



DeSoto County's Chamber News

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Support
"The Home
Team"

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SEPTEMBER 2009



" Christmas Parade And Christmas Card Lane " " A Disney Christmas "



The Christmas Season is just around the corner and The DeSoto Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that our theme this year is "A Disney Christmas." We have two fantastic events to kick off this Christmas time in Historic Downtown Arcadia! The festivities will begin on Saturday December 5th at 6:00P.M with the annual Christmas Parade beginning downtown at the corner of Oak Street and Orange Ave. Following the parade will be our Christmas Card Lane in McSwain Park. Santa Claus will be there along with a myriad of entertainment and beverages. We look forward to everyone coming out and joining us in the celebration! We have enclosed an application for Christmas Card Lane & The Christmas Parade. Any questions please contact the Chamber office at 863-494-4033.

October
Early Bird
Breakfast
will be held
at First State
Bank at
2747 SE
Hwy 70
Bring your
Business
Cards!
Oct. 1st,
2009
8:00 A.M.

Did you know the Chamber building is available for meetings and outside events?: Please call the Chamber office today for details!



Come to our October Early Bird for a chance to win a Radio Spot featuring your business! Be sure to be there to participate!

Octobers Noontime Network will be held at Church of Arcadia on October 21ST at 12:00 P.M. We would love to see everyone come out and enjoy lunch with their fellow chamber members!

Chamber Referrals

Antique Assoc.	8
Arcadia Oaks	1
Babcock's	1
Basket Peddler	1
Beef O Brady's	2
Best Western	2
Bethel Farms	1
Canoe Outpost	2
Collins Management	1
Craig's RV	1
DCI	1
Desoto Automotive	1
DeSoto Memorial	1
DeSoto Restaurant	2
DeSoto Sign	1
Downtown Signs	1
Fussell Realty	2
Historical Society	1
Holiday Inn	1
Joshua Creek Realty	1

CHAMBER ACTIVITY

Visitors: 74
Phone Calls: 121
E-mails 182



COMING UP QUICK::

**Christmas
Parade
December 5th,
2009
"A Disney
Christmas"**



Chamber Referrals

Live Oak RV Resort	1
Lou's Paint Spot	2
Main street Program	5
Martin Reality	1
McDonald's	3
Nav-A-Gator	1
Peace River Camp	2
Peace River Citrus	2
Riverside RV	1
Rodeo	7
Sears	1
Slims	2
Solomon's Castle	3
Spartan Stables	1
SunBulb	2
The GEO Group	1
TLC, Transit	2
Turner Center	3
Turner Realty	1
Wal-Mart	4
Western Auto	3
Williamson Group	1

~Congratulations to the Inaugural Class of Leadership Desoto~

Pam Ames
Pat Backer
Jan Brewer
Vince Sica
Linda Williams
Melissa Sanders
Sharon Goodman
Jan Schmitz

Sara Salas
Scott Mears
Bart Arrington
Susan Swanson
Reece Welch
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Colleen Dukes

Timothy Budz
Valerie Gilchrest
Brandon Jacobson
Vernon Keen
MariBel Carrillo
Mandy Hines
Gabriel Quave
Allyson Ponger



**DESOTO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WELCOMES NEW MEMBER**

Kathy Browning
863.494.1108
Kathy@lowe.org

General Store
1025 E Oak Street
863.244.3971

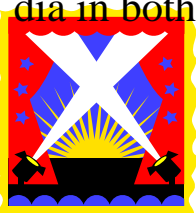
Big Tree Care Free RV Resort
2626 NE Hwy 70
863.494.7247

**THANKS FOR
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HOME TEAM**



SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Markae Rupp from City of Arcadia was the Chamber's September Business Card pick. Markae has been the City Administrator in Arcadia since April 13, 2009. Prior to coming to Arcadia, she had several years of governmental experience throughout Florida, and even some in Ohio and Texas. Even though she has only been in Arcadia for a short period of time, she has tried to establish herself not only as City Administrator, but as a citizen of the community. Markae hopes to continue serving Arcadia in both a professional capacity and as a citizen and a volunteer.



City of Arcadia # 863.494.4114

**The Chamber of
Commerce
2009-2010
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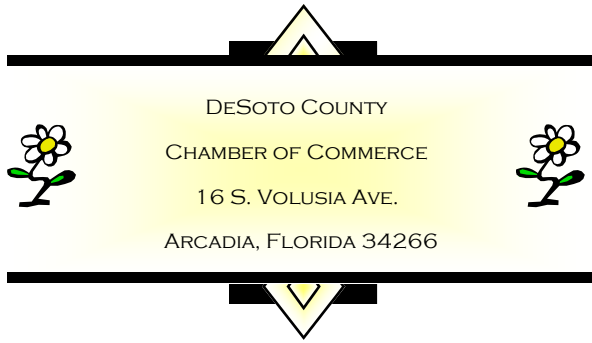
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