

MINUTES CHAMBER MEETING

March 18, 2009
Noon
May Farms

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:02 p.m. Chamber President, Gary Duke.

Roll was called with the following Board Members present:

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| Chris Deverell | Gary Duke | John Knight |
| Tina Lewis | Luanne Lown | Chris Pastori |
| Lindsay Wheaton | | |

The following Board Members were absent:

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| Sheila Cooper | Bonnie Damschen | Al Holcomb |
| Becky Mogensen | Jenna Workman | |

Guests attending were:

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| Wayne Clark | Blue Sky Party Rental |
| Donald Coz | Critter Ridder |
| Patty Doyle | High Five Plains Foundation |
| Chuck Franceschi | Primerica Financial Services |
| Laura Franceschi | Primerica Financial Services |
| Mathew Gunn | Critter Ridder |
| Janet Harris | Arapahoe Library District |
| Angela Hart | Guaranty Bank and Trust |
| Sue Horn | Town of Bennett |
| Cassandra Knight | Two Knight Enterprises |
| Keith Kohrs | Kohrs Orthodontics |
| Mike LeClair | IREA |
| Pat Nettesheim | K. I. T. Agency |
| Deb Yoder | Guaranty Bank and Trust |
| Michelle Yowell | Strasburg Academy Kidz Klub |

Board Secretary, Luanne Lown, took Minutes. A quorum was present.

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the February 2009 Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by John Knight and seconded by Christina Pastori approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Aflac – Don Sunday & Doug Lasecke

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Colorado First National Bank
Comfort Guy, Inc.
Corona's Mexican Grill
Grothe Financial Services
May Farms
Strasburg Academy Kidz Klub, LLC
Strasburg Community Church
Strasburg Veterinary
TDS Telecom
Transport

A motion was made by Pat Nettesheim and seconded by Cassandra Knight to accept the April new and renewal members. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report— Tabled until next month.

New Business:

May Farms activities – Tina Lewis announced the upcoming events at May Farms, A Ladies Tea, Cajun Feed and Fuel Energy Festival.

Announcements:

Cassandra Knight announced that they were selling tickets to Elitches as a fund raiser for Relay for Life.

Gary Duke shared that there would be a regional soft ball tournament in Strasburg in July. Chris Losh will be attending future meetings to share more information about it.

Gary Duke also congratulated Patty Doyle on receiving the recent award for Broadcasting Citizen of the Year.

Sue Horn announced the pie baking contest in Bennett this Saturday and invited everyone to attend. She also invited residents to attend the Breakfast with the Board on March 27.

Guest Speakers

Chuck and Laura Franceshi of Primerica Financial Services gave an overview of "How Money Works" for Financial Planning. They are very happy to schedule customized, confidential planning sessions with all Chamber members.

Dates to Remember

March 21 – Pie Baking Contest in Bennett. 7 – 9 p.m. at the Bennett Community Center. Entertainment by Bennett Tae Kwon Do & Bennett Recreation Cheer Squad. Quilt Display. If you have further questions, please contact the Town Hall at 303-644-3249.

March 24 – SBDC Seminar "Keeping your business alive in trying times" at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

April 4 – ECLC Conference at May Farms. "Yogurt Imprints and Stretch Mark Olympics: Living a Life of Grace" 8:27 a.m. to 3:34 p.m. Presented by Kimberly Stuart, an Iowa wife, mother of three young children and author of three novels. Friendship, pampering, good food, spiritual renewal. Enjoy with your neighbors from the i-70 corridor. For more information:

easterncoloradoladiesconference@yahoo.com. Fee is \$45.00 prior to March 15, 60.00 after March 15.

April 9 – REAP meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Valley Bank Conference Room. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. The future plans for Bennett, Strasburg and surrounding area will be presented. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

April 11 – Easter Activities at Trupp Park in Bennett, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Welcome Spring with many activities, including an Easter Egg Hunt, worship service, face painting, plant a spring flower, hear a story, go on a treasure hunt, and decorate eggs and many more fun activities.

April 15 – Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting at noon at Antelope Hills Club House. Guest Speakers from Arapahoe County Library District, showing ways they can help grow and expand your business. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

April 28 – SBDC Seminar “Library Programs to help grow your business” at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

May 3 – Ladies Tea at May Farms from 1:30 to 4:30. Refreshments, entertainment – Studio 4 (female barbershop quartet), and female friendly vendors. For more information please contact May Farms at 303-822-5800

May 14 – REAP Meeting at May Farms. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

May 16– 3rd Annual Cajun Feed at May Farms from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. Authentic Cajun cuisine, children’s entertainment and other live entertainment. For more information please contact May Farms at 303-822-5800

May 20 - Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

May 26 – SBDC Seminar “Leadership skills” at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

Corridor Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement

Our goal is to promote the planned growth and development of our communities by bringing together business and community leaders to work together for the common good. We wish to maintain and support the quality of life that makes Eastern Colorado such a special place. Our desire is to preserve and promote the competitive enterprise system that makes America great. We will strive to be the organization recognized as the focal point of the I-70 Corridor.

Our next I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at **12:00 on April 15, 2009 at Antelope Hills Club House.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.