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A REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GREATER FORT MYERS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

Mark Your Calendars:

August 2

Women in Business Meeting -

Eye Health of Florida

August 17

ITG Trade Show and Luncheon-

Harborside Event Center

August 31

Business After Five-Sunshine

Seafood Cafe

September 6

Women in Business- Wildcat

Run & Country Club

THE TOP 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CYBER SECURITY

Panel of Experts to Keynote Chamber Luncheon



It's that time of year again when we have our **Information Technology Group** shine as the producers of the **ITG Tradeshow and Membership Luncheon**.

This year's event (August 17 at Harborside) is shaping up to be bigger and better than

ever. With 50 booth spaces offered, you can be sure you will find the latest in technology – whether it's the newest gadget, software or know-how.

Our primary topic will be **"Cyber Security"** – a subject of importance to all of us. Our panelists are representatives from **Chico's, Lee County Sheriff's Department and Verizon Wireless**. **Major sponsors are Copy Lady and Kent Technology.**

Since the tradeshow have become so popular, we've expanded this year's show to include all member businesses. If you haven't signed up for a booth yet, you may still find space available. However, they are going fast and its first come-first served as far as selecting your location. So, call the Chamber today to reserve your spot whether you're attending as a vendor or are coming as an individual. Either way, you will be glad you're there.

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President's

Letter

Susan Johnson



Dear Chamber Members:

A few weeks ago we held our installation ceremony for our Officers and Board of Directors at the beautiful Verandah Golf and Country Club. Everyone had a great time and the Chicago 1920's Style theme added a fun touch to the festivities.

Behind the scenes, we have been working on plans for the year ahead and here's a few of the upcoming events... There will be a number of new activities including a big event with our friends from the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins. This month be sure to catch the ITG Tradeshow and luncheon. In September we'll host our first Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament. And October promises to be a very busy month with the Golf Tournament and our first Apex Awards. Be sure to watch for more details.

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce has events planned for every level of business. You may be asking, "How can I get more out of my membership?" I have the perfect answer, "Get involved, join a committee, and enjoy the benefits of networking with other businessmen and women committed to professional excellence".

I look forward to the year ahead and seeing all of you at one of our many Chamber events.

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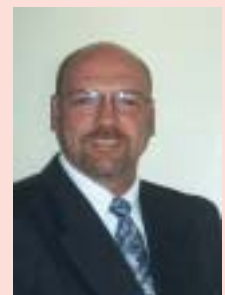
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Committee Corner

The Ambassador Committee has been very busy welcoming new members into the Chamber. Ribbon Cuttings, Grand Openings and Grand Re-Openings have filled their calendars in the last several months. To get a complete listing of the ribbon cuttings, you can go to the Chamber's website at www.fortmyers.org. Congratulations to John Heder, Benchmark Home Finance Group, for being Ambassador of the month in again June.



The Board of Directors and Officers Installation Dinner
“An Evening of 1920’s Jazz, Mystery and Intrigue!”



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The Apex Awards ceremony taking place October 27, 2006, will be a tribute to an outstanding woman (or individual) for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting others in attaining professional goals and leadership skills. To be nominated, the candidate should demonstrate the statute of the **Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce "Women in Business"** mission statement which is to advance women in business; to create opportunities; to interact and collaborate with professional women; to provide forums for advocacy and career growth; to mentor with women in business; to serve as a resource and role mode to younger women entering the workforce; to acknowledge accomplishments and honor women leaders; and to inspire women to achieve their full professional potential.

A person nominated for the Apex Awards" must:

Demonstrate professionalism, vision and ingenuity in their career and professional industry. Be a contributor of time and dedication to the community and to improving the life of others. Actively assist others in attaining professional goals and leadership skills.

Your Name _____

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Nominee's Name _____

Company _____

Company Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

On a separate sheet of paper, explain how your nominee has demonstrated the above criteria. Deadline is August 25, 2006. Nominations may be mailed to The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 9289, Fort Myers, FL 33902, or faxed to (239)332-7276. For more information please phone (239)332-2930.



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JOHN STROEMER APPOINTED TO FICPA COMMITTEE

John H. Stroemer, CPA*, CFST, CAM, partner at Stroemer Tuscan & Company P.A., has been re-appointed to the FICPA State Legislation Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA). The committee monitors new legislation in the State of Florida. Stroemer Tuscan & Company P.A. is a Business Consulting and Certified Public Accounting firm. They offer a wide range of services including audits, reviews, corporate, partnership, and individual taxes, business consulting, CFO services, bookkeeping, and fraud investigations.

Stevens Construction Recognized

Stevens Construction has been named the Newcomer Contractor of the Year by the Lee Building Industry Association (BIA) at its inaugural Summit Awards banquet. The first annual Summit Awards program, created by the Lee Commercial Contractors Council, recognizes commercial contractors who have obtained an outstanding level of success and demonstrated superior professionalism in the commercial construction industry.

Owen-Ames-Kimball named Contractor of the Year

FORT MYERS, Fla. (June 20, 2006) – Owen-Ames-Kimball Company (OAK) was named Contractor of the Year at the first annual Lee Building Industry Association (BIA) Summit Awards banquet on June 10th. The BIA Commercial Contractors Council's annual Summit Award program was initiated to recognize commercial contractors who have obtained an outstanding level of success and have demonstrated superior professionalism in the commercial construction industry.

Downtown Fort Myers Gets a New Name

Downtown Fort Myers gets a new name: The River District. The Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency established The River District name today after receiving support from



both the Fort Myers City Council and the Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board. The agency now will begin marketing The River District in a campaign to attract new businesses and more visitors to the area.

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7	8	9	10 PNG II - 8:30 AM Shoeless Joe's	11 Executive Committee Meeting - 12:00 Noon The Veranda	12	13
14	15 Board of Directors Mtg. - 7:30 A.M.	16	17 ITG Trade Show & Luncheon - 11:30 A.m. -Harborside Event Center	18	19	20
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