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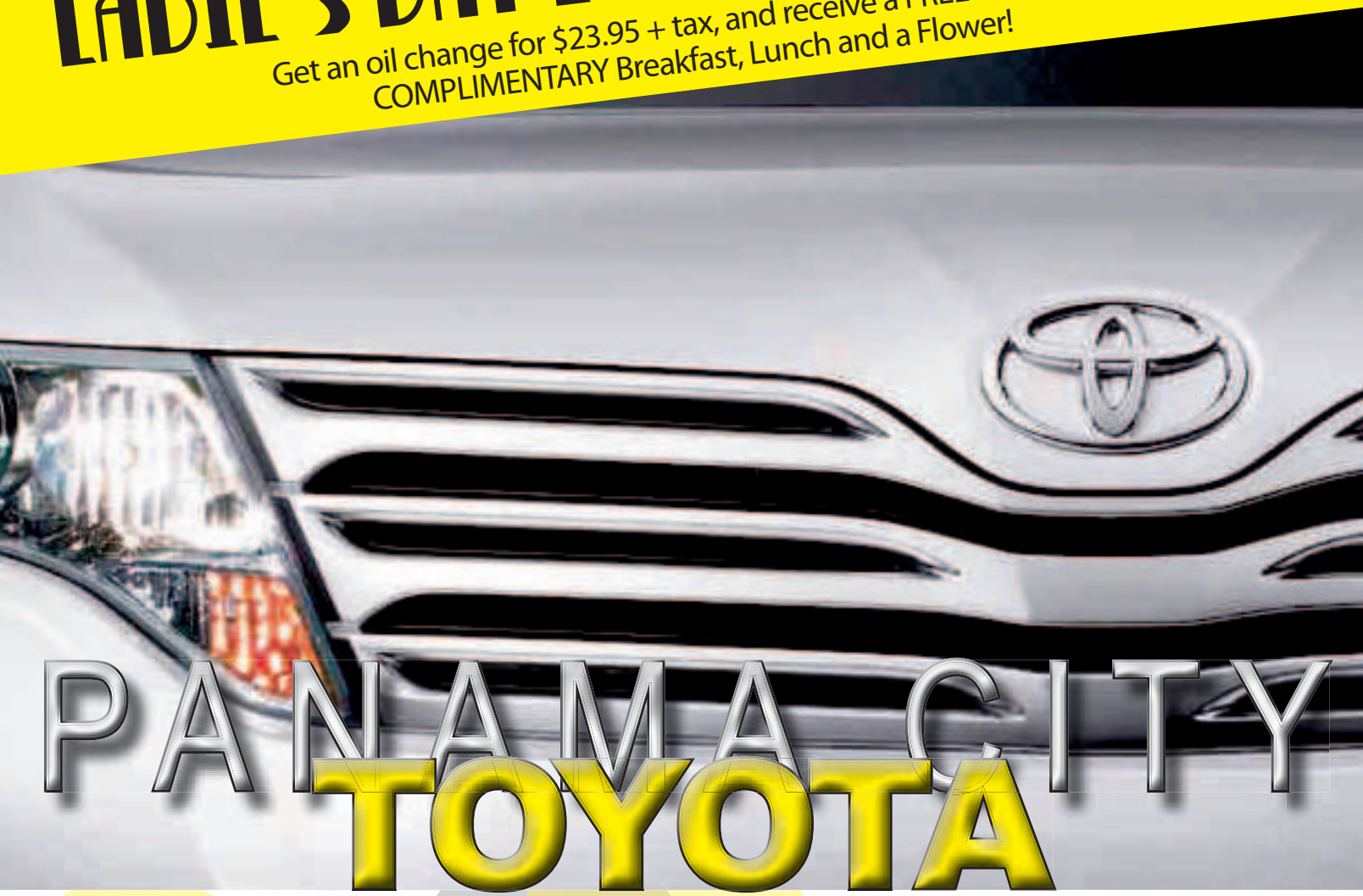

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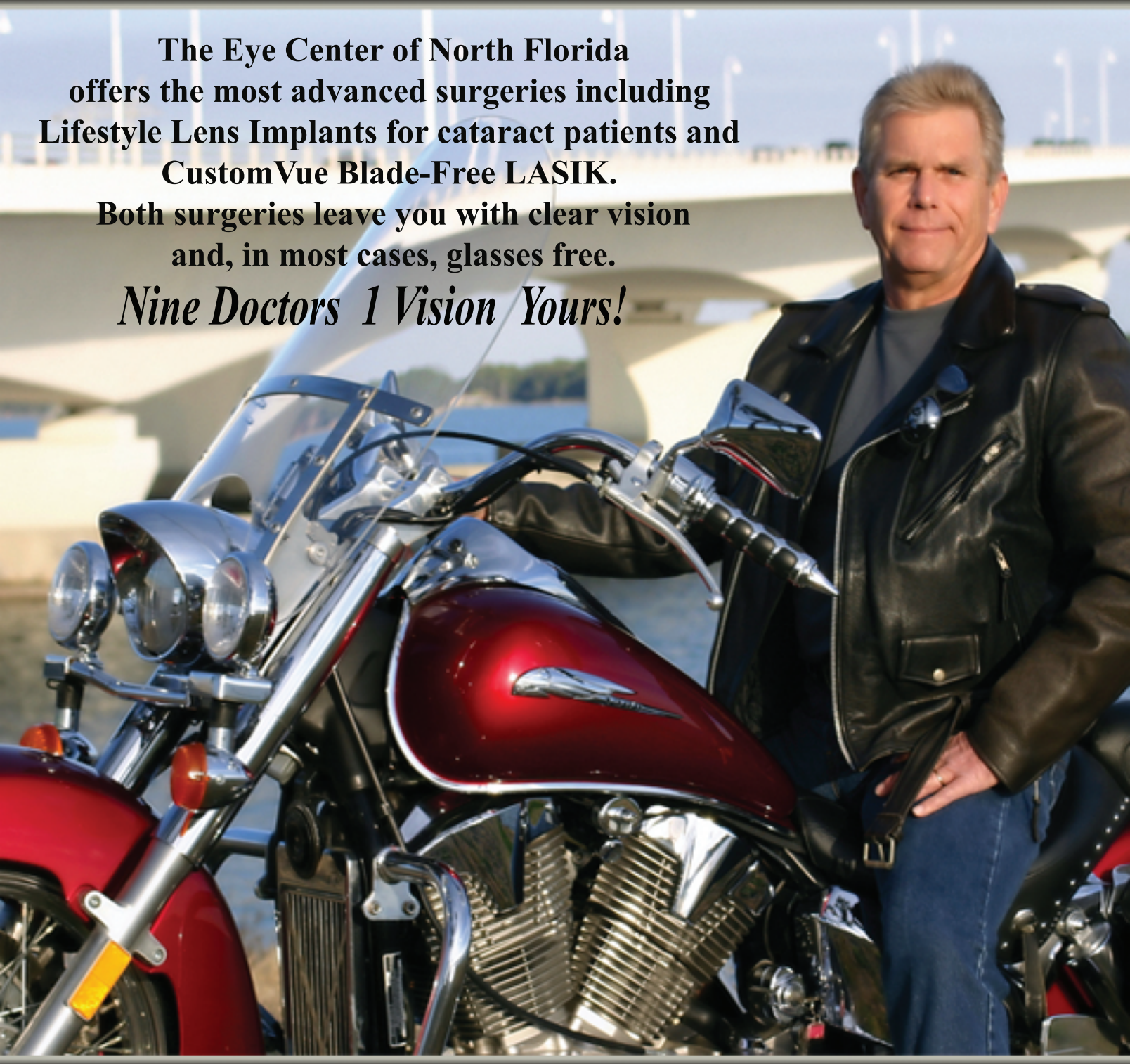

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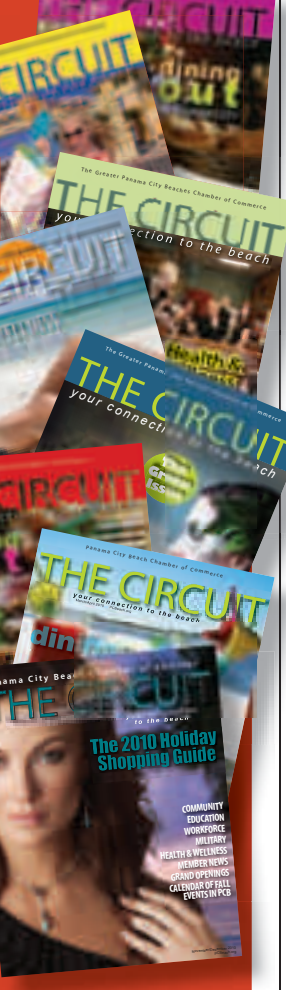

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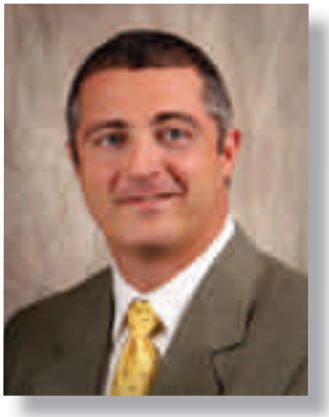
Chairman's Message

Spring is almost here with the seventy degree days ahead and the cold weather behind us. We started this quarter with a bang by having the privilege of U.S. Senator Marco Rubio joining us for our inaugural Chamber D.I.N.E. Luncheon at the Bay Point Marriott Golf Resort & Spa on February 23. We were proud to have Doral Bank and Gulf Coast Medical Center sponsor this incredible event. His leadership and passion will keep pressing Florida to compete with not only the rest of our Country, but on a global scale.



We followed the Chamber D.I.N.E. with our Annual Awards Dinner, "Celebrate the Coast," the next evening at the Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort. Entertainment was provided by The On Call Band, and the presenting sponsors were Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort and Panama City Toyota. Our Pioneer of the Year was awarded to Mr. Gary Walsingham; he has been so instrumental on the progress of our beach, from the Alvin's Island stores to our newest amusements of Wonderworks and Ripley's Believe It or Not. The winner of the Humanitarian Award was Leon Walters, who is so worthy of this award. His dedication and commitment to our community and for our kids is a shining example for all of us. The Ambassador of the Year was presented to Rose Tortorici for her unselfish devotion to the Ambassador team. The recipient of the Small Business Person Award was John Shepard of Carpet One Floor & Home. He is such an enthusiastic member and promoter of the Beach Chamber, and truly deserving of this award. The last recognition went to Commander Jessica Pfefferkorn for her dedication to our Country, Community and Chamber. She is a true leader and role model for all ages, by what she has accomplished. We will miss her after her assignment is over this summer, but will be anxious for her return on retirement.

We are looking forward to the 2011 Gulf Coast Salute at Tyndall AFB, and look forward to seeing all of our members in attendance. The air show is only hosted every other year, and we are proud to be part of this rich tradition.

Hope you're having a fantastic spring and enjoying this incredible weather.

Robert Carroll

President's Message

As we come into springtime in Panama City Beach – one of the most beautiful times of year – the weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer. For those fortunate enough to live here, what a beautiful place Panama City Beach is to call home. Senator Marco Rubio said it best in his presentation at the Chamber's first Chamber D.I.N.E. Luncheon on February 23: The lifestyle and opportunities for advancing and succeeding in life here in America are what make this country special, exceptional and unique, and what we have here is extraordinarily rare. As Senator Rubio pointed out, the root of our greatness is that our forefathers made certain decisions and certain sacrifices. He asked us: ***Are we are willing to do what it takes to remain great?***

Just as America's greatness is not automatic, neither is the success of this Chamber of Commerce. This Chamber *IS* its members; are its members willing to do what it takes to keep this great organization healthy, helpful, useful, forward-looking and valuable? (I think the answer is yes!) The easy part is joining the Chamber. After that, it's up to you to get involved and take part in our programs, events, committee projects and marketing vehicles.

As of the publishing of this *Circuit,* Panama City Beach will once again be alive with Spring Break activity. The Beach Chamber is busy planning a progression of events to keep our members and the local community informed and engaged this season. Make sure you take a look at our events calendar on **PCBeach.org**, on our weekly **Beach Buzz** e-blast, and in this magazine. Also, please make sure you sign up for a booth at this year's Business Expo with an "Around the World" theme, sure to be another hit. Contact **Lindsay@PCBeach.org**, or call the Beach Chamber at (850) 235-1159.

Have a wonderful spring!

Beth Oltman, *IOM*

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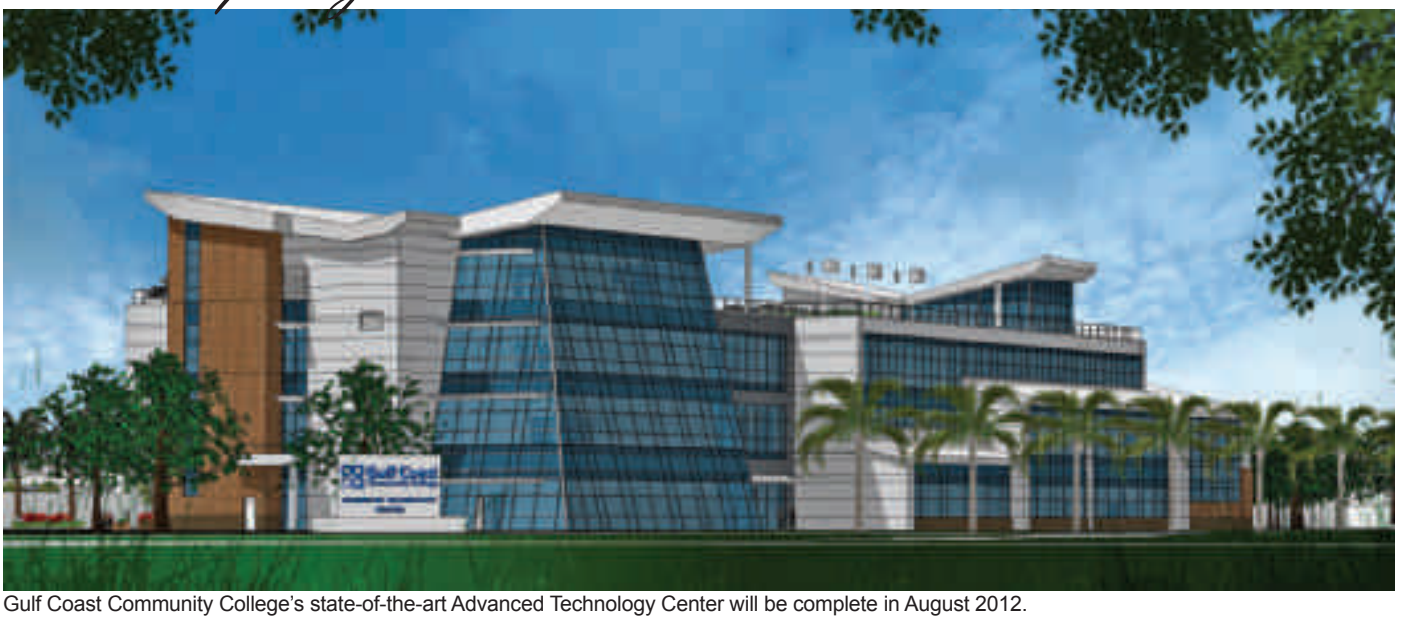

Gulf Coast Community College's state-of-the-art Advanced Technology Center will be complete in August 2012.

Advanced Technology Center

On June 24, 2010, Gulf Coast Community College held a Groundbreaking for its Advanced Technology Center (ATC), where dignitaries and community leaders donned hardhats and drove their gold shovels into the ceremonial dirt. More than 150 people witnessed the inception of this $35 million dollar project, to build one of the most technologically advanced learning facilities in the country.

The new state-of-the-art training and education facility will address the emerging workforce needs of the technology, engineering and alternative energy industries. This initiative is consistent with regional economic development efforts to attract companies developing and deploying alternative and renewable energy solutions. The ATC will provide a flexible environment to help educate a new high-tech workforce with the anticipation of attracting new industry with high-paying jobs. "We can bring in industry, but if we don't have the workforce in place it won't work. Our job is to respond to community needs and get ahead of the curve," GCCC President Dr. Jim Kerley said.

The four-story facility, containing more than 100,000 square feet of space, will be Gulf Coast's largest building when completed in August 2012. It will be home to educational opportunities in renewable energies, alternative energies, sustainable building design, architecture and engineering, information science, computer integrated manufacturing, e-Learning and culinary arts careers. These programs are designed to increase learning opportunities for students, and to infuse business and entrepreneurship principles into its educational tenets.

Leading by example, the ATC will be a "green" building, built to meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification standards and provide enhanced spaces compatible with sustainable green building practices. The design of the building will be environmentally friendly, incorporating designs to help reduce the future cost of operation and maintenance.

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Steve Rubin Construction

One cold winter's morning in February of 1977, while Steve Rubin was living on an island surrounded by the Delaware River in Bucks County, PA, his cat pushed open a window in his small apartment. When he returned that evening, not only were icicles hanging inside his room, his goldfish were frozen solid. Three days later he was packed and heading for Key West. With several years of experience as a carpenter, building new homes and renovating old historic houses, Steve began Rubin Construction.

In 1983, he moved to the Gulf Coast where he helped raise four beautiful children who are now outstanding young adults. He continued working as a carpenter and became a realtor,

Steve Rubin surrounded by his four children

and eventually a broker. While maintaining his Broker's license, in 1996, he earned a county residential contractor's license and continued on a few years later to achieve a State Certified Residential Contractor.

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Visit **rubinconstruction.com** for more info, and a look at the photo gallery. References upon request; call (850) 832-9100.

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Chamber President and CEO Beth Oltman accepts the Chamber's two new ADDY awards.

The Lady offers a Dinner/Dance Cruise on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, the Country Comedy Cruise on Tuesday, and the popular Gospel Music Dinner Cruise on Thursday. Cruises include a fabulous dinner buffet and live music; cocktail service is available. Also available for private cruises; call (800) 360-0510.

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Wounded Warrior Retreat

April 13-17 is the date for the Spring Warrior Beach Retreat, where approximately 50 soldiers and their caregivers are eagerly anticipating their visit to beautiful Panama City Beach. The time of rest, relaxation and connecting with other soldiers and caregivers bring hope and healing beyond comparison. Word has spread across the nation of the heartfelt love and support our community shows to combat wounded soldiers and their families.

The Bay Point Marriott is hosting these heroes. Various restaurants and entertainment venues will be lending their support as well. We live in the most patriotic and supportive community. Panama City should be proud of all they do to give back to so many who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

As the mother of Sgt. Joshua Cope, severely wounded in Iraq on November 12, 2006 by an IED blast losing both legs above the knee and sustaining injuries to both hands, I have seen first hand the effects of war. The real battle begins when a soldier returns home. Joshua has been married for seven years to his wife Erica, and is the father of two beautiful daughters. The spouse is often the unsung hero, and these retreats focus on them as well.

Opening ceremony will be held at the First Baptist Church on Grace Avenue on April 14 7:00 pm. Please come and show your support for these heroes. Donations may be made online at **warriorbeachretreat.com**; checks may be made payable to Warrior Beach Retreat, Inc., P.O. Box 19555, Panama City Beach, FL 32417. All donations are tax deductible.

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Chamber Wins ADDY Awards

The AAF (American Advertising Federation) Panama City Chapter presented its 2011 ADDY Awards for advertising creative excellence on February 5 at the Majestic Beach Resort. This annual dinner and awards presentation was attended by over 100 individuals of the local advertising and media businesses.

Of the 151 entries received by AAF-Panama City, 21 gold ADDY Awards, 66 silver ADDY Awards, and 4 gold Student ADDY Awards were presented. Entries were judged based on creativity, originality and creative strategy. The Panama City Beach Chamber won a Gold ADDY Award for the 2010 Vacation Planner, and a Silver ADDY for the 2010 "Business at the Beach" Relocation Guide & Member Directory.

The ADDY Awards Competition is a three-tiered national competition conducted annually by the AAF, and is the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition for creative excellence.

AAF-Panama City is a member association comprised of advertising and media professionals. Proceeds from the ADDY Awards help support AAF-Panama City's educational programs, public service projects and proactive government relations efforts.

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Schlotzsky's Opens in Pier Park

The new Schlotzsky's in Panama City Beach was built with the company's rebranding efforts in mind, which include a newly designed restaurant, a co-branding deal with Cinnabon® and a new service model where crew members hand-deliver food to the tables. Everything from tables and chairs to circular-themed local photography featuring tongue-in-cheek phrases is designed to entertain and cater to the guest.

When you walk into the restaurant, the smell of fresh-baked bread and the scent of Cinnabon's homemade rolls welcome you. Guests can enjoy more than 15 different sandwiches on Schlotzsky's famous unique round freshly baked buns, as well as wraps, gourmet pizzas made with Fresh-from-Scratch® crusts, freshly tossed salads and a variety of soups. Cinnabon, which is recognized for their deliciously sweet, homemade treats, was a natural addition to the restaurant, and guests can enjoy a number of options, including the Cinnabon® Classic Roll and CinnaPacks™.

With such addictive recipes, upbeat surroundings and funny sayings, Schlotzsky's is adding tremendous flavor to the Panama City Beach quick-casual dining scene.

Owner Umesh Patel stands in front of the new Schlotzsky's / Cinnabon in Pier Park.

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Spring Break Shuttle

Sunshine Shuttle & Limousine has been named the official 2011 transportation provider for Spring Break, offering a new tram service transporting spring break students from ECP, VPS and PNS to resorts in Panama City Beach.

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There are currently between 80 and 100 students in the program. The faculty knows the chefs from Destin to Apalachicola, and every week they get calls from chefs asking for culinary students to work in their kitchen. "Most students are working by the time they're in their second semester," notes Chef Ashman. "From catering to restaurants, corporate restaurants to mom & pops…from Café Thirty-A to Olive Garden to Trigo." The Boatyard's kitchen (in Panama City Beach), employs quite a number of GCCC students and graduates. "These restaurants are getting someone with the desire to learn and work in this field," he says.

The Culinary Program is constantly looking for ways to expand and improve. During spring break, Chef Ashman will be headed to Chicago for A Week of Chocolate training. In April, the winner of the Food Network's Fruit & Vegetable Sculpture Competition, Chef Ray Duey, is coming back to GCCC to give the students a carving demonstration. The Program's new home, as of the fall 2012 semester, will be in the Advanced Technology Center that is currently under construction at GCCC. "It will be like nothing this region has ever seen," Chef Ashman excitedly says. "A new training center with a new restaurant that will be American Culinary Federation accredited."

Chef Ashman is looking to expand the offering of culinary courses to more people in the community, through weekend classes, the Lifelong Learning program's Culinary Boot Camp, and the addition of summer classes. For more information, call the Gulf Coast Community College Culinary Program at (850) 769-1551.

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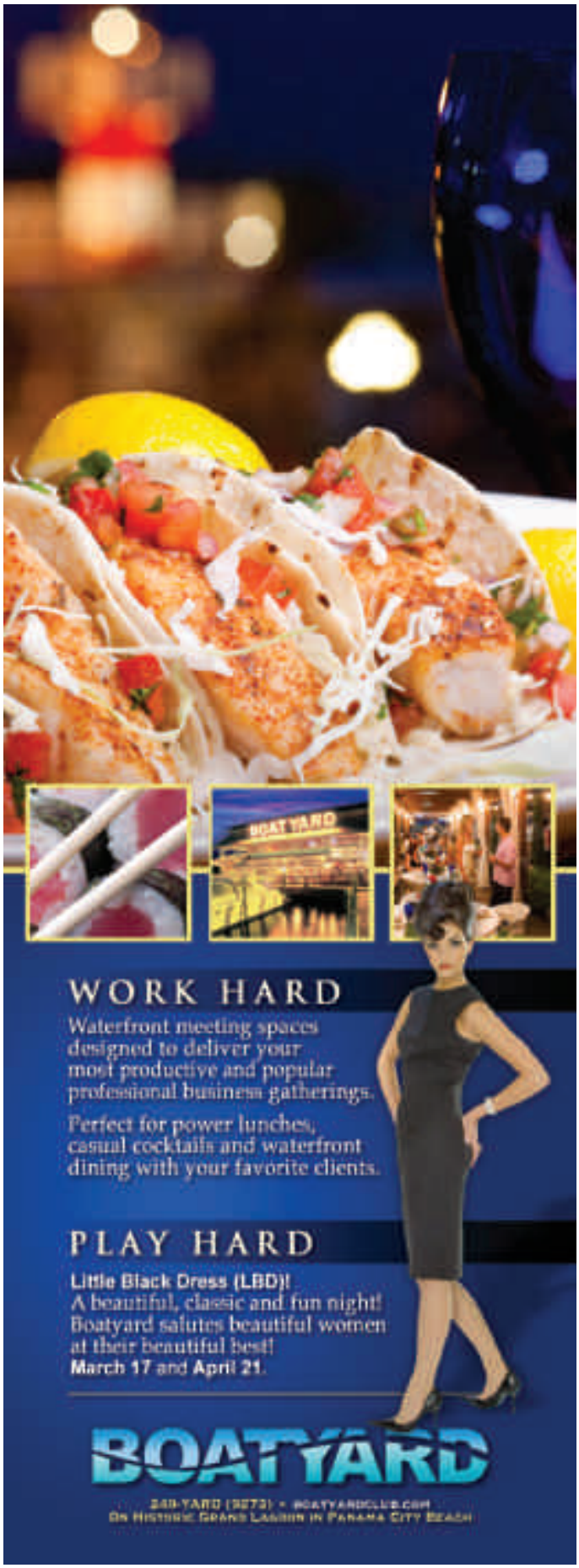

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granite café and Star Bar

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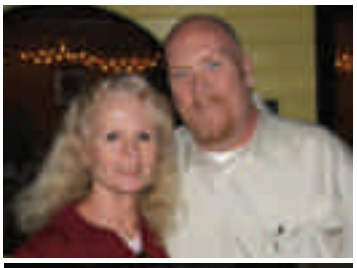

Top: Owners Judy and Tony Fifer.
Bottom: Chef Timmy O.

Owners Tony and Judy, Don and Sandie Fifer are warm and inviting people who share a passion for their latest endeavor. One of their first decisions for the establishment was to hire an experienced chef. Chef Timmy O, the Granite's culinary mastermind, trained "on-the-job" in local kitchens for 22 years, and knows the restaurant business inside and out. He makes everything in-house and from scratch, and declares the Granite "perfect for a special occasion, the family, or dinner with a loved one."

The Granite has a well-rounded menu ranging from burgers to ribeyes and filets, and Chef Timmy is happy to customize any dish a customer wants. A variety of inspired side dishes accompany every entrée, including grilled garden vegetables, haricot verts, eggplant ratatouille, house garlic mashed potatoes and cinnamon-sugar-bourbon-sweet-potato-mash. Chef Timmy names several of his house favorites: Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp, Lamb with wild blueberries, Tenderloin with wild mushrooms and sweet chile vinaigrette. He speaks of his fish dishes as a master would, declaring the pan-seared fresh Filet of Black Grouper perhaps the best in Bay County, and the Cedar Plank Salmon even better.

Chef Timmy's Crab Cakes are sweet and plump, melt-in-your-mouth, served on a bed of baby spinach leaves, sliced red pepper, fresh mint and lemon slices. These tender, mouth-watering patties are served with a creamy, garlicky *basil aioli* which gives them a distinct herbal undertone. The juicy, mild Salmon, smoked out back on a cross-section of cedar plank, is a superb balance of nuances, served with a citrus-honey-Malibu rum reduction and a sprig of fresh rosemary.

Located at 1001 Beck Ave. in Panama City, in the heart of old St. Andrews, the Granite serves lunch until 4 pm and dinner until 10 pm. For reservations call (850) 215-3287 or email **granite_cafe@hotmail.com.**

los antojitos

Located on the west edge of St. Andrews, Los Antojitos Mexican Restaurant is a fun atmosphere full of funky art and delicious, fresh Mexican cuisine. In fact, their slogan is "Fun, Funky & Always Fresh!"

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Top left: The Super Duper Baked Burrito. ***Top right:*** Owners Matt and Mynta Harbison. ***Above:*** Los Antojitos' signature steak.

Signature dishes include their Fish & Shrimp Tacos, Seafood Enchiladas, the Super Baked Burrito—as well as Super Duper Baked Burrito and the Myntalina Burrito, Margaritas made with fresh squeezed lime juice, award-winning Shrimp Seviche, and the best Steak in town. That's right…steak in a Mexican restaurant!

This colorful, whimsical establishment likes to have fun with its patrons. For example, the *Man vs. Burrito* competition: come in and order the Super Duper Baked Burrito, weighing in at five pounds; grande and muy deliciouso! Eat the entire burrito and receive a free "I got Super Duper Baked @ Los Antojitos" T-shirt.

Los Antojitos is committed to making this amazing community a better place. We are dedicated to supporting worthy organizations that improve the lives of those less fortunate in our area. Some of this include: Junior Service League of Panama City, After School Assistance Program of Panama City, One Positive Place, Children's Home Society of Florida, Bay District Schools, American Heart Association, Shaddai Shrine Temple, Holy Nativity Episcopal School, Bay County Audubon Society, Bay Education Foundation, United Way of NW FL, and many more.

Having an office party or an employee luncheon? Los Antojitos can set up a buffet style lunch; call Matt at (850) 784-6633 for more information. Los Antojitos is located at 4809 West Highway 98 in Panama City. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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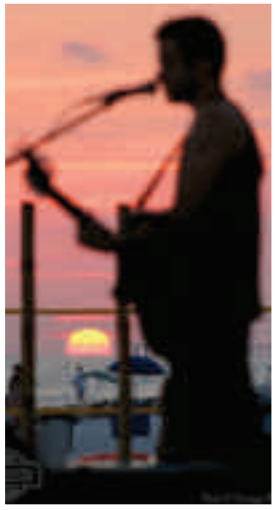

If you haven't been to the Spinnaker in a while, you'll be surprised to know that it's a family friendly beach during the day...and a laid back beach bar at night.

The addition of **The Paradise Grill** back in the late 90's took Spinnaker in a whole new direction. The Paradise Grill has become known for serving up the freshest local seafood, outstanding slow smoked BBQ, and the infamous "takes two hands to hold 'em" burgers. In 2009, Spinnaker opened **The Cantina**, the one and only beachside taco & margarita bar on Panama City Beach. Spinnaker is one of the last few places on the Beach that you can actually dine beachside to enjoy the beautiful emerald green water and see the most breathtaking view of sunset you can find anywhere in the world.

Spinnaker is still known for being the best place on the beach to to go for live music, but the format has also evolved over the years. Now you will not only hear good ol' Rock 'n Roll, you'll see some of the best up-and-coming Country acts and a modern version of Reggae, commonly referred to as "Surf-Rock-Reggae." Inside on the dance floor, the dj plays your favorite dance hits from the 70's, 80's, 90's and today. Like to stay fit? Take a free **Beach Yoga Class**, on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm and Fridays 10:00 am, April thru November.

Spinnaker has come full circle and gone back to its roots, encouraging families to enjoy the beach together. Gather up the kids to kick off the monthly **Beach Blanket Concert Series** on Friday, April 22. Enjoy the amazing food in The Paradise Grill for dinner, and then get your toes in the sand and dance to live music on the beach stage. This free family-friendly beach concert series will take place the third Friday of every month, thru October.

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When you enter Firefly, the bar and lounge will remind you more of New York City than Panama City. Chef Paul Stellato's French-Floridian style cuisine has landed Firefly the prestigious Golden Spoon Award along with numerous other awards, making Firefly one of the top five rated restaurants on the Florida panhandle. Serving Gulf fresh seafood, mouthwatering steaks seared to perfection on a 1,800 degree broiler, world class sushi, as well as artisan pizzas, Firefly has something for everyone and every budget.

Firefly has been a Wine Spectator Award of Excellence winner three years in a row and their knowledgeable staff will help you pick out the perfect bottle. Last year Firefly played host to President Barack Obama and his family, as well as several country music stars vacationing on the beautiful emerald coast. While the celebrities are nice, they pride themselves on being the locals' choice for special occasions or a romantic night out.

If you want to treat yourself and your family to a great evening out, there is only one choice on Panama City Beach, and that's Firefly. Reservations are strongly recommended: (850) 249-3359.

From Top: Firefly's delicious steak; President Barack Obama, with Chef Paul Stellato, dined at Firefly in 2010; fresh Gulf Seafood "French-Floridian" style.

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a few minutes *with* jeff dibenedictis

Interview by Marta Rose
Photo by Skip Alford

Jeff DiBenedictis is a self-described Yankee born in Pittsburgh with an Italian-Irish heritage. "We talk loud and we talk fast!" he says. Prior to relocating here 27 years ago he had never been to Panama City, and admits he didn't even know where it was. His family moved here from Atlanta during his high school years, and he attended Bay High where he played basketball and tennis. Jeff attended FSU in Tallahassee for four years, majoring in economics and minoring in marketing.

"I wouldn't leave Bay County for anything," he says. "This is a great community that's got that 'big little' feel. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else." Other motivations for staying local are the friendliness of the people, the beauty of the beach and the outdoors, the efficiency of navigating through security at the new airport, and the safety of raising a family here. "I can go to a gas station, leave my keys in the car, and come out knowing my car will still be there," he says. "This is a safe community and Sherriff McKeithen is doing a great job. This is an environment everyone would want to raise a child in."

"I'm not the smartest banker in the area. But I care about my customers and I care about service. That's how you distinguish yourself in this industry."

Getting into banking was originally just to look good on a resume, and Jeff never realized he'd be doing it for so long. He got his banking start the summer of his senior year, working at AmSouth Bank on Middle Beach Road next to Beach Elementary, where he stayed for four years. "AmSouth helped get me to where I am today," he recognizes. He started out as a teller, and later worked through the training management program, working up to Assistant Manager of Business Development. After AmSouth, Jeff managed the South Trust office on Thomas Drive for two and a half years. In 1996, Terry DuBose asked Jeff to work for him at Emerald Coast Bank, the current Trustmark location at the beach between Front Beach Road and Highway 98. Jeff served as City President of the bank since 2001, which became Trustmark Bank in August 2003. "I work for a great company," he acknowledges. "They care about their people and about their image in the community. My strength is knowing people in this community. It takes a while to establish the connections."

Jeff likes staying active in the community. He loves all kinds of sports but golf is his big thing. On the weekend one can find him at the Hombre Golf Club…or chasing his kids. He co-chairs the March of Dimes Signature Chefs event, and is working on the 2011 Heart Ball. He serves on the board of the Gulf Coast Community College Foundation, and plans to be increasingly involved with the Beach Chamber.

"My wife and my children are the two most important things in my life," states Jeff, who has been married to his wife Tonya since 2003. His son Mario, 5, and daughter Mia Bella, 3, are "going on 18 and 24" respectively. Jeff always wanted the flexibility of being a hands-on dad when the time came. "I tried to pay my dues early so that when my family arrived, I could spend time with them." What is his first thought in the morning? "I look at Mario and Mia Bella, and feel blessed to have two healthy kids and a roof over my head. Then I start to think about the day ahead."

What future does Jeff see for Panama City Beach in the next five years? "The economy will have rebounded," he predicts. "Real estate will have come back. Because of the airport, different areas are 'coming back.' The people in this community control its future."

And what about the future of Jeff DiBenedictis? "I want to live to be 90…that would be a great age," he says. "I want to see my kids have kids, and take my grandkids out for a beer!"

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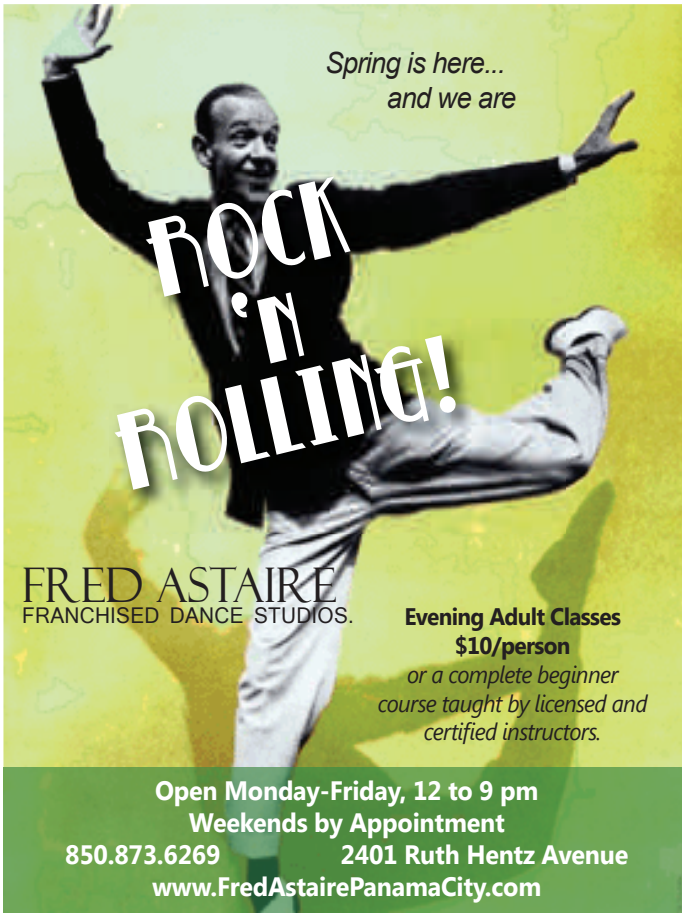

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1. *From left:* Bay County Chamber President Carol Roberts, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Beach Chamber President Beth Oltman.
2. *From left:* Carol Roberts, Governor Rick Scott and Beth Oltman.
3. The Horizon Ballroom at "Florida Chamber Days" in Tallahassee.

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1. Ken Feinberg, Gulf Coast Claims Administrator, speaks to the media following the Town Hall Meeting at Edgewater Beach Resort on January 19. **2**. Beach Chamber Chair Robert Carroll welcomes attendees at the Town Hall Meeting. **3**. Karen Blackerby presents the 4th Quarter 2010 Small Business Award to Dr. Myra Reed at *First Friday with the Beach*. **4**. *From left:* Mandy Pitts, Christy Coulthard, Sherry Bruening & Julie Lang at the Kingfish Business After Hours on January 18. **5**. *From left:* Sire Negri, Evans Manrique, Jeremy Gilliam & Clay Burch at Kingfish. **6**. Senator Marco Rubio speaks at the inaugural Chamber D.I.N.E. Luncheon on February 23. **7**. Members from both Chambers at *First Friday with the Beach* on January 7. **8**.Tracey Bieganowski, Salina McDonald, Nicole Mincey & Brad Tunnell at the H.Y.P.E. Kickoff Party on February 1 at Firefly. **9**. Robert Carroll and Bay County Chair Bo Rivard with Florida Chamber Chair Allan Bense at *First Friday with the Beach*.

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1. Past Chairman Griff Griffitts was presented a special dedication. **2**. 2011 Chairman Robert Carroll was Master of Ceremonies. **3**. Former Panama City Mayor Philip Griffitts, Sr. presented the 2011 Pioneer of the Year Award to Gary Walsingham. **4**. Sharon Carroll sang the National Anthem. **5**. *From left*: Janet Watermeier, Karen Blackerby and Beth Oltman presented a special dedication to Commander Jessica Pfefferkorn. **6**. The stunning "Celebrate the Coast"-themed room at Edgewater.

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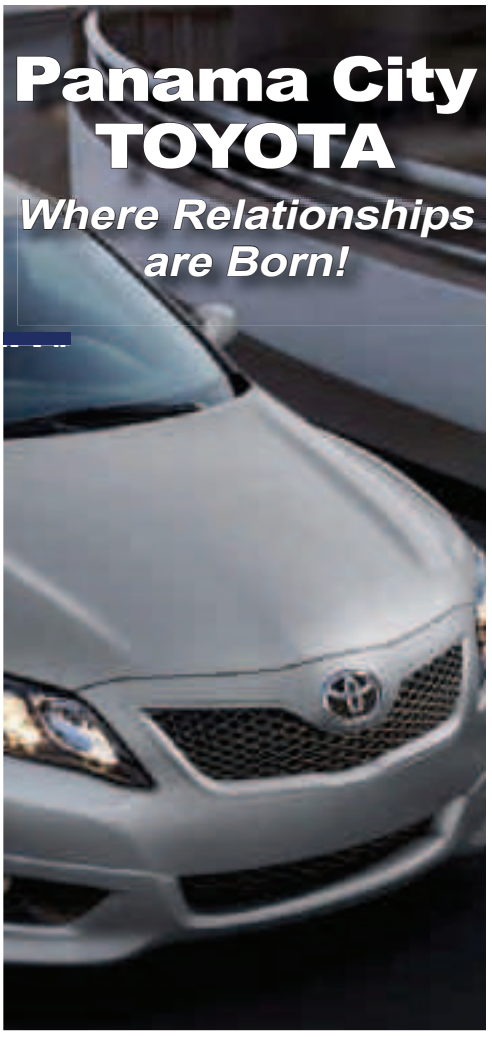

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D.I.N.E. Luncheon *with* Senator Marco Rubio

1. Senator Rubio spoke with the media following the Chamber D.I.N.E. Luncheon on February 23. **2**. *From left*: Chamber President and CEO Beth Oltman, Chamber Chairman Robert Carroll, Senator Rubio, and Past Chair Griff Griffitts. **3**. Senator Rubio shared a laugh onstage with Robert Carroll and Beth Oltman. **4**. Attendees at the post-event Roundtable included *(from left)*: Congressman Steve Southerland, Former House Speaker and Florida Chamber Chair Allan Bense, and Bay County Chamber Chair, Bo Rivard (with Rubio).

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SEE & BE SEEN

D.I.N.E. Luncheon *on* FEBRUARY 23, 2011

1. Senator Rubio posed with the Chamber Staff; *from left:* Jena Kimmel, Skip Alford, Catherine Collins, Lindsay Dring, Senator Marco Rubio, Marta Rose, Kristopher McLane and Cyndi Ainsworth. **2**. Senator Rubio addresses the room of nearly 500 attendees. **3**. A Roundtable discussion took place following the Luncheon, with *(from left)*: Grover Davis, David Spencer, Derrick Bennett, Robert Carroll and Griff Griffitts.

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Dr. Smith with winning driver Graham Rahal, one of the four winning drivers who took turns at the wheel of the Rolex 24 at Daytona. Graham is also an Indy Car driver for the Ganassi Racing Team.

Faith Makes Things

By Marta Rose
Photos by Skip Alford

The Panama City Rescue Mission is a privately funded, non-profit 501C (3) organization. It receives no city, county, state or federal funding, and is not currently an affiliated agency of the United Way (although United Way contributors can designate their donations to the Mission). All funding comes from grants, foundations, businesses, churches and members of the community, as well as proceeds from the Bargain Center and other work training/enterprise programs.

"Faith Makes Things Possible...Not Easy." So says the sign that hangs on the wall behind the front counter of the Mission. The Panama City Rescue Mission's "mission" is to provide an environment where the compassion and love of Jesus Christ can empower people to overcome and prevent life's adversities. What makes Rescue Missions different from other secular programs that help the homeless is the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as exhibited by lives that are permanently changed by an encounter with the Living God.

Mission History

The Mission officially opened its doors in April 1972, in the 100-year-old Bay Hotel Building located at 27 E. Beach Drive, where the First Federal Bank parking lot is currently located. In the beginning, food, housing and chapel services were provided. In 1975, Rev. Joe O'Daniel from Montgomery, AL arrived to serve as Executive Director. O'Daniel offered a three-day emergency shelter and a 90-day recovery program.

In 1984, Seymore's Electric at 501 E. 6th Street was purchased from Holden Harders, who provided a loan for the building. Eventually, Harders forgave the loan so all contributions could be used for ministry. In 1985, the need for additional space and housing for an increasing homeless population led to the building of the current location at 609 Allen Avenue.

In 2001, after Mr. O'Daniel passed away, the Board hired Thurman Chambers, who had served Missions in Atlanta and Jacksonville, to serve as Executive Director. Chambers organized the first long-term Christian recovery program, The Power to Choose. This 12-step program literally teaches the power to choose…between right and wrong, between our way and God's way. Chambers opened longer-term transitional beds, introducing a mix of specialized services to assist individual needs. The Mission opened the Thrift Depot on 6th Street as an emergency clothing center, and the Bargain Center as its first retail thrift store at 401 E. 6th Street, to assist in generating self-sustaining revenues for the programs.

"I was very active in church, and knew I had a calling to work with impoverished people. I drove Sunday school busses into the projects...I worked with the impoverished kids' parents. I took a 50% cut in pay and lost all my benefits, but the Lord has always taken care of us." ~ Rev. Billy Fox

In May 2004, Chambers and the Board purchased a six-acre property on Transmitter Road that would become Bethel Village, a home for women and children. In the spring of 2006, renovations to Bethel Village were completed with the help of Stalnaker Construction and other area businesses. The improvements expanded capacity from 7 to 23 students/children.

In 2005, Rev. Billy Fox was chosen to serve as Executive Director. After a few months in office, the tragic Hurricane Katrina affected our neighbors to the west in Louisiana and Mississippi. Fox led the effort to provide material relief in the form of food and household goods by opening the temporary Katrina Free Store and catering to evacuees in Bay County. That summer, the Mission began an outreach program for homeless and needy children, providing school uniforms and school supplies. In its first two years, Klothes for Kids served more than 1,500 children.

Billy and Carol Fox hail from Tulsa, OK, and have been in the mission business for 25 years. "I started out as a purchasing manager

Possible...Not Easy

Opposite page, left: Panama City Rescus Mission on 6th and Allen Ave.; ***Right:*** Rev. Billy Fox with Harris. ***Above:*** Clients use the computers at the Rescue Mission's Day Center.

for a fortune 500 electronic manufacturing company," he says. After training in the Air Force, he received an Associate's degree in purchasing and went right into the business world, climbing the ladder of success, and by his own account, was miserable.

"I was very active in church, and knew I had a calling to work with impoverished people," he explains. "I drove Sunday school busses into the projects…I worked with the impoverished kids' parents." The mission in Tulsa needed a director, and Billy knew it was what God wanted him to do. "I took a 50% cut in pay and lost all my benefits, but the Lord has always taken care of us." The Fox's later left Tulsa, relocating to Jacksonville, Florida, where they ran a mission for three years, then to Washington D.C. where they consulted to missions for five years, then to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they helped start another mission and lived for four years. The Fox's moved to Panama City nearly six years ago.

"This is really the most generous community we've ever served," he says. "Especially in these hard times, when you think we'd really be struggling, people are rising above and beyond. There really wasn't much going on when I got here," he goes on to say. "There was the shelter, the feeding center and a handful of men in the transitional program."

Nearly six years later, the Mission has 35 men and 21 women in the recovery program. The total bed count has increased from 88 to 160. About 70% of those who come into the program complete the program, move out and get a job. "We have a lot of good people who join together and make it happen," says Rev. Fox. "It's not a one man show…and it's not a one organization show." The Mission works with around 25 local agencies for Client job placement, including the Homeless Coalition, Life Management, Goodwill Industries, the Workforce Center, etc.

"I look for people who have a heart for what we're doing," says Rev. Fox. "You can tell when someone has a passion – and compassion – for what we are doing." Harris and Jamal sit behind the front desk that greets every visitor who walks through the Mission's doors. The two are extremely helpful and have a very accommodating demeanor. Harris has been at the Mission for eight months. His dream is to start a television ministry that quickly goes global. "God makes all things possible," he says. Jamal hails from the Virgin Islands and plans to relocate to Los Angeles to pursue an acting/directing career. And like every good *Angeleno*, he's already working on a screenplay. His plan is to come back to Panama City with his future success, and financially help the Mission.

The Day Center

In September 2005, the Mission officially opened the doors to the Homeless Day Resource Center in the former Thrift Depot location. The Center represents a community collaboration among Hunger and Homeless Coalition agencies, bringing a variety of human services to one central location on the Mission's campus. During the week, there are counselors the clients can talk to, who help them get what they can't get on their own…identification, employment. Clients see a counselor every week or two. These faith-based counselors are more than ready and willing to help anyone at a moment's notice, and willing to go to any length to help clients in their time of need.

Ed Cashman has been at the Rescue Mission since 1995. He came out of Northern California in the sixties, when "the whole country and universities were rebelling against what Nixon was doing in Vietnam…long hair, things of that nature." He has worked at the Mission directly for ten years, but "a 15 year period of time since being involved with the Lord." He works patiently and tirelessly at the Center, helping the Clients check in for the night, helping them use the computers and phone, helping organize activities and events.

"I found the Lord, and in the process I was led to this institution," he says. "The Lord has led me to learn to work with people and be more open to involving myself with them." One of the reasons Ed puts so much energy into his work is the desire to stay around Christians. "My Salvation is what directly led to me finding the Rescue Mission," he says.

On a chilly Saturday afternoon in December, the sofas are filled with clients sleeping seated and upright. Some are out cold, but if they slip into a more comfortable, horizontal position they will be gently waken up by Ed, and asked to sit upright again. "It's a spacing issue," he says. "This isn't a flop house, it's a day center. People are asked to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen."

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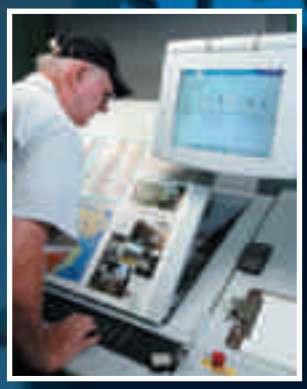

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Committee Updates

Connections

There are many ways to benefit from your membership with the Panama City Beach Chamber. After Hours, Chamber D.I.N.E., Lunch and Learn, 12@12 Luncheons, and Ambassador Lunches and meetings enable you to connect with other members, hear from movers and shakers in our community and state, and learn new ways to grow and enhance your business.

Participation in Chamber Committees is another way in which you can add value to your membership experience.

Connections holds quarterly Member Roundtables in order to provide a forum for Chamber Members to give their input on what programs are working for them, how they can be improved, and what activities and programs are not working for them. This is an open discussion where your ideas, suggestions, and even complaints can be heard in an environment of cooperation and consideration. We want to know what you think, and your valuable insights will help our Chamber to better serve you as we work together to accomplish our mission and goals.

The next Connections Member Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 4:00 pm in the Chamber Board Room. Participation is limited to the first 20 registrants, so call Catherine at the Chamber to RSVP: (850) 235-1159. Help us help you to connect with an exciting and prosperous future!

Pictured Above: Guests at the HYPE kickoff party at Firefly on February 1. ***Right:*** Anthony de la Torre and Kristopher McLane, HYPE Chairman and Staff Liaison, greet guests and discuss HYPE's programs, events and opportunities for 2011.

Governmental Affairs

As busy as the beginning of a new year can be, we had a nice turnout at the first Governmental Affairs committee meeting on January 27. Though we are constantly on the lookout for individuals who would like to be actively involved in the committee, we were pleased with the meeting's attendance.

County Commissioner Mike Thomas graciously accepted our invitation to meet with committee members and discuss the hot topics in Bay County. Lively conversation ensued as issues such as the new noise ordinance on Panama City Beach, the airport, and the ongoing problems with Grand Lagoon were brought up. Discussing the positive and negative aspects of each subject helped ensure committee members that even though this is a non-election year, we still have plenty to accomplish.

Our original goals for the year are still intact and even growing. For our next GAC meeting, we are hoping to go on a tour of the Bay County Jail, guided by Sherriff Frank McKeithen. If anyone is interested in participating in either the tour or one of our regular committee meetings, please contact the Beach Chamber office at (850) 235-1159 or GAC Chairman Ryan Davis at **ryan.c.davis@regions.com**.

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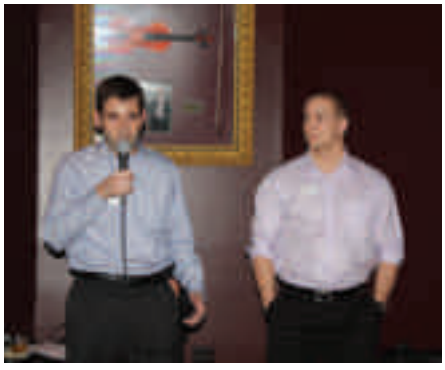

In 2011, the Panama City Beach organization HYPE, Helping Young Professionals Evolve, has been a hit among the young professionals in the area. The kickoff party at Firefly with nearly 60 people showing support, and the rare opportunity to hear Marco Rubio in person at the D.I.N.E. Luncheon were incredibly successful events. These first two events have created the momentum we needed to help build an amazing group as the year continues.

We are excited to announce that our first **Leadership Development Luncheon** will take place at Gulf Coast Medical Center on March 23 at 11:30 am. We will tour the facility and receive insight on how uncertainty in the healthcare industry has affected its business. Additionally, Brian Baumgartner, CEO of Gulf Coast Medical, will discuss what obstacles he overcame as a young professional to become, what he calls, "ultra-successful."

We've already started planning the events for the rest of the year, and hope to get many young professionals involved in these wonderful opportunities. For more information about HYPE, please go to our blog at **pcbhype.blogspot.com**.

Committee Updates

Navigator

On January 18, the Beach Chamber's small business initiative, Navigator, held a Lunch & Learn workshop, "Time Transformation," at FSU Panama City's Holley Academic Center. The presentation was given by Lisa and Shane Adams of Thrive Partnership

"In our rapidly changing world, we are forced to get more done with fewer resources and in less time," says Lisa Adams, founder of Thrive Partnership, LLC. "Time Transformation helps you be able to determine that each remaining day in your life is invested in those activities which will return the personal and professional rewards you desire." The workshop focused on why traditional time management programs don't work, challenging on the attendees' perceptions and attitudes toward time, and how they value their time.

On Febryary 17, Shay Catrett of Bay Solutions presented "Making Memories Through Sand-Sational Service," a customer service workshop directed toward front-line employees. The presentation focused on creating lasting memories for guests that will keep them coming back to our beaches year after year. It covered demographics and needs of our guests, service strategies, building communication skills, and building effective guest relations.

On March 24, Dr. Stan Lindsay, a Communications professor at FSU PC, will lead a Lunch & Learn on the importance of marketing and public relations in business. During the summer, Navigator will once again host speakers from the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship from FSU. Other future topics include "Engaging Employees," "Team Building," and "21st Century Marketing."

Lunch & Learns all include a hot catered lunch and cost $9/person for students, $12/person for Beach Chamber members and $20/person for non-members. To register for any upcoming workshop, contact Marta Rose at the Beach Chamber, **Marta@PCBeach.org**.

Save these additional Thursdays for future **Navigator Lunch & Learn Workshops**, all held at FSU PC from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm: April 28, May 26, and June 23.

Pictured Above: Shay Catrett (on right) of Bay Solutions presented a Lunch & Learn on "Making Memories Through Sand-Sational Service" on February 17 at FSU PC.

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Out & About

Doctors Sylvia and Mike Smith Join Tony Robbins

Doctors Mike and Sylvia Smith recently joined motivational consultant Tony Robbins in an exclusive Business Mastery conference to help develop winning economic strategies for entrepreneurs during these challenging economic times.

Tony Robbins has helped U.S. presidents, Fortune 500 CEOs, celebrities and athletes surpass their goals by applying his philosophy and performance strategies. Robbins is America's leader in coaching for success.

Doctors Mike and Sylvia Smith have been friends with Robbins since 1991, and have engaged in breathtaking adventures together. They have done the famous Robbins' hot-coal walk, skiied in Aspen, bicycled in Italy, and dined throughout Europe on the Orient Express. They even jumped off a high bridge at midnight under a full moon into the shark-infested Salt River in Fiji. The locals called them crazy.

The Smiths are going back to Fiji this summer to complete the Business Mastery Program with Robbins. They might even find time to high-dive into the tropical waterfall that flows from the rain forest.

Above Left: Dr.'s Mike and Sylvia Smith joined Tony Robbins and his wife, Sage, backstage at the *Business Mastery* conference on the West Coast in January.

Welcome Back

The past two years have been tough on the business community. Economic challenges combined with an oil spill have tested the metal of all local business owners.

As an organization which exits to support and help grow local business, it always saddens the Beach Chamber to lose a member, regardless of the reasons. However, when a business owner decides to restore their membership, we have occasion to rejoice! We are proud to welcome back **Hofbrau Beer Garden** as a member of the Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce.

"Hard times forced us to make some rough decisions, but we're glad to be back," says owner Brian Kehl. "We want everyone to know that they are welcomed here." With a festive, family-friendly venue, great food complete with authentic German beer imported from Munich, Hofbrau is a must visit for both locals and visitors to our area.

"This staff is ready for a seriously good year!" says general manager Jeremy Pitt. "The atmosphere is always upbeat and friendly: definitely a place the whole family can enjoy." Don't let another day go by without a visit to this unique establishment, located in Pier Park. Welcome back Hofbrau!

Above Right: Jeremy Pitt and Brian Kehl.

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At 3:00 pm the daily check-in begins. Ladies always go first. They line up around the circumference of the desk, give Ed their bed number, he locates their ID number and checks their badge against the number in the computer, and they get checked in for another night. After the women are checked in, the men line up. This is a much longer line, by about ten times. Often the clients have a special circumstance or need. Ed handles each one, person by person, carefully, flawlessly and with utter patience. His job is to uphold the rules and the bylaws, to regulate and monitor, and it is obvious that he loves his position here, he loves giving order to the Center, and he has compassion for what Rev. Fox and his wife, Carol, are accomplishing.

"This is about the best thing going for homeless missions in this country," he says. "You're not going to find many places that go through the motions of trying to help people the way this place does. Rev. Fox's (or "Brother Fox," as most call him) wife is a large motivator, in my opinion. She's the kind of person who wants to help people…in grand degrees."

The Mission's seven-month, Christian-based work program, Pathway Ministries, teaches work ethics and focuses on how to live life on God's level instead of our level. Sometimes the Mission is a Client's first introduction to God, but "oftentimes we rekindle the fire of God in their lives," says Rev. Fox. After graduating from this program students can go to Crossroads, an extension of the program that delivers them into internships and jobs.

Clearly, the Panama City Rescue Mission is changing, altering and encouraging lives. Although it is best known for its immediate needs program, recovery is where the most positive, permanent impact on the lives of homeless people and the community is seen. "Often people will say to me, is Mission work about Homeless People?" Rev. Fox says. "I'll say no, it's about a homeless person…individual stories, individual hope." By his own analogy, his Mission allows him to be in a God's warehouse, handing out His resources. "For me, it's really about helping one person at a time, in their time of need."

For information on the Mission's programs, volunteering and donations, visit **PCRMission.org** or call the Mission at (850) 769-0783.

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Health Update

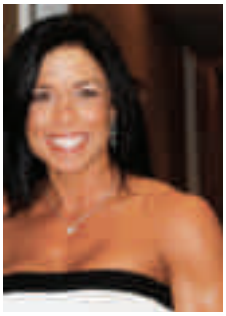
By Kristy McKinny, Gold's Gym

I am sure by now most everyone has heard of the book "Eat This Not That." In the book, David Zinczenko gives alternatives to unhealthy popular food items. So, I am going to do something similar, but include a recipe from my website, **mckinneyfitness.com**.

Capt. Anderson's has a famous appetizer dish, Grilled Bay Shrimp. They are fabulous, and are worth the calories occasionally. But if you want to make a healthy version…
1 ½ lbs large shrimp, heads off shells on
1 Tbsp olive oil & 1 Tbsp coconut oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 Tbsp Cavender's seasoning
2 Tbsp lemon juice
2 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley
Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the oils and allow to get hot, but not smoking. Add shrimp and stir for 2 minutes. Add lemon juice, garlic and Cavender's. Stir constantly for an additional 3 minutes or until shrimp are cooked through. Remove from heat and stir in the parsley.

Andy's Flour Power has a delicious French Toast on their menu. For a healthy Scrambled French Toast you can make at home…
4 egg whites plus 1 yolk
1 tsp vanilla
6 Splenda
1 tsp cinnamon
2 Tbsp fat free milk
2 slices Ezekial bread, cubed
Whisk together the egg, vanilla, Splenda, cinnamon and milk. Add the bread and let soak for 10 minutes to 1 hour (the longer the better). Heat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat then spray with cooking spray. Pour in the French Toast mixture and cook stirring frequently until cooked through and browned. Eat plain or with a little fresh fruit on top.

Firefly has the best sushi in town! I am not one to attempt to make sushi…so save that for the professionals at Firefly. The Heisman is my favorite. They also have a delicious Herbed Salmon. Here is my version…
1 large salmon filet
1 lemon
2 Tbsp Morton's Nature's Season
2 Tbsp Herbes de Provence



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Line a large rimmed baking sheet with foil. Spray the foil with the mister. Lay the rinsed and dried salmon onto the foil. Squeeze the juice of the lemon over the fish. Sprinkle with both seasonings. Spray the top generously with the olive oil mister. Bake at 425 for about 20-25 minutes. I like it a bit browned around the edges.

And at **Saltwater Grill**, I always get the Black & White Tuna with a Greek Salad and Green Beans. Let me share my recipe for the VERY BEST and easiest Green Beans on the planet:
Roasted Green Beans & Shallots
1 lb green beans, trimmed
3 Tbsp olive oil
2 shallots, thinly sliced
salt & freshly ground pepper
Preheat oven to 425. Toss the green beans in a large baking dish with the shallots and oil. Season with salt & pepper. Roast until just cooked through and the beans on top have just started to get brown and crisp, about 15-18 minutes.

It's nice to go out and splurge sometimes on a delicious dinner out. But remember, when you eat out you get way more calories than if you cook a lower calorie version at home. On the days you know you will be eating out, try to sneak in some exercise. You will feel better and have far less guilt about what you eat.

Also, as important as it is to your health to eat right and exercise, it is equally important to your relationships to spend quality time together. Sit down with your family at meal time and talk about each other's day. Include your kids when you go out to eat at a restaurant. Oftentimes, parents quit going out to eat when they have kids, but I recommend including them. Teach them how to order their own food and behave with good manners over a nice dinner out.

Feel free to contact me any time at **goldsgymgirl@comcast.net**.

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In 2005, Jeremiah *(above, left)* moved from New York, where he was a TSA supervisor for two years at JFK Int'l, to be the southeastern regional manager of a national company. Ty *(above, right)* spent eight years in the U.S. Air Force in security forces and special operations before working for the Indiana State Police. He moved to Panama City Beach in 2004 to work with the PCBPD as a patrol officer, and later moved to Task Force Investigator for the state of Florida.

The focus of Guardian Security Consulting is to be a competitive, cost effective alternative, utilizing the strongest requirements for security personnel. Professionalism and superior customer service are of utmost importance. Jeremiah and Ty are personally involved with all of their clients, and will be on call 24 hours a day to answer any and all concerns: (850) 276-8179.

Community Update

Mayor Gayle Oberst
City of Panama City Beach

Property taxes levied in Bay County for 2010 once again present an interesting picture of the finances of Bay County. Sixty-one percent (61%) of the taxes levied are west of the bridge-- in the City of Panama City Beach and unincorporated Bay County. The City of Panama City Beach provided 28% of the taxes more than all the other cities combined. See chart below.

Property Taxes Levied 2010*

Area	% of Total
Unincorporated Bay/ West of the Bridge	33%
City of Panama City Beach	28%
Total west of the Bridge	61%
Panama City	13%
Lynn Haven	6%
Mexico Beach	3%
Callaway	3%
Parker	1%
Springfield	1%
TOTAL OTHER CITIES	27%
Unincorporated Bay / East of the Bridge	12%
Total east of the Bridge	39%

**Compiled by the City Manager from data provided by Bay Co. Tax Office*

A number of new businesses are planned on the beach. Two auto parts stores will be going up- one on the Parkway and one on Hutchison Blvd- and expect a new Hardees in front of Lowe's. The owners of Pineapple Willy's will be opening a grill and bar in the old Tony Roma building with a vintage car and motorcycle theme. The Simon Property Group at Pier Park indicates there might be additional buildings in that location in the near future.

St. Joe Company is moving forward with their plans to develop Breakfast Point. In this initial phase, there will be some 43 homes built near Breakfast Point School, a medical complex with Andrews Sport Medicine, and doctor's offices adjacent to the Publix shopping center.

From reports, it appears that the spring and summer will be a busy time for the tourism industry. Visitors are already making reservations for their summer vacations. While much of the traffic will be on the Front Beach Road, the signal light at Clara will aid in getting on and off the Parkway.

Bay County Commission

Bill Dozier
Bay County Commission Chairman

Spring has sprung, folks, and it's time to get out and enjoy all the natural beauty Bay County has to offer. Aside from the obvious surf and sand, opportunities to explore the area's outdoors abound, some of which many Bay County residents may not even be aware. Did you know that Bay County Parks and Recreation has dozens of ball parks, boat ramps, playgrounds and much more, all there for you to enjoy free of charge?

Beyond the usual, we've also got some unique entertainment opportunities. In 2008, we opened a state-of-the-art skate board park with ramps, launches and rail slides and suitable for people with varying skating skills. The park is located at Pete Edwards Recreation Facility at 7300 McElvey Rd., Panama City Beach.

We've opened two new off-leash dog parks in Bay County. Both facilities have plenty of room for dogs to run and play, with cleanup and watering stations. In 2008, the Zollie Young Dog Park off U.S. 231 opened and in 2010 we opened the Everitt Avenue Dog Park at 1137 Everitt Avenue.

Efforts to bring more visitors to Harders Park, located off John Pitts Road, were wildly successful last year. The county held its first annual Haunted Hay Ride – drawing some 5,000 people over three days and raising more than $10,000 for charity – as well as the first annual Christmas celebration with carolers, cookies and lots of lights. The fun doesn't stop there, as we're planning an Easter egg hunt this spring, so make plans to join us.

The men and women of our Parks and Recreation Department work very hard for the people of Bay County, and we're so proud of all that they do. You can learn more about all that Bay County Parks and Recreation has to offer by visiting www.baycountyfl.gov. These facilities belong to you, so take advantage of them!

Arts Alive!

Bill Husfelt
Superintendent of Bay District Schools

It's the dining issue, and I'm asking all the supporters of Bay District Schools and all the many performing arts lovers in our area to support a brand new dining event. On April 1, at Edgewater, the Bay Education Foundation and Panhandle Educators Federal Credit Union will sponsor Arts Alive, a dinner and variety show featuring the very best performers in Bay District Schools. A reception and silent auction will be followed by a three-course dinner and a fun-filled show guaranteed to entertain you. Tickets, sponsorship, and show information are available by contacting Janet Kessler at 873-7157 or kessljf@bay.k12.fl.us.

Arts Alive co-chairmen Jody Walls and Tanya Deal committed to this project to help raise money for arts programs in schools and scholarships for students in the Take Stock in Children program. According to Walls, this event provides a great opportunity for the participants as well as the beneficiaries. "Just being in this show is an educational experience for the student performers," says Walls, "and the money we raise will help a lot of kids in visual and performing arts classes in many local schools. We will also be able to purchase Take Stock scholarships for some promising young scholars."

Walls and Deal promise that this will be a fundraiser like no other. "We want our sponsors and guests to have an enjoyable, light-hearted evening, "says Deal. "No speeches—just good food and good entertainment for a good cause."

On the topic of dining, I also want to thank all of the restaurants in our area who support so many schools with special dining events. The dollars raised at these school nights make a big difference to the groups who sponsor them, and we appreciate all the business owners who care enough to help.

EDA Update

Janet Watermeier
Bay County Economic Development Alliance Executive Director

The Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) estimates Bay County's 2010 population to have gained 1,005 people since 2009, an increase of 0.6%. Florida showed population growth as well, but on a smaller scale, increasing by only 0.1%. These projections depict our area in Florida as growing at a greater rate than the rest of the state. It is truly an exciting time for Bay County!

If you had the opportunity to attend the EDA's Annual Meeting in February, you learned that the EDA had 110 information requests, 55 qualified leads, 41 business outreach projects and 4 community outreach projects in 2010 – a positive report in such a challenging year. Immediately following the meeting, the EDA welcomed four new leaders to our community during a New Leader Welcome Reception. The newcomers included Don Kirkman with Florida's Great Northwest, KJ Rice with Southwest Airlines, Hans Sack with Berg Steel Pipe Corporation and Neal Wade with The St. Joe Company.

If you are or know a resident of the City of Lynn Haven, be aware of an important economic development incentive on the April ballot. It is a referendum allowing the Lynn Haven Commission to be authorized to grant property tax exemptions to new and expanding businesses to establish new jobs. At a time when we are all concerned about jobs and growing our local economy, it is important to support incentives that spur job creation and economic development. Early voting is April 11-15, and Election Day is April 19. The EDA supports this initiative and encourages everyone to vote YES for the property tax exemption to create new jobs.

We are fortunate to have a legislative delegation that has been very active in helping our region recover from the effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. To implement a plan for recovery, Senator Gaetz has filed the Oil Spill Recovery Act, Senate Bill 248, which outlines incentives to create jobs and diversify our economy. Among other provisions, this bill offers targeted economic incentives for businesses that locate to the affected area from other states and spurs economic diversification through a $10 million appropriation. The bill also allocates three-fourths of any fines or settlements collected from BP to the seven counties of coastal Northwest Florida. We applaud Senator Gaetz's vision for sustained growth and look forward to seeing this bill's movement through the Senate and House of Representatives.

Save the date for two of the EDA's upcoming events. On April 20th, the EDA will host its Quarterly Meeting and Reception featuring an economist's perspective on our local economy and updates on the EDA's activities and our regional partner, Florida's Great Northwest. The EDA is also planning an event in April that will bring in international trade experts to give a basic overview on exporting your products and services to customers worldwide, as well as an introduction into the 'hot markets' served by Port Panama City. For more information about either of these events, call (850) 215-9965 or visit BayEDA.com.

TDC Update

Susan Estler, Vice President Marketing Tourist Development Council

I would like to thank our friends at the Beach Chamber for this opportunity. It is great to have this forum to review all of the different business aspects of *"The World's Most Beautiful Beaches"* and beyond.

Like it or not, Spring Break is here! Spring Break is definitely one of those times of year that has been a part of Panama City Beach history; it is clearly part of who we are. This year, the CVB is promoting Spring Break in a different fashion. We are polling our Spring Break friendly accommodations on a weekly basis to track how their business is doing. This enables us to change our strategies accordingly. We have also added Tweet-ups in several of our key markets. Facebook is hugely popular with the student market and we are posting information on many of the key schools' pages. We are also advertising on these targeted schools' Facebook pages.

Speaking of change, the CVB will soon be conducting research to determine who our target visitors should be during the Fall, posing questions such as: Who are those visitors? What do they want to do? What can we do that is unique and different to get those visitors to come to Panama City Beach? In other words, we are questioning conventional thinking. The Fall is one of the most beautiful times of the year in our area and the TDC sees this as a promising opportunity for increased visitation.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to spread the good word about some of the projects the TDC and CVB are working on together. Please feel free to contact me regarding these marketing efforts at **sestler@visitpanamacitybeach.com** or (850) 233-5070.

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Digital Access

Kim Bodine, Executive Director
Gulf Coast Workforce Board

More than 200 people will receive free technology training as a result of a new workforce program from the Gulf Coast Workforce and Gulf Coast Community College called Digital Access. Funded by a state grant from Workforce Florida, Digital Access is delivering in-demand Microsoft computer training to individuals in our region with a specific focus on improving the digital literacy skills of the unemployed.

"Through our Digital Access initiative, we're equipping individuals in our community with valuable skills needed for today and tomorrow's jobs," said Kim Bodine, Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "More than half of today's jobs require some technology skills, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that will reach 77 percent in the next decade."

A wide variety of computer training is available through the program including both classroom style training and online courses. Currently, Gulf Coast Community College is providing instructor led training courses in basic computer skills, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel at a new computer lab established at A.D. Harris Learning Village. In addition, over 40 online courses are available. Those courses can conveniently be completed at any computer that has the software being learned or at one of the five community computer labs that have been set up for this initiative including: A.D. Harris Learning Village in Panama City, The Workforce Center in Panama City, Gulf Coast Community College's Gulf/Franklin Center in Port St. Joe, Franklin County Literacy in Carrabelle, and Franklin's Promise in Apalachicola.

Anyone interested in the participating in the free computer training under the Digital Access program should contact Cynthia Troupe at (850) 348-8321.

GCCC Update

Dr. Jim Kerley
Gulf Coast Community College President

History was recently made at GCCC and many of you took an active role in making it happen. In a vote that took place January 13, 2011, the GCCC District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new name for this great institution: Gulf Coast State College. The vote is the culmination of months of research and evaluation of input from College stakeholders that included students, employees, alumni and members of the community.

Over 1,700 people responded to the online community survey and 74% thought that Gulf Coast should move ahead with a name change. Community members constituted 20% of the respondents, alumni made up 15%, high school students were 1%, College employees were 16%, and the largest percentage was of GCCC students at 47%. We were pleased to see so many students take a role in the process. An integral part of the "college experience" is that of becoming an informed citizen, and this is proof positive that Gulf Coast students rise to the occasion when called upon.

The trustees discussed the issue after hearing a presentation that included a list of names for consideration as well as the reasons for and against each choice. **Gulf Coast State College** rose to the top as the trustees all agreed that it kept the history and tradition while acknowledging the addition (and future growth) of four-year workforce-oriented degree programs.

Of the 28 colleges in the state of Florida, we will be the 19th institution to change its name. With the approval from the trustees, we have submitted applications for the name change with the Florida Legislature and the State Board of Education, and we have already received positive notification from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), our accrediting body.

As president of the College, I, like you, am excited by the possibilities this change symbolizes as we move forward together transitioning to GCSC this summer. "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." *~Jimmy Dean*

FSU Panama City: Offering a Relevant Education

Dr. Ken Shaw
FSU Panama City Dean

Today, more than ever, our education system must be continually re-evaluated and modified to ensure that our curricula will be most beneficial to society. FSU Panama City prides itself in offering relevant courses and degrees that help students make positive differences in society. Real-world applications are a major thrust of what we emphasize throughout all of our degree programs.

I recently reread the book, *The Saber-Tooth Curriculum*, by J.A. Peddiwell. The book is allegorical to the challenges we continually face in education today. It goes something like this. In ancient times men routinely gorged themselves after a successful hunt, sat around in their glutton stupor for a day or so, and then would hunt again. A thinking man evolved out of this tribe. He observed children playing with bones, sticks and pebbles while the adults worried about food, shelter, and clothing. If children could only help with the food, shelter, and clothing, he thought, then they would help the tribe as a whole. Over time, he constructed a curriculum with three foci: fish-grabbing-with-bare-hands, woolly-horse-clubbing, and saber-tooth-tiger-scaring-with-fire.

From an early age, he would teach children how to catch fish, club woolly horses, and scare tigers. Over the years, children became

proficient in the three subjects and helped increase the status of their tribe. All may have been gone well forever, but an ice age approached their land and the glacier began depositing gravel and silt in their pure rivers and they could no longer see the fish. The land became so damp, that the woolly horses left the area for a drier climate, and the moist air caused the saber-tooth tigers to be succumbed to pneumonia and they became extinct.

A few thought that the curriculum for the children should be changed to net-making, snare-setting, and pit-digging, but many scoffed. Those running the educational system smiled and said that they didn't teach fish grabbing to catch fish, they did it to help the learner with agility. They didn't teach horse clubbing to club horses, they hoped to develop the learning in strength development. They didn't teach tiger-scaring to scare tigers, they taught it to provide students with courage. They argued there was no room in the curriculum to add anything else.

A good example of relevant education is the new Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Safety and Security that will be offered at FSU Panama City. This new degree and its four majors reflect the educational curriculum criminology and criminal justice professionals tell us they need in today's workforce. We will begin admitting students in fall 2011 into the first two majors: Police Science, an AS to BS program, and Law Enforcement Operations, an AA to BS program. A major in Intelligence is planned for fall 2012 with an additional major in Crime Scene Investigation added in 2013.

The Public Safety and Security program along with the Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation and Leisure Services Administration are the first new degree programs offered through the College of Applied Studies at FSU Panama City. The College of Applied Studies positions our campus to be even more responsive to relevant changes in meeting regional workforce needs. Please visit our website at pc.fsu.edu to learn more about all of our high quality degree programs.

Troy Update

Lisa Kitto, Site Director, Troy University

It has been a busy year for Troy University. Forbes Magazine ranked TROY 16th nationally on its "Americas Best College Buys" list. The Princeton Review has also named Troy University among the best in the southeastern United States. Troy University's faculty and staff at the Panama City site believe that the personal attention we provide each and every student has been the key factor to our overall student satisfaction and success.

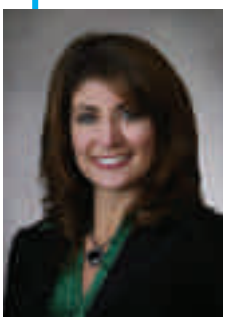
Growth has been the recurring theme for Troy University in several ways this year. TROY's goal is to provide the best possible education and services to our students, and in order to reach this goal our faculty and staff is committed to ensuring our students feel like family. Troy University looks forward to serving the needs of our students, both current and prospective, and the alumni from our region.

Troy University, through our eCampus division, offers associate, bachelor's and master's degrees online. Our distance learning format is our most popular because we are able to accommodate the lifestyle of our busy students who hold a job, raise a family and attend school all at the same time. As you are dining out with your families, the familiarity and comfort of having your loved ones surround you is the same atmosphere we try to recreate with our students here at Troy University's Panama City Site. If you would like to be a part of our TROY family, we have two convenient locations at the Education Center on Tyndall Air Force Base and on Airport Road. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information regarding educational opportunities at Troy University, please call us at (850) 747-0634 or e-mail us at **panamacity@troy.edu**.

Membership Update

Cyndi Ainsworth, VP Member Services



Members are the backbone of our Chamber, and as we continue to focus on enhancing the value of your membership, we are presenting you with innovative ideas for increased revenue and community involvement.

Being a progressive Chamber requires us to keep up with the latest trends and challenges that face our members, as well as creating some new trends of our own. In recent months we have seen an increase in the number of new members, and many of these businesses have been referred by ecstatic Chamber members and Ambassadors. We are now offering a program, "Connect for Cash," which rewards our members for the referral of businesses that join the Beach Chamber.

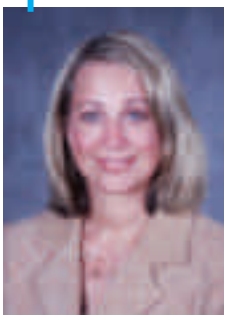
How well are you connected to your community? Do you want to increase your bottom line? Our number one priority is helping our members succeed, and we are available to create a marketing strategy for your business that will address both of these issues.

We would like to know how we could serve you better and what would make your membership more valuable. We understand that each business is unique, and your Beach Chamber membership should be a reflection of that. We invite you to attend our next **Member Roundtable**, held each quarter to address those very issues.

Make this your best year yet ….. *get involved!*

Ambassador Update

Terri Hugghins, Ambassador Chairman



During the first few months of 2011, we, as a group, have already begun to achieve some of our goals. First, we have three new Ambassadors I would like to welcome:

- Jennifer Ashby with Fit Devil
- Nycole Mckissack from Hancock Bank
- Julie Moxley from Royal American Beach Getaways

Second, we are continuing to reach out to new Chamber Members in order to show them the support they have behind them as a new Member. Third, we are in the process of signing up our first new Chamber referral for the year, which will also bring in a new Ambassador. ***Connections*** has great incentives for the referral of a new Chamber Member for your business. The Chamber staff can share those details along with the Connections committee.

Spring is here, and it looks like an exciting and prosperous year for Bay County and Panama City Beach. As Ambassadors, our mission is to support and encourage new and existing Chamber Members. If you are not an Ambassador and would like to become one, the procedure is simple. All you need to do is obtain an application at the Beach Chamber office, fill it out and turn it in.

Ambassadors, thank you for all the time and talents you contribute to our group!

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Schlotzsky's/Cinnabon, 2/24

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