



Chamber Chatter

March 9, 2009

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

Kyle, TX 78640

www.KyleChamber.org
512-268-4220

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2009

10 All Day – Free Business Counseling with the Texas State Small Business Development Center – Call 268-4220 to make your appointment

10 12:00pm – Kyle Chamber Ambassador Committee Meeting, come see what they are all about! – Depot

11 6:30pm – Kyle Leadership Academy – Contact Jerry Hendrix, 512-262-1010 for more information

16 11:00am – Business Development Committee Meeting – TrustTexas Bank in Buda

24 11:30am – Kyle Chamber Monthly Luncheon – Word of Life Church – 400 Old Post Rd [RSVP Today!](#)

27 5:00pm – Grand Opening Celebration of Word of Life Church – 400 Old Post Rd

28 9:00am – Hays CISD Professional Job Fair for Teachers, Counselors & Librarians – Hays High School

29 2:00pm – CTMC Hospice Care presents the 5th Annual Hats Off for Hospice – Texas Old Town – Sponsorships now available – Call 512-754-6159 for more information

APRIL 2009

4 9:00am – 1st Kyle Market Days of 2009! - Enjoy Handmade Arts & Crafts and Live Music by Spencer Thomas & Redd Volkeart



In honor of Women's History Month

The March Kyle Chamber Luncheon will focus on recognizing the achievements throughout history that women have made.

Please join us from 11:30am-1:00pm on March 24, 2009 at Word of Life Church, 400 Old Post Road in Kyle

Kyle Chamber Luncheons are held the Fourth Tuesday of every month. Each luncheon has a unique theme, time set aside for networking and a dynamic speaker. Cost for the luncheon is \$10 for members & \$15 for future members if you RSVP by Monday, March 23. At the door, cost for the luncheon is \$15 for members and \$20 for future members. Now taking RSVPs! [Click here to RSVP!](#)

Women's history week got its start in Sonoma County, California in 1978. Prior to that Women's History was not a well-known topic amongst the general public. In 1987 it was expanded to an entire month. This year's theme honors women scientists, engineers, business leaders, writers, filmmakers, conservationists, teachers, community organizers, religious or workplace leaders, or others whose lives show exceptional vision and leadership to save the planet. To find out more about Women's History Month and ideas on how you can get involved, visit www.nwhp.org.



We would like to thank [Sean Patrick's Irish Pub & Texas Grub](#) for hosting the March Ambassador's BASH and The Motleys for the live music they provided! If you missed this month's BASH, don't worry, the Ambassador's BASH is held the first Thursday of each month! Look for details coming soon on next month's BASH!



March 17 is St. Patrick's Day!

The Business Development Committee will be having its first meeting of 2009 on Monday, March 16 at TrustTexas Bank in Buda. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Blake Hartman, Chair at 512-295-7016.

Through the **Success in Business Seminar Series**, the Business Development Committee is responsible for putting on seminars for local businesses that can help or encourage small businesses in our community. Some of last year's topic included *Sales & Marketing – Making the Sale*, *Networking: Building Your Database* and *Small Business Resources Available to You*.

This year the Business Development Committee will continue to provide you with the best speakers and topics that are pertinent to your everyday business. Come to a meeting and see if this committee is right for you!



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Present this coupon to receive a \$25 discount on your tax preparation. Offer valid on Federal Tax Preparation. Please present coupon at time of tax preparation. NO CASH VALUE. Good only at participating locations and may not be combined with any other offer. Most offices are independently owned and operated. COUPON CODE: DLTD0 Offer Expires 4/15/2009



Please join CTMC Hospice Care at their 5th annual Hats Off For Hospice on March 29, 2009. This is a special event that helps to raise money for Dream A Dream, a wish granting program for our hospice patients and families. Wishes have ranged from special vacations, family portraits, limousine rides and more! Help to make a dream come true...

SAVE THE DATE!!

March 29, 2009

2:00 PM—6:00 PM ♦ TX Old Town, Kyle



Live & Silent Auction

One-of-a-kind auction items including fine jewelry, cowboy boots, and spa getaways!! Autographed items from Grammy Award winning artists such as Alan Jackson, Reba McEntire and George Strait. Signed sports items from Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Troy Aikman, Magic Johnson, Craig Biggio and so much more!!

\$40
One Ticket

\$75
Two Tickets

\$10
Kids between 6-17

FREE
5 and under

\$300
Reserved table for 8 people

\$20
Concert Tickets Only
(Excludes BBQ Plate)

Soda and water available for purchase.



Music by RECKLESS KELLY

Show starts at 4:00 PM

www.HatsOffForHospice.com

special vacations, family portraits, limousine rides and more! Help to make a dream come true...



\$25/One Ticket \$50/Three Tickets

Ruidoso is beautiful in the summer and winter time! Whether you're a skier or golfer, there is plenty to do for the entire family. Winner does not need to be present to win. Travel must be completed by March 29, 2010 and is subject to availability.

CTMC
CENTRAL TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
HOSPICE CARE
1315 IH-35 North
San Marcos, TX 78666
(512) 754-6159

For ticket information, please call our office at 512-754-6159. Thank you.

Hello from the Texas State Small Business Development Center!

Are you a small business owner or someone planning to start your own business? The Texas State Small Business Development Center (SBDC) works with **existing and new or emerging** small businesses to help them advance and compete in the current economy. We invite you to attend one of our professional training seminars in March! We have scheduled the following seminar and are working on several more to offer you this month.

We will be updating our training web pages at <http://www.business.txstate.edu/sbdc/> very soon with the seminars listed below.... Please bear with us as we transition to a new training staff and new seminar offerings!

CONTACT INFO: To reserve a seat in a seminar or for more information, please contact: F.C. Caranikas, PhD, at the Texas State SBDC (phone – 512.716.4820; email – fc16@txstate.edu). Thank you!

Strengthen Your Small Business By Improving Your Personal Credit Score (\$35 for the session)

When small businesses are seeking loans for their business, their personal credit is important. There are different ways that lenders look at your credit. Larger banks simply look at your credit score, while smaller lenders and community banks tend to look at the entire credit report. When your personal credit is bad, your credit score can look bad as well, however you can have nearly a nearly unblemished credit report and pay your bills on time and still have a low credit score. This two hour seminar will introduce you to what credit scores are and how the credit bureaus compute them from your underlying credit history. We will also discuss honest, legitimate ways to improve your credit score by strategically working on the 22 underlying characteristics of your financial history that are used to compute your credit score. We will also discuss how to handle any derogatory entries that are legitimately on your credit report when working with lenders.

Presented by Sam Thacker, Business Financial Solutions.

Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 3:00-5:00PM

One Highland Center, 314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., Austin, TX 78752

1st Floor Conference Room

Space is limited – please call or email us today!

Texas State Non-Profit Career Fair Opportunity

Career Services and the Student Volunteer Connection, part of Texas State University Campus Activities and Student Organizations Office, would like to extend a special invitation to you to attend our **Non-Profit Career Fair** on **Tuesday, April 7**. This event will take place in the LBJ Student Center Ballroom from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The program will begin with a luncheon at 12:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, LBJ Student Center.

This event is an opportunity for employers to speak to students about internships and volunteer opportunities at their organizations throughout the year. The number of booths for this event has been limited to 30, so please register for this event as soon as possible to guarantee a position.

Registration is online through Jobs4Cats. Internet Explorer is the optimal browser for this registration process. Connect to our web site, www.careerservices.txstate.edu, and mouse over the “Employers – Jobs4Cats” link underneath “Quick Links” on the left side of the screen.



Professional Job Fair for Teachers, Counselors and Librarians

Hays CISD = Hip + Happening... Find out what the buzz is all about on March 28, 2009! Hays CISD, located in the Kyle/Buda area, is within easy access to Austin, San Antonio and cities and towns in between. Situated between Austin - the live entertainment capital of the world and San Antonio, home of the famed River Walk and Alamo, Hays CISD is what's happening! The cities of Kyle and Buda are welcoming, friendly communities that have a hometown feel with family oriented activities, such as the Kyle Fair and Music Festival and BudaFest. Located near first class universities and colleges, Hays CISD offers a research-based curriculum, an established mentor program for new teachers and state of the art facilities. We do all of this and still maintain the "Team Hays" spirit. **WE INVITE YOU TO COME FIND OUT WHAT THE BUZZ IS ALL ABOUT!**

March 28, 2009

Hays High School

4800 Jack C. Hays Trail

(Located off IH 35 and Kyle Parkway, left on Kohler's Crossing, then right on Jack C. Hays Trail)

9:00 am – 12:00 noon—Visit Campus Tables

1:00—3:00 pm—Follow Up Interviews

For more information contact Natalie Breyfogle, HR Office Manager, 512-268-2141, ext. 6008 and the HR website at www.hayscisid.net.

Sponsored by:

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Kyle Economic Development

Applicant Requirements:

- Completed online application
 - Transcripts
- Documents to verify certification and licensure status

“Handbags for Hope” for HCWC

Wednesday, March 4-11, 2009

Kyle, San Marcos & Austin Area Allstate Agencies

Community members can hand-off handbags at any Kyle, Austin or San Marcos area Allstate Exclusive Agency from now through Wednesday, March 11. To find your nearest Allstate Exclusive Agency to donate a handbag, visit Allstate.com and click on the “Find an Agent” tab at the top of the page. All San Marcos Agents will be collecting handbags at their offices. You can also drop off handbags at the Dusty Rhodes Allstate Agency in Kyle, located at 121 Hall Professional Center, Suite E.

Children from the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center will select a donated bag to gift to their moms on Mother's Day. A chance for a new life will be tucked away inside the handbags - each one will be fitted with a tag providing Texas Advocacy Project's life-saving, toll-free domestic violence hotline number and a pamphlet detailing steps to develop a safety plan.

The project is sponsored by the Texas Advocacy Project, the Allstate Foundation, Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton and Texas State Representative Patrick Rose. For more information please call the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center at 512-396-3404.

Join a Committee!

Joining a Kyle Chamber Committee is a great way to meet new people and to gain potential new business! Some of the Committees you can join are:

Business Development Committee
Ambassador's Committee
Kyle Annual Classic Committee
Awards Gala Committee
5-K Committee
Website Committee

Call 512-268-4220 to find out more!

Central Texas Medical Center is pleased to announce an offering of three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving regional high school seniors.

The scholarships may be used for costs of attending a university, college, community college or vocational/trade school. Proof of enrollment and a tuition statement must be submitted in order to receive the scholarship. The scholarship awards are based on financial need, community involvement, academic achievement, work/club experience and essay writing skills.

Application forms are available on-line at www.ctmc.org. The form is posted under 'About Us.' Interested students must send or deliver their completed forms to the CTMC PR & Marketing Department, located at 1301 Wonder World Drive in San Marcos, by March 31, 2009. Applications must be delivered or **postmarked on or before Tuesday, March 31, 2009**.

CTMC has a long history of supporting its community. In 1990, CTMC awarded the first high school scholarship of \$250 to a single recipient. Today, the scholarship amount has been increased and three students are selected to meet the needs of rising tuition costs and to further invest in the youth of the community. If you or a student you know is interested in applying, please visit the website or contact Tabitha Walsh at 512.753.3676.

Thunderhill Raceway is Revving up for Season #7 in Kyle, Texas

On March 14, 2009, the premier late model series in Texas will open Season #7 during the **Allstate Texas Racefest** (www.texasracefest.com) with the Allstate Texas Thunder 50 at Thunderhill Raceway (THR) in Kyle, TX. Stewart, who won four series races and won the Fast Qualifier Award eight times in a spectacular '08 Texas Super Racing Series (TSRS) season, revealed he would not return to defend his series title in 2009 – thus, there will not be a back-to-back champion in the series again this season.

Information on TSRS can be found at www.manracingpromotions.com. Information about THR and the Allstate Texas Racefest can be found at www.texasracefest.com.

Texas Super Racing Series **2009 Thunderhill Raceway race schedule*** (*subject to change)

Legend of tracks: SP* – Denotes TSRS Late Model races involved in "Super Pack" Championship

March 14: ALLSTATE TEXAS RACEFEST (SP*)

March 28

May 23

June 13

Aug. 29 (SP)

Sept. 12

Oct. 9-10: TEXAS STOCK CAR SPECTACULAR



KIS Math Center, devoted to research and development in the area of math, will be offering another popular educational seminar for teachers and parents.

We now offer **Continuing Education Credits** to teachers and professionals to help meet their recertification requirements.

On March 10, 2009 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Santa Cruz Catholic School in Buda, we will be presenting:

“What is mnemonics and how can I use it to learn math?”

- This seminar will introduce you to the world of mnemonics (memory tools).
- Discover your different types of memory and how to use them efficiently.
- Practice the use of different memory systems.
- Learn to teach math to long-term memory by using pictures, stories, chants, rhymes, songs, drawings, associations and manipulatives.

Location: Santa Cruz Catholic School, 1100 Main St., Buda

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$10 a person, **Free** to our past & present clients.
Take home materials provided

Who: Parents, Teachers, Administrators

RSVP: 650-4590; keepitsimple@kiseducationcenter.com
A registration form will be sent to you.

Kyle Library Offers Free Tax Assistance

Beginning this Saturday, free assistance with tax preparation will be available to you at the Kyle Library. You can take advantage of this program every Saturday between 10am and 1:30pm. Appointments are filling up fast and the next available appointment is on Saturday, March 21.

Walk-ins are welcome but there is no guarantee that you will be seen. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Kyle Library.

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