



# Chamber Chatter

Special Edition

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## A letter from your President...

Hello, my name is Jason Tarr, 2009 President of the Board of Directors for the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce.

Before taking on my new responsibility, I would like to recognize and thank the past leadership and membership of the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce. Obviously our Chamber would not be where it is today without these individuals. First, I want to thank Cliff Sorrell and the entire Board of Directors for their leadership and guidance. Ray and Maggie, I thank you for your hard work, dedication, and passion to promote all of our members. I thank our Ambassadors for networking and providing a warm welcome to the members that join our organization.....And for looking so sharp in those red coats! Last, but certainly not least, I thank each and every member of the Kyle Chamber, as we all share the common goal of success in our own organizations and our community. Fellow board members, Ray, Maggie, Ambassadors, and members; all of you have made this organization stronger, better and FUN! It is all of you that make Kyle a great place to work and live. Thank you!

I also appreciate the faith and support of the members in selecting me to help lead the Chamber forward. The Chamber leadership works to improve not only your own businesses, but every other business within the community. When local businesses are successful, the entire community prospers.

It takes combined efforts of many dedicated individuals to make the Chamber of Commerce successful. I encourage everyone to get involved. Whether you're in business or not, get involved!!! Each of you can improve and better our community. And I'm sure some of you have great ideas. And matter of fact, I *KNOW* many of you have great ideas because you've built successful businesses. Please share your thoughts anytime. I would love to hear them. And anyone on the Board of Directors would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. We need the participation of the Chamber membership to make this organization the best it can be.

A positive attitude along with good old fashioned hard work can enable Kyle and its business community to grow and prosper. I look forward to working with you in the coming year to foster the positive attitude that will move Kyle forward.

Thank you again for your past support of the Chamber. We're going to have a GREAT 2009!

*Jason Tarr, 2009 Kyle Chamber President  
Great Locations Realty*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY 2009

**5** 6:00pm – Ambassador's BASH – Free Networking Event hosted by City of Kyle Economic Development—at the Train Depot in Downtown Kyle

**5** 10:00am – Lowe's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – 5753 Kyle Parkway

**5, 6 & 7** 7pm – Hays CISD presents *The Music Man* – PAC – Call 268-8443 for tickets

**10** 12:00pm – Kyle Chamber Ambassador Committee Meeting– Depot

**10** All Day – Free TxState Small Business Development Center Counseling – Kyle Chamber Office

**11** 6:30pm – Kyle Leadership Academy– Now Accepting Participants – Kyle City Hall – Contact Jerry Hendrix 262-3921

**24** 11:30am – Kyle Chamber Monthly Luncheon – Hays CISD Performing Arts Center – [RSVP Today!](#)



*Your 2009 Board of Directors:*

**President** – Jason Tarr, Great Locations Realty

**Vice President** – Angie Mendez, Hays CISD

**Treasurer** – Leonard Cantu, iCantu Network

**Secretary** – Johnell Huebner, An Affair to Remember

**Immediate Past President** – Cliff Sorrell, Sorrell McIntyre & Associates

**Board Member** – Rudy Barnes, Allied Home Mortgage

**Board Member** - Diana Blank, City of Kyle

**Board Member** – Mario Campos, Wells Fargo

**Board Member** – Herb Dyer, Seton Medical Center – Hays

**Board Member** – Blake Hartman, TrustTexas Bank

**Board Member** – Jim Hough, ACE Relocation Systems

**Board Member** – Barbara Penhall, CPA

**Ex-Officio Board Member** – James Earp, City of Kyle

**Ex-Officio Board Member** – Dr. Kirk London, Hays CISD

**Ex-Officio Board Member** – Zyg Maksymowicz, Central Texas Medical Center

**Ex-Officio Board Member** – Heather Richardson, Pedernales Electric Co-op

## Welcome Herb Dyer & Blake Hartman to the Board of Directors!

Newly appointed board members, Herb Dyer and Blake Hartman began their three year term as board members on November 1 of 2008. Herb Dyer is the Chief Operating Officer of Seton Medical Center Hays and Blake Hartman is the Business Development Officer at TrustTexas Bank.

“With the growth this community is experiencing, it is important for the Kyle Chamber to have leaders from a diverse background sitting on the Board of Directors,” said Ray Hernandez, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

“It’s been an incredible experience over the past year-and-a-half getting to know the Kyle community as we plan the opening of our newest member of the Seton Family of Hospitals, Seton Medical Center Hays,” said Herb Dyer, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Seton Medical Center Hays. “There are so many exciting things happening in this area and we’re pleased to be a part of it. I look forward to becoming even more involved with the community as a member of the Kyle Chamber of Commerce Board and appreciate the opportunity to serve with such a great group of people.”

“When I first joined the Chamber, I didn’t really know what to expect” said Blake Hartman, Business Development Officer for TrustTexas Bank. “I thought that we would just receive a plaque for the wall and be able to tell people that we support our local chamber. After one month of being in the community I knew my thoughts were wrong. I was overwhelmed with the amount of activity in the Kyle Chamber. As a newly appointed Chamber Board Member it is my personal goal to keep the momentum and drive that this Chamber has going. I encourage all members and non members to get involved in the Chamber and explore all opportunities.”

The Kyle Chamber would like to welcome its newest board members and personally thank each and every one of the past and current board members for their contributions and dedication to the growth of the organization. We look forward to 2009 and making Kyle a Simply Charming place to live, work & play!



**Now Opening in Kyle!**  
**Lowe's of Kyle invites you to join them**  
**Thursday, February 5 at 10am**  
**For a Board Cutting Ceremony**

**Come celebrate the Grand Opening of the newest location in Kyle, Texas. Enjoy refreshments and see the new store!**

## Wish n' Wine Event - January 31



January 31: Wish 'n Wine Event: Help us kick off our Treasures Club! Come in and enjoy a glass of wine from noon 'til closing - FriDaze Liquor will host a tasting of sparkling wines from 3-6. Pick out the things you'd like for your Treasure Chest, we'll start your wish list and let your sweetie know when they come in to buy your Valentine's Day gift!

**OLD TOWN GIFT  
EMPORIUM**

200 W. Center Street  
Old Town Kyle  
[www.OldTownGiftKyle.com](http://www.OldTownGiftKyle.com)

Open: Tues., Wed., Fri. 11-6; Thurs. 11-7, Sat. 10-6.

Live Music at Your Local Favorites!

Milt's Pit BBQ presents:

**Ben Danaher and Cody Lawson**

7pm-10pm Saturday, January 31

BYOB - Kitchen open 'til 9 pm on music nights.

905 N Hwy 81 (Exit 213) in Kyle  
512-268-4734

Railroad Barbeque presents:

**The Texas Blind Salamanders**

6pm-9pm Saturday, January 31

And on February 1, watch the Superbowl Game on the Big Screen with us! Game time is at 5:30pm

107 East Center Street in Kyle  
512-262-4641

Welcome Dr. Jeremy Lyon to the Hays CISD School District! The Business Community is eager and ready to work with you!

## City of Kyle Economic Development

[www.KyleED.com](http://www.KyleED.com)

**We're Na-cho Ordinary City...**

# Ambassador's BASH!

Thursday, February 5

6pm-9pm

100 N. Front St. at the Train Depot in Kyle

You are invited to the first Networking Mixer of 2009!

Bring plenty of business cards and enjoy free food, free drinks, door prizes and live Mariachi music!

Please join the Kyle Chamber Ambassadors and the City of Kyle and experience for yourself why Kyle is

**Na-cho Ordinary City!**

B.A.S.H. stands for Business Advancement Social Hour. Now booking BASH locations for 2009! For more information on sponsorship opportunities, including door prize donations, contact Rudy Barnes, Chair at 512-699-5556.