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Serving the greater Seminole area

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New Superstore In Town!

Seminole Chamber Members are invited to the grand opening/ribbon cutting of the new Walmart Supercenter at 10237 Bay Pines Blvd. on Wednesday, July 16, 7:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. The 198,800 square ft. facility will face east toward 100th Way N. and includes 1,300 sq. ft. for a liquor store and 4,000 sq. ft. for a garden center. The store also will have a pharmacy, grocery, deli/bakery and vision center. There will be plenty of parking, with 779 spaces, 32 of which are marked for disabled parking. Additionally, there are plans for a 1,200-square-foot gas station with 16 fueling stations, abutting 100th Way.



Women's Leadership Council Monthly Meeting

Thursday, July 24, 8 am.

**Speaker: Linda Burhans
Topic: "Maintaining the
Quality of Life As We Age"**



**United States Congressman
DAVID W. JOLLY**

REPRESENTING THE 13TH DISTRICT OF FLORIDA



CHAMBER "POWER LUNCHEON"

Thursday, Aug. 21

11:30 am.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY
U.S. CONGRESSMAN DAVID W. JOLLY
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Your Opinion Matters To Us!

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce is seeking input from its members. In an effort to better understand and support its membership, the Seminole Chamber is preparing to "launch" an online Membership Satisfaction Survey. During the week of July 7, members will receive by e-mail a link to the survey, which takes about 1 minute to complete. These responses will be tabulated by Trust Business Services, a professional marketing company, and used to help gauge what members feel is of importance.



Gretchen's Gatherings Chamber Chief of Operations

Recently, I read a post on "Linkedin" by Josia Nakah on the new global direction many businesses are taking in order to advance. I am happy to report that in my experience in Seminole, a very giving community, most of our businesses already are there! See if you agree:

- There is no more individual advancement. We can only advance through harmonious collaboration with others.
- Charity begins at home. Don't go contributing to all kinds of fancy foundations to look good if there are people in your company who cannot afford basic things.
- Create a family atmosphere. Make employees and community partners feel like they are part of a great big family where everyone truly has their best interests at heart.
- Go deeper. People are craving meaningful messages and guidance. Stop giving them all the old lines. People are beginning to understand that material things cannot feed them.
- Stop taking, start giving. We have been conditioned to do everything necessary to achieve success. In the coming years, success will take on a completely new meaning.
- Stay in touch. Don't forget that it's the little people that make your business or organization great. Everyone needs to be acknowledged.
- Make it personal. Stop talking about your products and prices. Tell us stories. Give us a reason to connect.
- Promote empathy and compassion. Promote meaningful content that will give the next generation something worthwhile to think about.

It's all about connecting people. That's the bottom line. No matter what business you are in, if you are focused on bringing people together in a positive way, you will succeed.

Gretchen Wells

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Roger Edelman Chamber President

Over the past year the Chamber has gone through a complete re-branding process, as well as, dramatic increase in its membership base. With the economic outlook on the rise, more and more businesses are looking toward the future and seeking new ways to market themselves and their products.

With that in mind, the Chamber has hired a marketing firm to prepare and distribute a satisfaction survey, which will go out electronically next week to all current members, asking for your comments, views and needs, as you see them, for the near future.

We are looking at tremendous growth and business opportunities within the Greater Seminole area over the next several years, with the Chamber providing a major leadership role in how the business community will ultimately develop and expand.

We ask that once you receive your survey you take a few minutes to complete and return as directed. Once all the results have been received, the Chamber will begin putting together a comprehensive, updated marketing program designed to fit what our members indicate they need and would like to see us do more of.

As always, you can contact any of the Chamber staff with your comments or ideas.

Roger Edelman



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Ribbon Cutting & Open House My Hope Chest Thursday, June 5



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening

Walmart Superstore
10237 Bay Pines Blvd.
Wed., July 16, ~ 7:30 AM.

Business After Hours/Mixers

Realty Executives Adamo & Assoc.
8200 Seminole Blvd.
Thur., July 17, ~ 5 pm. to 7 pm.

Flowers By Barb
7976 Seminole Blvd., Ste 4
Thur., July 24, ~ 5 pm. to 7 pm.

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SEMINARS IN JULY!

Get Connected with other Chamber members!

Show your support to other members by attending a ribbon cutting!

Take advantage of one of our workshops to help grow your business!

Network at one of our business after hours to meet other like minded professionals!

REMEMBER... It's not who you know, it's who knows you!

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Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn
Wright's Healthcare & Rehabilitation Ctr.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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