

Chamber Chat

January 2011

2011 NEW YEAR CHALLENGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! Now that we are getting back in gear, we at the Chamber want to **challenge** you to utilize a **free resource**! We want to encourage you (or your employees) to "attend" free on line trainings that are provided by SBA (and others - our list will continue to grow with your help!). Make one of your goals for the coming year to invest in your company and your employees! All we ask is that after participating, to fill out the form below and fax to us at 304-329-1407, email prestoncoc@labyrinth.net or simply give us a call at 304-329-0576. We want to track it throughout the next couple of months, so start thinking who from within your company can benefit from these trainings.

We will keep you posted on the results as well as continue to forward information on any trainings we are made aware of. If you find **additional web-based trainings** that are low cost (or better yet, FREE), please let us know so that we can add it to our list and share with the rest of our members.

Your chamber is also **challenging** your to fully utilize your member benefits by taking advantage of the free advertizing and marketing opportunities we offer. Have you scheduled the chamber window display space for 2011? If not June, August and November are still available. We also do email blasts, FaceBook page postings, and a calendar of events. Also offered is the ability to do a newsletter insert for the nominal fee of \$30. Your chamber challenges you to take advantage of each of these opportunities.

Thanks for accepting the challenge!

Name: _____

Business: _____

Title of Training: _____

Presenter: _____

Length of Training: _____

Would You Recommend to Others? _____

Thank You

CHAMBER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES...The last month has been a busy one for your chamber. Below are a few pictures to highlight some of our activities.



Main Street Kingwood's parking meter decorating contest for the holiday season
Your Chamber won 1st Place!



Special thanks to Trina Stemple for her great idea and talent!



2010 Holiday Social and Legislative Event
A great kick-off of our Holiday Season.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the 911 Center



Reviewing 2010/Planning 2011
Your Chamber Board and Staff Retreat



CONGRATULATIONS!

Your chamber was recently notified that the 501st home is now under construction at Alpine Lake. With over 2000 acres, 1000 property owners and now over 500 homes...

Congratulations to Alpine Lake and its property owners!

WELCOME TO THE PRESTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Your Preston County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome its newest members...

Claudia Atkinson Catering, Hyre Law Office, The Bishop House and Therapy Works.

Check them out on our chamber website membership directory!

****If you have yet to return your 2011 membership investment, another investment form has been included with this newsletter.**

Please take a moment to complete and return. **Thanks to all for your continued support!**