



# Chamber Chatter

To promote, empower, and be a valuable resource to the business community and chamber members; and to position our community as a tourism location and ideal place to live.

April 5, 2010

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau  
100 N. Front St. / PO Box 900

Kyle, TX 78640

[www.KyleChamber.org](http://www.KyleChamber.org)  
512-268-4220

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2010

**6** 6:30pm – Relay for Life Buda/Kyle Committee Meeting – Bill Miller BBQ - [relayforlifebudakyle.com](http://relayforlifebudakyle.com)

**8** 11:30am – Tourism Committee Meeting

**9** 7:30pm – Katherine Anne Porter House presents Claudia Rankine, writer, - Katherine Anne Porter House, 505 W. Center Street in Kyle

**10** 10:00 am – Pitch Hit and Run Event for boys and girls ages 7-14 – Gregg-Clarke Park

**11** 2:00pm – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hats off for Hospice – Texas Old Town – Help make a dream come true! More info at [www.hatsoffforhospice.com](http://www.hatsoffforhospice.com)

**11** 2:00pm – Blooms Above the Blanco -

**13** All Day – FREE Business Counseling from the TxState Small Business Development Center – Kyle Chamber office – call 512-268-4220 to set up your free & confidential appt.

**17** 10:30 am – Kyle Earth Day Share Fair – City Square Park

**17** Bowl for Kid's Sake to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas – Sunset Bowling Lanes, San Marcos

**22** 7:00 am – CTMC Health Fair & Screening – Embassy Suites San Marcos

**24** Plum Creek Community Garage Sale – Plum Creek Subdivision in Kyle

**27** 11:30am – Kyle Chamber Monthly Luncheon - A Salute to Administrative Professionals – Hays CISD Performing Arts Center – [RSVP Today!](#)

## MAY 2010

**1** 9:00 am – Kyle Market Days & Farmer's Market – City Square Park

**1&2** Plum Creek Front Porch Days, Annual Golf Tournament and 5k/Fun Run – Plum Creek Subdivision

*Kyle Chamber presents:*

## *Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day*

Tuesday, April 27th

11:30 AM - 1 PM

Hays CISD Performing Arts Center  
(979 Kohlers Crossing)

Sponsored by:

the Inn Above Onion Creek

The Kyle Chamber appreciates all the Administrative Professionals that work hard to keep our businesses and organizations in order.

Please bring your staff members as we dedicate this luncheon to the Administrative Professionals in the area.

There will be gifts and drawings for them to enjoy!

Cost for the luncheon is \$10 for members/ \$15 for future members if you RSVP by April 23. Without an RSVP, cost for the luncheon is \$15 for members/\$20 for future members.



To RSVP, simply call the Kyle Chamber at 512-268-4220 or [click here!](#)



Please join CTMC Hospice Care at their 6th annual

# HATS OFF FOR HOSPICE at Texas Old Town (Kyle)

April 11, 2010 • 2:00—6:00 PM • Help to make a dream come true...

Silent & Live Auction  
One-of-A-Kind Door Prizes  
Kids Entertainment  
Wagon Ride  
Moonwalks  
Face Painting  
and more!!



1315 IH-35 North  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
(512) 754-6159



Win a 4 night-5 day  
vacation for six  
to Ruidoso, NM!!

**\$25 one ticket/\$50 for three**

Bring your own beverage, soda and water available for purchase.



**Music by  
Cory Morrow**

**Door opens @ 2 PM**

**Music begins @ 4 PM**

**Tickets are \$20 at the door**

**For tickets, visit [www.HatsOffForHospice.com](http://www.HatsOffForHospice.com) or call 512-754-6159.**

## Preparing for the Census Taker

What to do when a Census Taker visits you.

If you don't send back your form, you may receive a visit from a census taker. If a census taker visits you, here's what you should do:

- First ask to see their ID. All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name; they may also have a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag
- Note that the census taker will never ask to enter your home
- If you're still not certain about their identity, please call the [Regional Census Centers](#) to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau
- Answer the census form questions for your entire household (you must be at least 15 years old to answer questions) so that the census taker can record the results for submission to the Census Bureau

Census takers visit local homes several times to capture resident information for the 2010 Census. If you prefer, you can schedule a visit with your census taker. Should the census taker come when you are away from your home, they will leave a contact number. If a census taker has not visited your home or you have a question about your participation with the census, call your [Census office](#).

## Free Small Business Counseling

Each month a representative from the Texas State Small Business Development Center (SBDC) comes to the Kyle Chamber office to provide free business counseling to local businesses. New businesses, established businesses and to those of you that are thinking of starting a new business, can benefit from this free counseling session.

The SBDC can assist you with all areas of a business, including: human resources, business planning, strategic planning, SBA loan guarantee assistance and even taxes, just to name a few.

For more information on the resources Texas State provides to local businesses, visit

<http://www.business.txstate.edu/sbdc/>.

## Pitch, Hit and Run – Saturday, April 10 at 10am

Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR) is an exciting baseball skills competition that provides boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, the opportunity to showcase their pitching, hitting and running abilities. PHR participants can advance through four levels of competition, including Local and Sectional competitions, Team Championship events at all 30 Major League ballparks, and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game.

The All-Around Champion and the individual Pitching, Hitting and Running Champions will move on to the Sectional Competition to be held mid to late May. To be eligible for advancement all competitors must first compete in a Local Event (ex. Kyle).

## CORVAIRS STEER TOWARDS CHUCK NASH - SAN MARCOS

Corvair car show will be held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Chuck Nash Auto Group from 9-11 AM. This event is open to the public and admission is free! The Alamo City Corvair Association (ACCA) expecting upwards of 50 Corvairs and 110+ folks from throughout Texas and Oklahoma to be in attendance.

This will undoubtedly be the largest gathering of Corvairs in Texas for this Golden Anniversary year! The clubs from San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, and Austin are the majority attendees, but folks are welcome from across the U.S.! Ed Cole, chief engineer and former president of General Motors, designed the Corvair and Ed's widow Dolly resides nearby in Lockhart, TX.

Chuck Nash Auto Group is located at 3209 IH 35 North (Exit 208 Southbound/Exit 210 Northbound), San Marcos.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Chapa 5K Challenge

9:00am, April 10

Chapa Middle School (3311 Dacy Lane in Kyle)

All proceeds from this race will go directly towards the ongoing fitness projects for Chapa Middle School students, their families and Chapa faculty.

Please register online at

<http://hayscisid.revtrak.net/tek9.asp>

## Hays CISD Community Education classes

**You asked for it, we have it!**

**Zumba class will be on:**

**April 19-May 12 (8 classes)**

**Mondays & Wednesdays**

**5:30-6:30pm**

**Negley ES - 5940 McNaughton, Kyle**

**We did not have enough registrants last session, but this session I hope will prove there is an interest in the Buda/Kyle area. Please tell your friends and family!**

**Register NOW and save your space!**

To register: <http://hayscisid.revtrak.net>

NEW SESSION STARTS APRIL 19!! Sign up now for classes such as "BE YOUR OWN DEFENSE" - A personal safety class for women and high school students, YOGILATES, ZUMBA, KETTLEBELL TRAINING, computer (TWITTER, FACEBOOK, EBAY, etc) and PERSONAL FINANCE classes! SAVE YOUR SPACE!! Thank you for your interest in our Spring 2010 Community Education classes!

To find out more:

<http://hayscisid.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=RegWerks>

The Kyle Area Senior Zone has a new website! You can now find more information about the organization, and much more! Visit <http://www.kasz.org/> for more information!

## THE KYLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**IS SEEKING RFPs FROM AREA BUSINESSES TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Online Merchant Account for Chamber website
- Secure gateway account with Authorize.net
- All associated fees; monthly and per transaction

Please send us your price quote for the associated fees for the mentioned above services. The RFP for this item will close on Friday, April 9 at 5pm.

Send quotes via email to [ray@kylechamber.org](mailto:ray@kylechamber.org) or mail to PO Box 900, Kyle, TX 78640. For questions please call 268-4220.

## Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate Program

The state of Texas received more than \$23 million in federal stimulus funds from the U.S. Department of Energy to establish and administer an Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program – the first of its kind in Texas. The Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate Program encourages consumers to replace old (but functional) appliances with new, energy efficient, ENERGY STAR® or CEE qualified models to stimulate the Texas economy and increasing energy conservation efforts in Texas.

### *How do I apply for a rebate?*

The program officially begins on **Wednesday, April 7, 2010\*** at 7 a.m. CT, when rebate reservations will be accepted online through this Web site or via toll-free call to 1-877-780-3039. [\*NOTE: [New date updated 4/1/10](#)]

The purchase period for all appliances begins April 16, 2010. Appliances must be purchased from a Texas retail location or contractor. Online purchases are not eligible.

- For refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers and room air conditioners, the purchase period ends April 25, 2010.
- For central air conditioners, hot water heaters and air-source heat pumps, the purchase period ends 60 days from the rebate reservation or waitlist request date.

[Get detailed steps on How to Request a Rebate >>](#)

### *Which appliances qualify?*

Texas Trade Up rebates will be offered for eight eligible appliance categories:

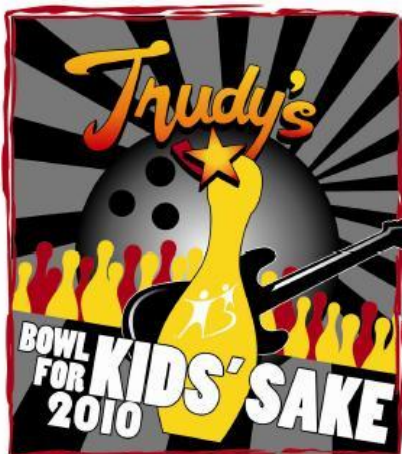
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Room Air Conditioners
- Clothes Washers
- Dishwashers
- Central Air Conditioners (including heating and ventilation)
- Air-Source Heat Pumps
- Hot Water Heaters

### *Who qualifies?*

Texas residents with a valid Texas residential address qualify for a rebate if they follow all program rules. You can qualify for one rebate per appliance category (for instance, you may not qualify for two refrigerator rebates), two appliance rebates per household and two recycling bonus rebates per household from the [eligible appliance list](#).

Texas residents who apply for a rebate must replace an old, but functional, appliance from one of the eligible categories with a new ENERGY STAR or CEE qualified appliance.

[View list of Eligible Appliances >>](#)



Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of Central Texas

### **Trudy's Bowl for Kids' Sake – Hays County**

benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas  
April 17, 2010  
Sunset Bowling Lanes San Marcos

You and four friends can raise money to support successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them. Your support makes it possible for Big Brothers Big Sisters to create and nurture life-changing relationships between the children we serve and caring adult mentors.

[HAVE FUN & HELP KIDS](#)

Volunteer  
Opportunities await  
you with the Kyle  
Chamber of  
Commerce!

Looking to network  
more and get more  
involved in the  
business community?  
Volunteer at the Kyle  
Area Chamber of  
Commerce!