



Van Alstyne, Texas Chamber of Commerce

"Working Together for Business Success and Personal Growth"

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Upcoming Events

June 9th, 8 am– Networking Breakfast @ Got Signs?

June 23rd, 8 am– Networking Breakfast @ GCC Hosted by Identity Theft Svcs

July 4th – Fourth of July Events sponsored by Keep Van Alstyne Beautiful

July 14th, 8 am– Networking Breakfast @ Key Insurance Agency

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News from the Board

Dr. Kim Teel will finish the 2009 term as Board President following a resignation. Kim DeMasters will serve as the Board's Vice President.

Chamber Chatter

Hopefully all of the April (and May) showers will be bringing lots of beautiful flowers to us this summer! The Chamber membership is definitely growing! We are excited to welcome our newest members: Sonic Drive In, Holy Family Catholic Church, and Onyx Homes. In April, the Chamber had two Networking Breakfasts. The first was hosted by Independent Bank. It was a small group, but we had the opportunity to discuss the future employment needs of Grayson County and the surrounding counties. The recurring theme was the need for more healthcare providers. The second breakfast was hosted by Debra Pettit, owner of You Name It and was held at Community Bible Church. Besides enjoying a wonderful breakfast, we also got to see the many marketing items that Debra can provide for our businesses. Also in April, the Chamber hosted a Meet the Candidates Night. As you know, there were seventeen candidates involved in this year's election. The event was well

attended by both the candidates and their constituents. The evening provided a formal and informal format, so that the candidates could not only present their platforms, but they also had the opportunity to visit one on one with the voters.

Onyx Homes hosted an open house on May 6th to showcase their models. We were given the grand tour of their model home and treated to an awesome lunch as well. We were then able to run off the lunch at the VA Physical Therapy and Fitness Center's Little Big Town Run on May 9th. The event was a huge success and brought many runners and walkers to downtown Van Alstyne.

Business of the Month

Res-Real Estate Services in McKinney was drawn as May's Featured Business of the Month. Go to www.VanAlstyneChamber.org to find out more about them!

April's Scavenger Hunt Winner

Tara Neighbors submitted a correct answer to one of April's Scavenger Hunts and was selected to receive a prize donated by **Workforce Solutions Texoma**. Tara is the Nursing Program Assistant at Grayson County College's South Campus.

Scavenger Hunt

Read the Chamber's Scavenger Hunt Question in the Van Alstyne Leader the 3rd week of each month. Then log on to www.VanAlstyneChamber.org to find the answer. Send the answer to vachamber@gcecisp.com for a chance to win a prize from our Business of the Month!