



ALVIN MANVEL AREA Chamber Of Commerce

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER, 2011

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Annual Banquet
- Business After Hours Event
- 2012 Board of Directors elected
- Launch of the Young Professionals

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JOIN US FOR THE

Alvin - Manuel Area

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

55th Annual Membership Awards Banquet

Friday, February 3, 2012

Knights of Columbus Hall

123 CR 146 * Alvin, Texas

Social Hour 6:00 p.m.

Seated Dinner & Program 7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Attire

Sponsorships Available

Platinum - \$1,000

Premier Placement * Listed on all advertising and printed materials, including premium presentation in the event program * Logo flashed in PowerPoint presentation during event * Acknowledged during the event. * Corporate Table for 10 including two bottles of wine at the table

Gold - \$800

Prominent Placement * Highlighted spot in the Event Program * Logo flashed in PowerPoint presentation during event * Corporate Table for 10 including two bottles of wine at the table

Silver - \$650

Preferred Placement * Listed in the event program * Logo flashed in PowerPoint presentation during event * Spotlight Table for 10 including two bottles of wine at the table

Individual Tickets \$65 - \$75 after January 13, 2012. Final Deadline to RSVP is January 25, 2012

President's Corner

'Tis the season for parties... If it's not one of your many business related events, you still have several social mixers and family gatherings that are going to leave you in potentially awkward situations. Have you ever joined a table and sat down in silence, waiting for the person across from you to start up a conversation? The longer everyone waits, the more stiff everyone gets. Ilise Benun author of *Stop Pushing Me Around* says, "If you sit

down in silence and miss that tiny window of opportunity, the whole thing seems to get 50 times harder because then you have to break a pre-existing silence with some kind of "opening line" and that triggers a whole "conversation" in my head instead of with this other person." Should I say something to that person or not? She looks preoccupied. I don't want to bother her. Ilise goes on to say, "I try to keep in mind that there is a window that may only last

two seconds into which it is very easy to put down a tiny, simple placeholder to let the other person know that this could become an encounter; then making it an encounter becomes much easier as the time goes on because that marker was there right from the first moment." Good advice! I encourage you to jump right in!

**-Johanna McWilliams
President/CEO**

Sponsor the Newsletter

Have you seen the updated website?

Keep up to date with the latest event news around the chamber

alvinmanvelchamber.org

3 1/2" x 2" AD - \$55

8" x 2" Ad - \$95

Full Page Inserts - \$150

Quarterly and Yearly discounts are also available

Call 281-331-3944

for more information



Christmas Networking Event

Thursday, December 8, 2011

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Historic Train Depot

121 E. Willis, Alvin

**** Cocktails ** Hors d'oeuvres ** Networking ****

Join us December 1st

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A TEXAS VETERAN, WOMAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS

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Drinks &
Refreshments
Great Door Prizes

**Come out to UV Country's Ribbon Cutting
and stay for the Business After Hours!**

Business After Hours

5:00-7:00 PM

UV Country

2616 Hwy 35 Bypass N.

Alvin, TX 77511

Test drive the all-new
2012 Kawasaki Teryx4
and the Kawasaki Mule
from 5:00-6:00!

I just joined... NOW WHAT?
WHAT ARE MY BENEFITS...
And... how do I market through the Chamber?

Membership Advantage
Breakfast

Thursday, December 1, 2011

9:00 AM

Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant

2625 S Loop 35, 77511

RSVP to 281-331-3944

or chamber@amacc.org

Are you a new member? Are you a long time member that is wondering how to make the most of your membership dollars? Make plans to attend this complimentary session on taking advantage of your membership!

Breakfast sponsored by Texas Advantage Community Bank



Ambassador Spotlight

Christine Anderson has been with the ambassadors for a year now, just recently having her 1-year anniversary. A resident of Angleton, Christine Anderson is an Account Executive at Angels Care Home Health, who provides home health care services to seniors. They make it possible for homebound seniors, to continue to lead healthy, productive lives and remain independent.

Christine has enjoyed her time in the Ambassador program. Being one of the first faces to welcome new members and business to the city as well as networking with local businesses is a highlight for ambassador membership for Christine.

She also has a big heart for the wellbeing of the seniors of the Alvin-Manvel community.



Christine Anderson

Want to sign up to receive the newsletter by email?

Just go to:

[http://](http://alvinmanvelchamber.org)

alvinmanvelchamber.org

[/EmailSignUp.aspx](http://alvinmanvelchamber.org/EmailSignUp.aspx)

Ribbon Cutting: Bunky and Son Construction

The Chamber celebrated with one of its newest members, Bunky and Son Construction.

Bunky and Son Construction is a family owned and operated business. They are new to the Alvin area after moving from Maryland. Bunky and Son Construction is a licensed and insured general contracting company, their services include home improvements, repairs and remodeling of both residential and light commercial

buildings. So if you are looking to install a new window, build an addition to your home or expand your office building, take a look at Bunky and Son Construction. They're located at 2605 West Dumble St in Alvin.

You can find them online at bunkyandsonconstruction.com



Bunky and Son Construction
2605 West Dumble St, Alvin
281-245-6243

Ribbon Cutting: Sherry Love: Mary Kay Consultant

Among this month's new member ribbon cuttings was Sherry Love, an independent Mary Kay consultant.

Sherry Love would certainly be the first to tell you that Mary Kay is not just about makeup. She displayed and demonstrated the large range of

skincare products she provides from the Mary Kay line.

She sales all the Mary Kay line and conducts Mary Kay Parties, you can find her online at: <http://marykay.com/sherrylove>



Sherry Love
213 S 4th St, Alvin
832-461-7469

Save the Date



Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, May 21, 2012

Golfcrest Country Club

The Golf Tournament Committee is open for all members to participate. As a member, you are encouraged to find a place to serve that motivates you and keeps you interested. Whether you are a seasoned golfer, or don't know what a mulligan is... if you are interested in plugging into this committee, please plan to be a part of this committee. Volunteer opportunities are also available the day of the tournament.

If you are interested in sponsoring and/or serving on the planning committee, please contact Johanna McWilliams at 281-331-3944 j_mcwilliams@amacc.org

Welcome New Members

Affinity Immediate Care, LLC

Affordable Wireless

Alvin Construction, LLC

Alvin Sunrise Rotary Club

B&D Field Services, LLC

BayStar Agency

Bunky and Son Construction

Cardinal Culinary Services, LLC

Daniel Scott Engineering, LLC

Ed & Freddie Thompson

Fastmark, LLC

Green Event Center

Inspire Insurance Solutions

John Faulk

KB Home

Las Chicas Restaurant

Medic One Pharmacy

Melbourne Senior

Paychex, Inc.

Piece Buy Piece

Sam's Club—Marketing Dept.

Sherry Love— Independent Mary
Kay Consultant

Super 8

The Label

Yellow Book 360

Your New 2012 Board of Directors

The Chamber is the foundation for economic growth and prosperity in the communities we represent. The role of a director is to provide leadership and vision to the Chamber. They are to ensure that members actively participate in committees and are given clearly defined objectives, committees are given meaningful responsibilities and challenges, community groups are brought into the decision-making process. In addition, they are to make sure the chamber accomplishes its goals and stays within budget, and that the chamber has a set of long-term, achievable goals.

We are proud to present to you the newly elected and appointed directors!

Chad Beaver

Alvin Equipment Company

Built and moved to their current location in 1976. Alvin Equipment Company has the expertise needed to help get the most out of equipment, parts & service needs. A family owned and operated atmosphere that and 58 years and still going strong after three generations of the Beaver family's dedication to serving our customers. Chad studied at Sam Houston State University.

Chad Fontenot

Alvin Police Department

A Captain and has been a police officer for 25-years. Chad graduated from University of Houston Clear Lake and the FBI National Academy and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas' Leadership Command College. Chad is also a charter member of the Alvin Evening Lions and is currently serving his second term as the charter president.

Dan Johnson

Daniel Scott Engineering

As president, Moved to the area in 2000. Dan's company operated in Alvin from 2007-2011 then Moved to Manvel. Served as consulting City Engineer for the City of Manvel. Graduated from Texas A&M University. Dan was a member of the HGAC Regional Flood Management Council and 2012 Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community Assistant Lay Director.



Management is efficiency in climbing the ladder of success; leadership determines whether the ladder is leaning against the right wall. -Stephen Covey



Tirso Martinez

IESI Corporation

Has been in the waste industry for over 26 years. Tirso has lived in the Houston area since 2006 and has been involved and has been involved with various Chamber of Commerce throughout the years. Tirso has been employed with IESI for two years. He is a firm believer in getting involved with the communities that he services. Tirso studied history at Randolph-Macon College.

Sheila Olson

Alvin Education Foundation

She has been a Board member since 2001, and Foundation Director for 3 years. Sheila Graduated from Houston Baptist University and taught Elementary school. Sheila is Involved with her church, the Manvel PTO, the Chamber Youth Round Table.

Cory Scott

Scott Funeral Home

He is a Funeral Director at the family owned and operated Scott Funeral Home in Alvin. Cory has been an Alvin resident 10 years. Scotts Funeral Home has been a Chamber member for as long as it has been in Alvin. Cory also previously served on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Did you know we're on Facebook?

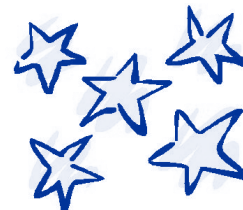
Keep up to date with the latest event news

<http://facebook.com/alvinmanvelchamber>

Koozies **PENS** *Coffee Mugs* *Notepads* *Stress Balls* **Cups***

Get Your Items Into Their Hands!

Do you have promotional items that you would like to be distributed to new members in ribbon cutting bags? Drop off up to 100 promotional items at the Chamber office. For more information, contact Johanna McWilliams at 281-331-3944 or j_mcwilliams@amacc.org



Award Nominations are being accepted

Nominations are being accepted for:

Business of the Year Awards (Alvin & Manvel)

An outstanding business that has committed itself to superior service to customers and our community; exhibits excellence in business management and that gives the extra effort toward the betterment of the Alvin or Manvel area.

Citizen of the Year (Alvin & Manvel)

Given to an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to the community over a period of years.

Outstanding Leader of the Year

Given to an individual in a leadership position who has ignited enthusiasm and positively reinforced others' efforts in accomplishing Chamber goals and objectives

Volunteer of the Year

Given to an individual who has given unselfishly of their time to ensure the success of Chamber and community programs.

For more information, or a nomination form, please contact the Chamber at 281-331-3944 or chamber@amacc.org



Young Professionals

The Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce is launching a Young Professionals program in 2012. Take your career to the next level and get involved in the business community. The Young Professionals program will deliver education and networking resources in a peer-based environment. The Chamber's Young Professionals pro-

gram will provide events on an ongoing basis that engage professionals ages approximately 21-39 from member firms to help them become more competitive in the business arena, establish contacts, and grow personally through a variety of program topics. For more information, to be added to the distribution list or to be part of the organization

of this program, contact Michael Wayland at 281-331-3944 or m_wayland@amacc.org.



Directory Ad Sales coming to a close

The 2012 Commerce Directory and Visitors Guide will be made available to realtors, banks, libraries, Alvin City Hall, Manvel City Hall and the Alvin Convention and Visitors Bureau for distribution to visitors and customers. In addition the Commerce Directory and Visitors Guide will also be direct mailed to over 5,000 business and community residents. In 2012, we estimate that ten thousand copies will be distributed to your potential customers and clients. To advertise in the upcoming edition, please call 281 331-3944 or email chamber@amacc.org.

**DON'T MISS OUT
ON THE OPPORTUNITY
TO BE FEATURED IN THE
2012 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**



2011 Board of Directors

Gabe Adame - Chairman
Wells Fargo Bank

Wendy Del Bello - Chair Elect
Alvin Community College

Gerald Montieth - Treasurer
First State Bank ~ Manvel

Doyle Swindell - Past Chair
Ron Carter Automotive
Dealerships

Marshall Boyd
Boyd, Cook & Associates

Larry Buehler
City of Alvin

Jody Droege
TDEC, Inc.

Chad Dudley
HomeTown Bank of Alvin

Chad Gormly
Alvin Sunrise Rotary Club

Richard "Jay" Hawkins
Hawkins Lease Services

Angela Leger
Ameriprise Financial Services

Mike Merkel
Alvin Police Department

Claron Salter-Clark
State Farm Insurance

Julie Siggers
Alvin Convention & Visitors
Bureau

Clay Stagg
Charles M. Stagg, CPA

Roy Waldrep
Chocolate Bayou Community FCU

Joan Young
engraving etc. by joan

Ex-Officio Board Members

Stacy Adams
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Dr. Fred Brent
Superintendent, Alvin ISD

Tom Stansel

Randy Weber
State Representative

Chamber Events - November & December 2011

Thursday, Dec. 1

9:00 AM
Membership Advantage Breakfast
Los Compadres
2625 S Loop 35, 77511

Thursday, Dec. 1

5:00 to 7:00 PM (Ribbon Cutting @ 5:30)
Business After Hours Networking & Ribbon Cutting
UV Country, Inc.,
2616 Hwy 35 Bypass N, 77511

Wednesday, Dec. 7

8:00 AM
Economic Development Team Meeting
Chamber Office
105 W. Willis, 77511

Wednesday, Dec. 7

10:00 AM
Ribbon Cutting
Affinity Immediate Care, LLC
3128 Highway 35 South, 77511

Thursday, Dec. 8

8:00 AM
Board of Directors Meeting
Kelley's Country Cookin'
1100 N. Bypass 35, 77511

Thursday, Dec. 8

5:00 to 7:00 PM
Christmas Networking Event
Historic Train Depot,
121 E Willis, 77511

Tuesday, Dec. 13

9:00 AM
Youth Roundtable
Chamber Office

Wednesday, Dec. 14

9:00 AM
Ambassador Meeting
HomeTown Bank of Alvin
1050 N Bypass 35, 77511

Wednesday, Dec. 14

10:30 AM
Ribbon Cutting
Fastmark, LLC
2116 N. Gordon, 77511

Thursday, Dec. 15

8:00 - 10:00 AM (Come & Go)
Membership Networking Breakfast
Chamber Office
105 W. Willis, 77511

Saturday, Dec. 31

4:00 PM
Ribbon Cutting
Gordon Street Tavern
13802 County Rd 185

Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

Closed
Christmas & New Years' Holidays
Chamber office will re-open on Monday, Jan. 2

Thursday, Jan. 5

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Board of Directors Retreat
Oakwind Bed & Breakfast,
4601 CR 156, 77511



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