

Points West

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Upcoming Chamber Events

Elected Officials Reception

The Chamber will host a Reception for all elected officials serving West Baton Rouge Parish on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Chamber office in Addis.

Appetizers and an open bar will be available.

There is no charge for Chamber members and their

The Board of Directors and Staff wish you a joyous and happy Holiday Season!

We look forward to serving you in 2008!

(Please note the Chamber office will be closed December 24 to January 1.)

Chamber Hires New Membership Director

We are pleased to announce the newest addition to the Chamber staff, Stacie A. Pizzolato. Stacie comes to us with 20 years of sales experience in and around the West Baton Rouge area.



She looks forward to visiting all our area members over the next few months. Stacie is also excited about building the membership and being part of the future of the Chamber.

A native of Glynn in Pointe Coupee parish, Stacie is married to Stephen. She has 4 children, 2 "bonus" children and 2 dogs. Stacie enjoys outdoor activities, crafting of all kinds and is presently singing with a band.

She and Stephen live in Livonia, in a house they built themselves.

Board and Officers Elected for 2008

As we look forward to an exciting year ahead, the Board of Directors elected the following officers to serve in 2008:

guests. Prospective new members and others are \$10 (refunded with payment of new member fee within 30 days of event).

Please RSVP to 225-383-3140.

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 17-Ribbon Cutting @ 11 am-H&R Block, Port Allen

Jan. 22-Elected Officials Reception @ Chamber Office

Feb. 26-Annual Banquet, Addis Center

April 3- Business EXPO

May 15- State of the Parish Breakfast

June 9- Golf Tournament

August 22- End of the Summer Celebration: Hawai'ian-Style

Click on Our Events (below) for more information.

Welcome New Chamber Members

Please welcome the following businesses who have joined the Chamber since Nov. 1. Click on the business name to see their website, if applicable.

Chair: Jeff Hendrickson, Dow Louisiana Federal Credit Union

Chair-elect: Drew Macaisz, The Cottonport Bank

Secretary/Treasurer: Blaine Rabalais, Brusly Wireless

Immediate Past Chair: Lucius Boudreaux, The Dow Chemical Company

Board members recently elected for the term of January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010 are:

Joanie Bishop, Pointe Coupee Electric
Owen Cope, Entergy
Rick Hill, Shintech
Ricky Sparks, American Gateway Bank
Karen St. Cyr, Port of Greater Baton Rouge

Board members appointed by the Chair to serve a one-year term:

Butch Plauche, Harry L. Laws Company
Cletus Langlois, Patin Engineering & Surveying
David Ogwyn, Ellison, Ellison & Ogwyn
Joyce Jenne, Westside Journal
Katherine George, Lofton Staffing

Returning Board members are:

Chris "Fish" Kershaw, Ports America Services
Hugh W. Raetzsch, Jr., Lyons Specialty/AA Vending
Joy Hopkins, Placid Refining Co.
Marc Barker, Latter & Blum
Will Wilkinson, Poplar Grove Industrial Park
Joe Howell, Acme Truck Line
Stacey Chiasson, The Dow Chemical Company

Volunteer - Serve on Chamber Committees



The Chamber has 5 Divisions (Committees) to assist the membership and staff. Click [here](#) for a description of the Divisions.

Any Chamber member can serve on these Divisions, which help guide the activities and policy of the Chamber. Most of the Divisions meet on a monthly basis.

The Divisions are:

[Acme Truck Line, Inc.](#)

[Addis Athletics](#)

Bayou Pool Service

[Benedetto's Market](#)

Buzy Kidz

Crossroads Mercantile

[Custom Audio Video](#)

Kids Club

[Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant](#)

Modern Techniques for Hair

Morgan Physical Therapy

[Nalco](#)

[Petrin Corporation](#)

[Racin Homes](#)

Susan Devenney

Tri-Parish Contractors

Urban Sports Brusly

Did you know?

All Chamber Members are listed on our website in a searchable database. To update your listing, call the office for a password, if you do not have one.

Communications

Community & Organizational Development

Economic Development

Education

Governmental Affairs

To volunteer to serve on any of the Divisions, please call the Chamber office at 383-3140.

Chamber Partners with Office Depot for Member Discounts



Say goodbye to retail prices.

As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, you are eligible to participate in an exclusive money-saving program designed specifically for Chamber member businesses. Discounts range from 40% to 85% off manufacturers' suggested list price. Whether you like to shop by phone, fax, online or at a brick and mortar location, Office DEPOT offers you negotiated contract pricing, which means you don't pay retail prices or program fees. **In addition to these remarkable discounts, your orders over \$50 are shipped directly to your door, free of charge (\$5.95 for smaller orders).**

To sign up for the Office Depot program, download the form from our [website](#) and return it to the Chamber office.
