



Upcoming Events:
DECEMBER 2011
FOR THIS MONTH'S
ACTIVITIES, SEE OUR
CALENDAR INSERT

More information is contained on our
web site: www.seminolechamber.net

Seminole Holiday Fun!



Tree Lighting/Winterfest

(The forecast is SNOW!)

Special Guest: Santa Claus
Friday, Dec. 9, 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Holland G. Mangum Recreation
Complex, 9100 113th St. N.

"Bright Before Your Eyes"

Illuminated Holiday Night Parade

Sunday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Along 113th St., from Seminole Mall to the
Seminole Recreation Center

New Directory to be Printed

The Seminole Chamber will print a new
directory of its members for 2012. Please
see the insert in this newsletter for further
information on your listing and ad pricing.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
For 2012 ARE HERE!
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ANNUAL FUND-RAISING
PROJECT FOR CHAMBER

Chamber Office Info

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Notary Services Available

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce Office Has Moved.
Please note our new address: 7985 113th St. N.,
Suite 208, of the Seminole Office Center

Annual Installation/Awards Banquet Set for Jan. 21

Invitations will be sent out shortly for the Chamber's annual Installation & Awards Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 21, beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person. In addition to inducting the Board for 2012, awards will be presented to the new Mr/Ms Seminole, Merit Award winner, Boss of the Year and Business of the Year. Be sure to fill out the forms enclosed with this newsletter, or pick them up at our office, and return by the deadline with your nominations.

Directors 2012 to Be Installed

Recently our Chamber Members elected by ballot their peers to fill five Board vacancies. The winners included incumbents Victor Adamo and Laverne Welch, along with Phil Crow, Diane Luttmann and Michael Lurie. They will be joining Chairman Gary Scarsbrook, Immediate Past Chair Mike McQuilkin, Treasurer Dr. Jim Olliver, Dan Berard, Jamie Giammona, Sandy Liberatore and Jacob Valintine.

Secretary Nancy Giles, Ron Frassetto and Jackie Tatsak will be retiring from the Board and we thank them for their years of service. By attending the banquet you will show all the Board, past and present, your continued support as they take on all the duties and responsibilities that arise in 2012.

Business Connections & Education Workshops

Join us at our new building, 7985 113th St. N., Suite 208, in the Seminole Office Center:

All are invited to the free Seminole Chamber-sponsored Business Connections and Education Workshops on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 a.m. Don't forget your business cards there is plenty of time to network before and after the meeting. For more information, call 727-392-3245.

****Share your ideas with us for topics that will help improve your business. Anyone presenting must be well-informed, interesting and interactive.****

DEC. 14 - "SEND IN THE CLOWNS!" - If the holidays are getting you down, you won't want to miss this program. Joye Swisher, volunteer coordinator and caring clown instructor for Suncoast Hospice, will soon have you laughing as she talks about adding humor to the workplace for a more positive environment.



Booking Calendar of Events for Coming Year

Our calendar for 2012 is filling up fast with networking opportunities. We are looking for businesses to host after-hours socials. If you would like to give your storefront great exposure at a minimal expense (the cost of refreshments) please let us know and we will make arrangements. Home business can "partner up" with someone who has a street address - contact us and we'll help you find a match.

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Welcome New Chamber Members:

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Upcoming Events
Ribbon Cuttings:
 Dec. 8 - *Fernandez Dentistry*,
 5-7 p.m. (see insert)
 Dec. 13 - *Toucan's Ale House*,
 5 - 7 p.m.
 Jan. 7 - *Seminole Dental*, 5 - 7
 p.m.

Holiday Open Houses
 Dec. 8 - *Barnhorn Financial*,
 4 - 8 p.m. (see insert)
 Dec. 14 - *Martha Mohn's*
Residence 6 p.m. (see insert)
 Dec. 16 - *Chamber Office (new*
location) 5 - 7 p.m.

Restaurant
 Toucans Ale House
 Tim Russell
 8305 Bay Pines Blvd.
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Gretchen's Gatherings Chamber Chief of Operations



When you look through this newsletter, you'll find numerous inserts and the December calendar heralding a busy holiday season ahead: socials, ribbon cuttings and our annual Bright Before Your Eyes Parade. We hope you will participate in as many activities as you like. It is important to schedule quality time with family and friends, too, and not lose the true meaning of this time of year, whatever your beliefs. We hope you consider the Chamber as your "business family," here to help, support you and even celebrate with you what has been a very good year.

We are still getting settled in our new digs, but are operational and already have used our board room for several meetings. We are looking forward to having our Dec. 14 Business Connections & Education Workshop at 7:30 a.m. on the premises - open to all area business people. We certainly appreciate St. Petersburg College, and Dr. Olliver, for allowing us to use Room 108 all these years, but are happy to embrace change.

Fast-forwarding to 2012, with its changes in store for all of us, some planned, some surprises. Please mark your calendar for our banquet on Jan. 21 at the Wine Cellar. Invitations will be going out soon. The golden moment of the evening will be introducing the new Mr. or Ms. Seminole. If you know of anyone who is eligible, PLEASE SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, don't assume someone else will. Other awards, which also will be determined by nomination, are Business of the Year, Boss of the Year and Merit Award. There are worthy people out there who deserve to be recognized, including you!



From the Desk of Roger Edelman Chamber President

With the Chambers move now completed, we are in the process of developing new plans and programs geared to the needs of the business community.

We invite everyone to visit our new business conference and development center that will be the Chamber's focal point for outgoing business training, business seminars and community-related events.

This facility has been designed with the needs of the business community in mind and will be equipped with the latest technology to handle most any current meeting or media requirement. Throughout the coming year the Chamber continually will be updating you with information about our community. We look forward to hearing from you on any issues of concern, or any ways we



can be of service, including projects such as our recent Shred-a-thon, which proved to be popular with our members and the Seminole community. - photo by Steve Zazzaro,



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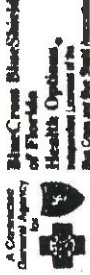


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Chamber Luncheon Nov. 17 at Lake Seminole Square
 Among those coming out to hear consumer expert Eric Seidel were Linda Elmslie and Sandy Holloway, both from the Seminole Historical Society. - photo by Mary Trice.



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Parade



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 2011
6:30 PM

**COME JOIN US FOR SEMINOLE'S 7TH ANNUAL
PARADE OF LIGHTS!**

ROUTE 15 ALONG 113TH STREET N.
FROM SEMINOLE MALL TO THE REC. CENTER