangers are actually playing a good brand of baseball! ... This is usually the time we forget the Rangers for the year and concentrate on the opening of Dallas Cowboys training camp. ... But not this year. ...

Duffers' Derby Golf

FLASH! ... Golf co-chairs **Chuck Luke and A. Z. Drones** are getting their golf committees functioning for our biggest event of the year – **The 26th Annual Duffers Derby Golf Tournament.** ... Letters have gone out to last year's major sponsors, offering them the same sponsorship as last year, and we expect most to re-up. ... **Country View Golf Course** is in the best shape I have seen, and was just written up in The Avid Golfer Magazine as a "hidden jewel" and a course not to miss. ... **Outback Steakhouse** and **Chick-fil-A** are bringing us meals and **Doug Stanley Ford** and **Access Self Storage** are our special golf hole-in-one sponsors. ... Enclosed with this newsletter is a sponsorship form to complete and return, in



case you misplaced the first one. ... This **Lancaster Chamber Duffers' Derby** will be a sell out, and requires your attention **NOW!**

**"It's not whether you get knocked down;
It's whether you get up."**

--- **Vince Lombardi**

August will bring many opportunities to get involved: from an August 6th **NetConnect after 5 – NCA5** at **David's Sports Bar & Grill** inside Country View Golf Clubhouse, to a **Lancaster Chamber Luncheon** on Thursday, August 13th at **Bienvenidos Restaurant and Cantina.** ... And don't forget the **Membership Event Captains** meeting (with Chairs) also at **Bienvenidos** at 11:33 a.m. ... Also, August is the month when **Best Southwest Partnership** brings us sessions with our elected leaders. ...

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Mayor's Comments – Lancaster Connection



Mayor Marcus Knight

August is “Budget” month for staff and council. We will be very active this month in our efforts to adopt the 2009-2010 municipal budget. Much has been said and written regarding decreases in tax revenues, and while our property tax revenues were down, the decrease in taxes were not as dire as once projected. The reality however, is that tough decisions will be made to balance the budget, and your city council and staff are sensitive to maximizing services for your tax dollars. The city is fortunate in that our sales tax revenues continue to exceed budget projections. There are signs of progress in Lancaster, as the clearing is underway for the expansion of Houston School Rd. north of Pleasant Run, and the Visitor’s Center continues to move closer to completion. Lastly, I would like to encourage our citizens and business operators to take advantage of Lancaster’s information sharing vehicles, Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter! Yes, Lancaster is utilizing social networking websites to inform our community. Best wishes to all as summer nears to an end!

*Marcus Knight, Mayor
City of Lancaster*

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wash, restaurants, food and miscellaneous shopping. It’s a win-win situation: *they trade with me and I trade with them.* In this way we strengthen each other and our cities by keeping the tax dollars in the local cities.

We have a great staff with, Joe, Mary and Ann. We have a dedicated board composed of outstanding leaders in our area. We are truly blessed to have a strong Chamber of Commerce in the Greater Lancaster area.

Your Chamber of Commerce is here to help you remain successful. Take advantage of all we have to offer.

Don’t forget to “SHOP MEMBERS FIRST!”

*Vivian Chastain, Chairman
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce*

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Each Friday morning in August at 7:30 a.m. at **Thorntree Country Club**, we continue our popular BSW **TGIF** series with our political leaders to learn what happened in Austin or in Washington. Come out to see and hear for yourself! ...

... See You Around And About.

2009 Board of Directors

* **Vivian Chastain**
Bienvenidos Restaurant
Chair

* **A. Z. Drones**
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Chair Elect

* **Margie Waldrop**
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Today Newspapers

• **Denotes Members of Executive Committee**

Putting New Media to Work for Our Members

By Lynnette Lakey Taff, Ten Mile Software

One of my favorite dictionaries defines “media” this way: *the means of communication, such as radio and television, newspapers, and magazines, that reach or influence people widely.*

Our Chamber works hard every day to “reach or influence people” on our behalf, through traditional media, new media, and also the most old-fashioned of ways – personal networking. Here are just a few of the many ways our Chamber is working for us:

Traditional Media

We advertise regularly in area newspapers and magazines, and submit media releases about local events and news of our successes.

New Media

Our Chamber has had a robust website for some years now, but as of July 24th, our website is *new and improved*. Dana Wooley of The Texian eBusiness Ltd. has completely redesigned our website and will be adding even more features in the coming weeks. Be sure to take a look and give us your feedback. It’s hard to forget the URL since it’s a big part of our logo – www.LancasterTX.org.

We also have a website targeted at visitors to our community – www.VisitLancaster.org. For our retail, restaurant, and hotel/motel sector, this website is a direct benefit to you, and for all the rest of us, it provides the indirect benefit of helping to stimulate tourism in our area, which helps support the overall economy. In addition, sales taxes on dollars spent by visitors help pay for City services.

Our Chamber uses e-mail for many things – to deliver our monthly newsletter, to publish weekly “Monday Morning Money Madness” coupons for savings at area businesses, to circulate a “Weekly Calendar of Events”, and of course, for a lot of general communications that used to take place by telephone, fax, or letter. Your business can be included in many of these e-mail communications – just send your information to Mary or Joe.

Most recently, we’ve added two social networking websites to the list of new media where the Chamber is helping to promote your business and our organization. The Lancaster Chamber has pages on both Facebook and LinkedIn. If you’re already using these sites personally, please look for “Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce” and make a connection with us.

Facebook (www.facebook.com) has over 250 million users worldwide, making it the largest and most popular social networking website at this time. It gets so much traffic that if you do a Google search for anyone who uses it, a link to their Facebook page will almost always turn up on the first page of search results. For example, search for “Lancaster Area Chamber” and you’ll see websites for several communities in other states with the same name, and then you’ll see our Facebook page, which may easily show up ahead of our own website in the search results because of the traffic that Facebook receives.

Once you’re a member of Facebook, you can become our “fan” by simply clicking a button on our page. (We’ll soon be adding a button and link to our LancasterTX.org website as well.) You can post your photos from Chamber events on our Facebook page, and share your comments and links on our “wall”. In addition, if you don’t already have a Facebook page for your business, you may want to consider adding one. It’s free, and easy to use, and it’s a great way to reach potential customers with special news and coupons available only to your Facebook network. If you *do* have a Facebook page for your business, please let us know so we can add it to our list of “Favorite Pages” which shows up on the Chamber’s Facebook page and gives your business more exposure.

LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com) is a professional networking website with more than 43 million users, including executives from every company on the Fortune 500 list. Once you have set up your professional profile on LinkedIn, you can send a request to join our group. We restrict membership in our LinkedIn group to members of the Chamber because membership in our online group allows you to display the Chamber logo on your LinkedIn profile, which is in effect an online resume. And while we want to reach as many people as possible, we don’t want non-members to have the ability to display our Chamber logo. It’s the online equivalent of having a membership plaque hanging on the wall of your office – it signals to visitors, clients, and potential customers that you have made an investment in your business and your community by joining the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce.

Networking

Our Chamber staff, board members, and other volunteers work tirelessly to provide you with a wealth of networking opportunities, and there’s something to fit in every schedule. Be sure to read “What does my Chamber do for me?” to learn about these old-fashioned but extremely productive opportunities for face-to-face networking. Then put one or more of these on your calendar and join us.

While this list seems awfully long, it’s not comprehensive. Our Chamber does these things *and much more* to help achieve our mission to *actively support, promote and attract business to better serve the Greater Lancaster Area*. Come be a part of it.

A Letter to the Editor ...

Have you ever heard the saying, "It's a Chamber of Commerce" day outside?" This saying validates that we depend on our local chambers of commerce to tout the benefits of our towns as well as promote businesses so our towns will prosper. Sadly, many small businesses open in towns everywhere without understanding the importance of being a member of a chamber of commerce or the value of the networking opportunities offered by the chamber. Most nationally known companies may join a chamber initially to get the "ribbon cutting" and exposure to the community, but they rarely renew their memberships. When we purchase from the businesses in our communities that don't support the local chamber of commerce, we have too many of OUR dollars not reinvested in the community.

It is my belief that any business that makes money in a community should support that community with its membership and participation in the chamber of commerce. It is true that I am married to a chamber of commerce staff person, but he has only worked in this field for the last 10 years. I supported my chamber of commerce when I started my business over 30 years ago. I have served as volunteer chamber leader and board member to provide direction to our chamber. As a chamber staff spouse, I can honestly say that I haven't seen anyone who is more supportive of his members or concerned about doing business with his members.

Kudos to those companies that have continued to support their local chambers of commerce despite the economy. If a business isn't doing well in tough economic times, there is no less expensive way to promote your business than with a chamber membership that averages \$250.00 a year in most small towns. There is probably a push for more members coming in your local chamber of commerce because non-profit organizations have struggled for members lately. Won't you consider giving back to your community when you are contacted? There is much more than a "Chamber of Commerce" day in your future if you do!

Regards,

Donna Johnson, President
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Membership Event

The Lancaster chamber of Commerce will be working with the good folks at Your Chamber Connection to hold a record-breaking Membership Event on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 1st and 2nd, 2009. Chamber Chair Vivian Chastain has set a preliminary goal of 150 new members in TWO days.

Teams consisting of a Team Chair, up to five Captains each, and five players for each Captain will do the contacting for new members. "It really is a fun event, with lots of friendly competition between teams," said Vivian, who is looking for fun-loving, out-going players. Call the Chamber office at 972-227-2579 to volunteer.

BETTER BUSINESS BREAKFAST

For Small Businesses

"Marketing—Back to the Basics"
By Katina Potts

7:30 — 9:00 a.m.
Friday, August 28, 2009

Free Breakfast

NEW MEMBERS

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Duffers Derby Approaches

Monday, Oct. 12, 2009

*** MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!***

The Lancaster Chamber's Duffers Derby is slated to tee off on October 12, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. at Country View Golf Course under the direction of Golf Tournament Co-chairs A. Z. Drones and Chuck Luke. Former Golf Chair Bob Borden will lend a guiding hand for the 2009 Duffers Derby.

There are lots of opportunities for sponsorships and to get involved. This is a great way to network with other businesses in town. Use this as an opportunity to thank clients for their business, treat a perspective client to a day of golf and good food, or say "Thank You" to some of your employees.

The sponsor and sign up sheet is on the next page. Take a few minutes to look it over and let the Chamber know how you want to be a part of this GREAT event this year.

Committees are being formed and volunteers, sponsors and teams are needed. If you would like to help, please call the Chamber office at 972-27-2579.



Sponsoring vehicles on two Hole-In-One opportunities—along with set of 4 tires for Closest to the Pin on these holes.



Chamber of Commerce

2009 Duffer's Derby Golf Tournament
Monday, October 12, 2009

11 a.m. Registration—Contests—Free Practice Balls
12 p.m. Lunch 12:45 p.m. Shotgun Start
Lancaster Country View Golf Course

Cost: \$600 for Gold Team Sponsor (\$700 includes putting, chipping & mulligans)
 (Includes: 4 players, carts, lunch, dinner, signage and program listing)



Count me in! WE WANT TO HAVE A TEAM IN THE 2009 DUFFER'S DERBY!

Company Name: _____
 Contact _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

Gold Team :	\$600
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepay Team Mulligans/putting/chipping	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Amount Due:	_____
Are you eligible for Senior Flight? (must have 2 players 60+)	

Count me in! MY COMPANY WANTS TO BE A SPONSOR FOR THE 2009 DUFFER'S DERBY!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

- TITLE SPONSOR—\$4,000** (includes team, contests, and special signage)
- CLUB HOUSE SPONSOR—\$3,000** (includes team and special signage in clubhouse—2 available)
- PRESENTING SPONSOR —\$1,500** (includes team—gets name on plaque)
- UNDERWRITING SPONSOR —\$1,000** (includes team, mulligans and putting contest) (unlimited available)
- DINNER SPONSOR — ** Outback Steakhouse **** (Grilled steak after play) (Includes team)
- ADVERTISING SPONSOR—**
- SIGN & BANNER SPONSOR— ** S&S Sign & Specialties ****
- LUNCH SPONSOR — ** Chick-fil-A **** (includes team)
- CART SPONSOR — \$600** (name on all golf carts) (sponsor provides signage)
- PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR — \$500** (name at putting green and work contest)
- CHIPPING CONTEST SPONSOR—\$500** (name at chipping area and work contest)
- DRIVING RANGE SPONSOR —\$500** (name at driving range) **** S&S Sign & Specialties ****
- \$10,000 HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR #8 — \$500** (sponsor signs on all 4 of the Par 3s)
- DRINK CART SPONSOR —\$500** (signage on one drink cart—2 available)
- EXCLUSIVE HOLE SPONSOR —\$250** (Only sponsor on hole—encouraged to work the hole) (10 available)
- REGISTRATION TABLE SPONSOR —\$250** (name on registration table) (unlimited available)
- LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR —\$300 Hole #9**
- CLOSEST TO THE FAIRWAY FLAG —\$300 Hole #15**
- BAG DROP SPONSOR—\$300** (Name at Bag Drop) **** AMREP ****
- TOURNAMENT SPONSORS —\$100** (Signage inside clubhouse and in program) (unlimited available)

Mail—FAX—or Call: Lancaster Chamber of Commerce: 972-227-2579 FAX: 972-227-9555



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VISITOR & TOURISM ... UPCOMING EVENTS





COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

The DFW Wing invites you to see the rare WWII aircraft, military vehicles and memorabilia on display

Warbirds on Parade

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009
10:00am until 4:00pm

Raffle will be held for two round trip tickets anywhere that Southwest Airlines flies

Suggested donation of \$10 per carload or \$5 per person

We had 35 Warbirds make appearances last year and expect more this year. Some that will be attending this year's event:

OL'927 the CAF's B-24A
(one of only 2 left in the world flying)

Mig 21 and Mig 23




F4U Corsair


Russian Hind 2 and Hind 24
(the kind seen in Charlie Wilson's War)

AN2Colt

Donations will be accepted for rides on the R4D, BT-15 and B-24A after 4PM, please ask a member for details

Also enjoy some of the finest Classic Cars in the area



Salute to Veterans of all ages

Bring the family, bring a friend or bring a whole carload

Memberships available...for more information visit our website www.dfwwing.com

DFW Wing of the CAF

Lancaster Airport, Lancaster, TX
Beltline Road at Ferris Road, Between I-45 and I-35

CHAMBER HAPPENINGS



The Chamber welcomed new restaurant and Chamber member—Dallas Avenue Diner (DAD's) - to the Town Square. They are located at 133 Historic Town Square.

Drop by for the daily Blue Plate Special and have a banana split for dessert (they serve Blue Bell Ice Cream!!).

Their food is worth the trip!!

Another new business in town is Crystal Clean Express Car Wash at 1530 W. Pleasant Run Road. We welcome Kelly & Yong Park who in the recent past owned Blue Ribbon Cleaners in Lancaster.

As a Chamber we appreciate these businesses coming in and filling up empty spaces in our town.



AMBASSADORS FUNGROUP



Knight Waste Services
Marcus Knight

As a part of the new "Ambassadors Fun-Group"—Karen McClary and Joe Johnson visit businesses thanking them for their membership, and delivering cookies provided by MCM Grandé Hotel.



Profile Commercial Properties
Margie Waldrop

CHAMBER PARTNERS

GOLD PARTNER

Walmart—Lancaster



SILVER PARTNERS

Levine's Dept. Store
Access Self Storage
DART Transportation
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