



# 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.

February 16, 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

### FEBRUARY 2010

**16** 11:00am – Early Voting at Kyle City Hall

**19** 11:30am – Tourism Committee Meeting – Hays CISD Administration office

**19** 3:00pm – “Burn & Learn” Meet & Greet with NBC’s The Biggest Loser past show contestants – H-E-B plus! Kyle

**20** 10:00am – Early Voting at Kyle City Hall

**20** All Day Fitness Event “Burn & Learn with the Biggest Loser– Hays High School – For ticket information visit [www.workoutlikealoser.com](http://www.workoutlikealoser.com)

**20** 11:30am – Free Child ID Kits at HEB plus in Kyle! – Sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America

**21** 4:00pm – Empty Bowls Project to benefit Hays County Area Food Bank – Casa Alde Restaurant in Buda

**22** 11:00am – Early Voting at Kyle City Hall

**22** Hays CISD Community Education program for Spring begins – see the courses [HERE](#)

**23** All Day – NO LUNCHEON this month because of the Gala

**27** 6pm-12am - Kyle Chamber Gala on the Green, A Masquerade Ball – Plum Creek Golf Club House – Tickets on sale now! Call 268-4220 to reserve your tickets!

**27** 2:00pm – Kyle Volunteer Fire Department’s Grand Opening of Miller-Whitaker Fire Station #1 & Blood Drive - 210 W. Moore Street in Downtown Kyle – Open to the public!

**27** 11:00am – Fundraiser for Ivan Medina, City staff member recently diagnosed with MS – Gregg Clarke Park



*Cocktails \* Dinner \* Awards Ceremony \* Silent Auction \* Live Auction \* Dancing  
Black Tie & Masquerade attire encouraged but not mandatory \**

*Beverages provided*

*Less than 50 seats remain!*

*[Click Here](#) to find out more about tickets!*



## Congratulations to the 2009 Business Award Nominees!

### Small Business of the Year:

Bordeaux’s Restaurant  
Clearly Classy Events  
Inn Above Onion Creek  
Peak Physical Therapy  
TrustTexas Bank  
The Winfield Inn

### Large Business of the Year:

H-E-B plus!  
Kohl’s  
Seton Medical Center Hays  
Target

### Business Person of the Year:

Amy Dolan, Inn Above Onion Creek  
Blake Hartman, TrustTexas Bank  
Cory Pack, State Farm Insurance  
Jason Tarr, Great Locations Realty  
Jodi Atkinson, The Winfield Inn  
Leonard Cantu, iCantu Network, Inc.  
Mary Ann Naumann, Thunderhill Raceway

Mike Remeny, Twin Liquors Kyle  
Ruthie Razee, Kyle Buda Eagle

### Organization of the Year:

Central Texas Medical Center  
Hospice  
City of Kyle  
The Connection Church  
Hope & Love 4 Kids

### Volunteer of the Year:

Adell Hurst, Kyle Area Senior Zone  
Amy Dolan, Inn Above Onion Creek  
Blake Hartman, TrustTexas Bank  
Jim Hough, ACE Relocation Systems  
Lucy Johnson, Lucy Cage Johnson Design  
Mia Hendricks, Mia, Ink.  
Vince Collier, Encompass Lending Group

**EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE  
KYLE, TEXAS  
DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN  
PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

**March 2, 2010**

[CLICK HERE](#) for polling place map!

[Kyle City Hall – 100 W. Center St., Kyle](#)

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – 11am-7pm

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 10am-4pm

Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11am-7pm



The Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce  
would like to welcome the City of  
Kyle's newly elected members of City  
Council!

**Mayor**

***Lucy Johnson***

**City Council, Place 5**

***Jaime Sanchez***

**City Council, Place 6**

***Russell Huebner***

Congratulations on your recent  
election. We look forward to working  
with you to continue to make Kyle,  
Texas a *Simply Charming* community!

## Welcome to Community Education!

**H**ays Consolidated Independent School District

(CISD) is proud to introduce its Community Education course catalog. We are committed to partnering with community resources to provide a range of quality and affordable educational opportunities to fulfill personal and practical aspirations for the community. We hope you will take the time to go through the catalog and choose one or several courses for your educational enrichment or just for fun!

The Spring Catalog offers courses from February 22 to May 16, 2010. Courses are available in various campuses in the districts and are identified within the class information. This semester will introduce free courses being provided by our district teachers and community members. For the first time we are offering courses not only for adults, but also for teens and children. We are grateful to all instructors, especially those that will volunteer their time to teach free classes to help make Hays CISD Community Education, "A Place Where Ideas and Dreams Connect!"

**Your community partner in life-long learning,  
Angie Mendez, Community Education  
Coordinator**

### **Find a course that suits you!**

- Basic Floral Centerpieces
- Practical Parenting
- Zumba Fitness
- Buying & Selling Online
- How Money Works
- Drivers Ed for Teens
- Family Finance
- Personal Safety for Women
- Know & Go (Personal Safety for Children)
- Computer Safety/Awareness for Parents
- Fundamentos de Computación (Bilingual)
- Como Funciona el Dinero (Bilingual)

### **Can You Benefit From This Information?**

- College Readiness
- General Equivalency Development
- English Learners Language
- Citizenship

For the online catalog visit

[www.hayscisd.net/CommunityEd/](http://www.hayscisd.net/CommunityEd/)

Register online early to ensure your course will  
not be filled or cancelled.

## Volunteer Opportunities await you with the Kyle Chamber of Commerce!

Looking to network more and get more involved in the business community? Did you know that volunteering in different organizations and serving in committees is a great way to extend your business network? Here are a few ways you can extend your network with the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce!

- **Tourism Committee:** This committee meets throughout the year and works on events to promote Kyle as a tourism destination. Our current project is a walking tour and promoting the historical side of Kyle. The next committee meeting is Friday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Hays CISD Administration Building. Stop by and share your great ideas!
- **Business Expo Committee:** with a focus on the Community Expo in October, this committee begins meeting in June and works to improve on last year's successful joint venture between the Kyle Chamber & Buda Chamber
- **Kyle Annual Classic Golf Committee:** The first committee meeting is coming in the months ahead and if you enjoy a great fundraiser, here is one to swing about! Golfers & non-golfers alike are welcome to make this year's event a success!

Look for more information on these committees next week:

- 5K Kyle-O-Meter Committee
- Business Development Committee
- Ambassador Committee
- Membership Committee

Contact us if you would like to join a committee or if you have a question about volunteering!

# MEET & GREET

## WITH 8 OF NBC'S *THE BIGGEST LOSER* ALUMNI

The public is invited to your local Kyle H-E-B Plus to meet, take photos and welcome your favorite Biggest Loser alumni contestants to Kyle, TX

...because Kyle is Simply Charming!

**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 19TH  
3:00-3:30PM**



**BURN & Learn**  
Workout like a LOSER!

**2/20/2010**  
**Jack C. Hays High School**  
**Kyle/Buda, TX**

*Tickets ONLY*  
**\$59/ADULT & \$19/TEEN**

*Pete Thomas, winner of \$100,000 on NBC's The Biggest Loser - Season 2*



This all day event is jam packed with great new workouts, motivational sessions, and the highly anticipated "Biggest Loser Panel Q&A" during lunch! You'll choose 5 different sessions to kickstart your 2010 goals! Check out the website for a description of sessions.

**MEET AND WORKOUT ALONGSIDE YOUR FAVORITE BIGGEST LOSER ALUMNI CONTESTANTS**



Andrea Overstreet Season 2    Ryan Kelley Season 2    Pete Thomas Season 2    David Griffin Season 4    Steve Es Season 7    Liz Young Season 8    Tracey Thutch Season 8

Limited tickets available, purchase now at:  
**WWW.WORKOUTLIKEALOSER.COM**

## City of Kyle's Director of Economic Development named VIP Member of the National Association of Professional Women

Kyle, TX – City of Kyle Economic Development Director, Diana Blank, has been selected to be inducted in a very select group of women executives.

The National Association of Professional Women (NAPW) announced the Blank would be inducted into the association's VIP Membership level. Blank was one of 207 of the NAPW's more than 150,000 members inducted into the VIP Membership Level.

"I am honored to receive such exclusive recognition as one of the VIP Woman of the Year from the National Association of Professional Women," said Blank. "NAPW is an elite association of professional women from around the country in many different fields and industries that also encourages involvement in the community. The National Association of Professional Woman allows myself and its members as career and executive women a unique opportunity for networking, exposure, marketing and PR to a large professional audience and a variety of educational experiences."

Blank has been with the City of Kyle since 2005 and has led the City's commercial growth, seeing the development of millions of square feet of commercial and retail space in the city as well as the construction of Kyle's first full service hospital.

"We are very proud of Diana's continued accomplishments on behalf of the City of Kyle," said Tom Mattis, Kyle City Manager. "Kyle has obviously achieved great success in economic development in recent years and Diana's hard work and dedication have been a big part of that success."

The NAPW represents businesses large and small and from a broad array of professional disciplines. These "VIP Women of the Year" were selected in recognition of the strides they have made in their respective industries, their outstanding leadership, their professional achievements, and for displaying the highest level of support of NAPW's commitment to networking and community involvement.



*Diana Blank,  
Kyle Economic Development Director*

Other awards and recognitions received by Blank include: Nominee for Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals (2010 Honors Edition); Economic Impact Award, City of Kyle, Austin Business Journal (2009); Volunteer of the Year, Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce (2008); City of Kyle, New Development Award (2008), Austin Business 2007 Journal Book of Power (One of Two Recognized Individuals in the Region Economic Development), City of Kyle named #1 Hot Spot for Development in the Austin/San Antonio I-35 Corridor (2007); Community Economic Development Award Finalist, Texas Economic Development Council (2006, 2008)

The City of Kyle has been one of Texas's fastest growing cities during the last 10 years by increasing in population from approximately 5,000 in 2001 to approaching 30,000 in 2010. The City has recently seen major development in the form of over 2,000,000 square feet of retail and commercial centers that feature an HEB Plus, Kohl's and Target Department stores and a 210-Bed Seton hospital.

**SMART SERIES**  
*Austin Business Journal*

**SMART VISIBILITY**

*Constructing a Personal Brand  
for Business & Career Success*

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010  
with LOCAL AUTHOR, SPEAKER &  
ENTREPRENEUR THOM SINGER

Reservation deadline is Tuesday,  
February 16, 2010

Register online at  
<http://austin.bizjournals.com/austin/event/18231>

FREE diabetic education classes are being offered by Wimberley Home Health. The class meets in Wimberley on Tuesday evenings, 7p-9p, at 201 A Stillwater, Suite 4, Wimberley, TX, 78676. March classes will be held on the following dates; 2ND, 9Th, 16Th, and 23rd. Participants should plan to attend all 4 classes during the month. Spouses and caregivers are welcome to attend. Seating is limited so please call Barbara @ 512-738-7048 to reserve your space or to request more information.