



Leadership Tangipahoa Alumni Association

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LEADERSHIP TANGIPAHOA

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Class of 2005-2006



Class at US Customs



A Retreat Class



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Alumni Directory

The **Leadership Tangipahoa Alumni Directory**,
to be published in June,

will contain our new graduates (with their pictures) and Alumni with contact information, (*great for networking!*) and sponsored advertising.

The two part directory will be categorized alphabetically by Alumni name and the type of business they participate in:

John Doe (with personal contact information and picture)
Insurance (company, alumni name and company contact information)

Your information needs to be submitted to the Alumni Committee no later than May 31, 2006 if you wish to participate.

Advertising will consist of full and half page ads.
Cost of the ads will be (Full Page) and (Half Page)

All advertising must be Submitted to the Alumni Committee no later than May 31, 2006.

Call or e-mail Bev for more information:
985-542-7001 or Bev@BevWalker.com

Leadership Monday Morning Coffee

Speaker: *David B. Danel, CPA*

Topic

Date: *May*, 2006 Time: 9 to 10 A.M.

Place

R.S.V.P. by April 30.

On the Addenda . . .

June 22

Board Meeting

Hammond Chamber Office

*** Board Elections ***

2005 - 2006 Board Members

Mike Minkus, Chairperson

Sam Domiano, Ryan Edwards, Nick Gagliano

Suzanne B. Gautier, Sue M Kennedy, Ricky Masaracchia

Guy Recotta, Betty Stewart, Ann Smith, Kathy Stuart,

Michelle Sutton, Cheri Viola, Bev Walker, Mike Williams,

Glen Villalobos, Donna Newman, Robert J Martin, Daniel Keen

Coming Events

Southern Nights - date to be announced - Join the Hammond Chamber of Commerce along with other Chamber from the North Shore for the third annual Southern Nights legislative event. There is NO COST to attend Southern Nights 2006. The event will gather legislators and officials from across the state for an evening of one-on-one talk about the issues facing the North Shore. Last year's legislative event drew over 500 in attendance and the Hammond Chamber is expecting even more this year. This event is an important opportunity for our area to gather in Baton Rouge. Hosted in conjunction with fellow chambers in Tangipahoa: Amite and Ponchatoula and St. Tammany, Livingston and Washington parishes as well as the Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Association, this event also gives our area an opportunity to further promote stronger coalition building between our North Shore chambers and Southeastern Louisiana University. For more information to participate as a restaurant/caterer provider contact the Hammond Chamber office at 985.345.4457. **Southern Nights attendance is FREE, however a ticket and Reservation are Required To Attend.**

February 27 thru March 4 - LHSAA Girls High School Basketball Championship
Southeastern Louisiana University - visit: www.sweet16tournament.com

March 22, 2005 - 12:00 Noon - 8th ANNUAL "ANNIE AWARDS"

The *Annie Awards* were established in 1998 and are presented by the Hammond Chamber of Commerce. The awards were founded as part of a month long women's history celebration during March to recognize women for their outstanding service in the fields of business, community service, education, and government. The awards are given in honor of the late Anne Ferguson, a professor at Southeastern Louisiana University. This year the Annie Awards will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at Holiday Inn. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with the program starting at noon. **Lunch Reservations Required**

March 3 Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra: Mozart, Mozart, Mozart - Columbia Theatre, Hammond, LA - 7:30 pm - Columbia Theatre (985)543-4366 - www.columbiatheatre.org

March 4: Strawberry Festival Ball - St. Joseph Church Gym, Ponchatoula, LA - 8 pm to 1 am
800-917-7045 - www.lastrawberryfestival.com

March 11: Krewe Of Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade - Downtown Ponchatoula, LA - 10:30 am - Bryan or Brendon McMahon (985)386-2877 - www.ponchatoula.com/ptimes

March 11: Rock N' Roar - SLU Student Union Park, Hammond, LA - Kathy Pittman (985)549-2150 - www.selu.edu/Alumni&Friends.html

March 11: Spring Garden Day - LSU Ag Center / Hammond Research Station, Hammond, LA - 9 am to 3 pm
Annie Coco (985)748-9381 - www.lsuagcenter.com

March 14: Natalie MacMaster - Columbia Theatre, Hammond, LA - 7:30 pm - Columbia Theatre
(985)543-4366 - www.columbiatheatre.org

March 15-16: TARC Radiothon - Hammond, LA - Dawn Sinagra (985)549-0712 - www.tarc-hammond.com

March 17-18: Amite Oyster Festival - Tangipahoa Parish Fairgrounds, Amite City, LA - Carol Brooke
(985)748-7156.

March 18: Strawberry Jam 'N Toast To The Arts - "America's Antique City", Ponchatoula, LA -
10 am to 6 pm - (800) 617-4502 - www.strawberryjam.org www.ponchatoulachamber.com

March 19: St. Joseph's Altar & Parade - Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Independence, LA - 5 pm - Buster Guzzardo (985) 878-2093.

March 24: Rotary Youth Charities Golf Tournament - Oak Knoll Country Club, Hammond, LA - 12 noon -
Duane Shafer 985-549-3818

March 25: 5TH Annual Gospel Music Fest - Downtown Tickfaw, LA - Rose Loewenthal - (985) 542-7159.

March 25: Bike-A-Thon - Fund raiser for New Horizons Youth Services Bureau - Zemurray Park, Hammond, LA -
April Wehrs (225) 294-0843.

March 25: McKneely / Meloncon Memorial Jambalaya Cookoff – Kiwanis Park, Ponchatoula, LA – Amy Harris (985)969-2821 – www.lastrawberryfestival.com

March 26: Hammond Garden Club Tour Of Homes & Gardens – Hammond area – 2 pm to 5 pm – Melanie Stein (985) 345-8295.

March 26: Chef's Evening – SLU University Center, Hammond, LA – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm – Sarah Schillage (985)549-3770.

March 27 – April 2: Women's \$25,000 Challenger – Proceeds will benefit OPTIONS – Oak Knoll Country Club Tennis Courts, Hammond, LA – Abrie du Plooy (985) 634-6229.

March 31 – April 1: Hammond Smokin' Blues & BBQ Challenge – Downtown Hammond Parking Malls, **April TBA: Kymbra Recotta Downing Memorial Strawberry Festival Talent Show**

Ponchatoula High School Auditorium, Ponchatoula, LA – Christina Rusca (985)264-7623 - www.lastrawberryfestival.com

April 1-2: Strawberry Cup Boys Soccer Tournament – Hammond, LA

April 7-9: Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival

April 7-9: North Oaks Junior Grand Prix - Oak Knoll Country Club Tennis Courts, Hammond, LA

April 8: Golf The Musical - Columbia Theatre, Hammond, LA – 7:30 pm - Columbia Theatre

April 8-9: Strawberry Cup Girls Soccer Tournament – Hammond, LA

April 15: 18th Annual Community Motors Free Car Show

April 22: Richard Murphy Hospice Gala – Holiday Inn Conference Center, Hammond

April 26: Acorn Invitational Golf Tournament – Oak Knoll Country Club, Hammond, LA

April 28-30: Independence Italian Festival – Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church School Grounds, Independence, LA

April 28: Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra: Broadway Comes To Hammond - Columbia Theatre, Hammond,

April 29: Options Telethon 2006

April 29: Mater Dolorosa Motor Cycle Poker Run & Car Show – Mater Dolorosa Catholic School, Independence

Leadership Tangipahoa Class Schedule 2006

March 9 - Health Systems & Elderly Care

April 13 - Arts, Culture & History

May 11 - State Government

June 8 - Criminal Justice

June 28 - Graduation at the Columbia Theater

LEADERSHIP ST. TAMMANY INVITATION

Leadership Revisited is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2006, 1-5 p.m. at the Maritime Museum. It will be followed by a wine/cheese reception from 5-7. The topic is "Regionalism Post-Katrina." So far, confirmed speakers include author Jason Berry, a history professor from SLU, Mark Drennan of GNO, Inc., a legislative panel including Steve Scalise of Jefferson Parish, Peppy Bruneau of Orleans and several St. Tammany representatives, Kevin Davis and Maura Donahue. We're working on some high name recognition folks from New Orleans and also an out-of-town expert from somewhere else who does a good job with regional government/cooperation. Scott Schneider is heading that up and is looking toward the Pacific Northwest—Seattle or Portland area.

For more information, contact:
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Our Mission.

The mission of Leadership Tangipahoa is to improve the quality of life in Tangipahoa Parish by training a diverse group of current and emerging leaders about the interrelationships of community systems.

What is Leadership Tangipahoa?

The continued growth of Tangipahoa Parish signals the need for Development of trained, informed and responsible leadership. Leadership Tangipahoa seeks out individuals who are interested in developing their skills as leaders, increasing their knowledge of our community and learning what they can do to actively participate in community affairs. Leadership Tangipahoa is sponsored by the Amite, Hammond, Independence, Kentwood and Ponchatoula Chambers of Commerce, to assist in preparing participants for positions in local business, government, and community affairs. The program is governed by the Board Trustees with assistance from the local chambers.

Leadership Tangipahoa Objectives: *To provide a forum for and increase the awareness of potential leaders by giving them an intense course that encompasses a broad scope of community concerns.*

- *To develop a renewed sense of enthusiasm and "can do" attitude in the community.*
- *To identify and select highly motivated, emerging or existing leaders in business, government, and the community, to participate in the program.*
- *To systematically educate and challenge the participants as to the needs and opportunities of the community and dynamics of social and economic change.*
- *To develop an "spirit de corps" among the participants to provide a common ground for working on present and future community projects.*

Alumni News

Bev Walker, CRS, GRI, SRES, a Realtor with RE/MAX Realty Group, was a recent recipient of the prestigious RE/MAX 100% Club Award for outstanding sales and accomplishments in real estate.

P.J. Lowentritt is now the Branch Manager of Hancock Bank in Covington. P.J. can be reached at 985-809-3539 or 800-738-2625. Fax: 985-809-3176. Cell: 504-442-000

Next Alumni Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, March 22, 8 A.M. - Hammond Chamber Office

Come and help us plan for:

Fall - Leadership Revisited - beginning at 12 noon with a light lunch, we will have a local or government speaker

Winter Christmas Party - An informal gathering in which everyone brings a prepared food, beverage or dessert. We will renew friendships and reminisce about our classes, exchange referrals, discuss our parish,

Spring Barbeque - Meet the new graduating class members. Bring a significant other, or a guest who may be interested in joining our organization or a sponsor. There will be a small fee of \$15 for your guest. An Alumnus fee of \$25.00 includes your yearly membership dues!

Summer - Welcome the new class at an informal gathering with wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Monday Morning Coffee - Start your week off on a positive and exciting note - Guest Speakers

A FLOAT, Civic Activities (Work Days, Play Days), . . .

*If you can't join us, call or e-mail Bev or Mike with suggestions:
Bev@BevWalker.com or minkusmj@charter.net*