



# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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January-February 2009

## 101st Membership Banquet Scheduled

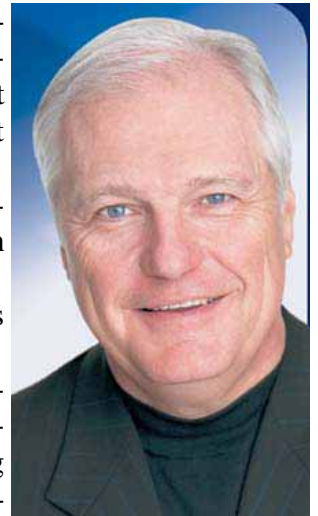
The Terrell Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the 101st Anniversary of the annual membership banquet this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 24 at Furlough Middle School. Tickets will be \$25 and will be available from Chamber Directors and at the Chamber office on February 1. Dale Hansen, Channel 8 week night sports anchor will address the crowd. You may remember that he was scheduled last year when an ice storm prohibited his coming to Terrell.

Hansen's many awards include being named Sportscaster of the Year on two occasions by the Associated Press and TV Personality of the Year by American Women in Radio and Television.

A video production of the Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Centers year's activities as well as a historical perspective will be shown this year.

During the banquet, the Chamber directors will unveil the 2009 program of work, install new directors (see pages 6 and 7) and recognize outgoing directors and event chairmen. The Terrell Rotary Community Service Award will also be presented. Outgoing Chairman Wayne Babovec will officially 'pass the gavel' to Bill Sweazea 2009 Chairman.

Outgoing directors will be recognized and include Virginia Minter, Amy Sanders, Dana Skelton and Susan White.



## Kaufman County Day Scheduled

This year will mark the thirteenth time Terrell, Kaufman, Forney, Kemp, Mabank and Crandall chambers, school districts and cities have united to sponsor Kaufman County Day in Austin. The purpose of the trip to Austin is to present, as a united group, a legislative agenda that is in the best interest of the entire county.

The three day event will begin with a Sunday evening reception for all State Representatives and Senators. Senator Bob Deuell and his "Ace in the Hole" band will

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## New Members Join the Chamber

October 22, 2008– December 31, 2008

Keep this list with your directory and support these members by doing business with them.

### Best Western La Hacienda Inn

200 US Hwy. East 175  
Kaufman, TX 75142  
972-962-6272

### Collections

404 West Moore  
Terrell, TX 75160  
214-549-0756

### Rick Harrison, District Attorney

100 West Mulberry  
Kaufman, TX 75142  
972-932-4331 ext. 1260

### Virginia Minter

701 North Rockwall #101  
Terrell, TX 75160  
972-5254-1144

### Matt Oakley

7474 Lemon Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75209  
214-956-3715

### MLK Celebration of Terrell, Inc.

PO Box 1872  
Terrell, TX 75160  
972-524-8816

### Rose Haven Assisted Living Inn

1010 Rose Hill Road  
Terrell, TX 75160  
972-563-2399

### Terrell Sand & Recycling

18650 CR 243  
PO Box 1357  
Terrell, TX 75160  
972-551-0055

### Van Zandt Glass & Mirror

1285 West Dallas  
Canton, TX 75103  
903-567-0922

## President's Club Winners Announced

Winners of the third quarter are as follows:

July Team Winner—Warthogs  
July Individual Winner—**David Mallard**

August Team Winner—Warthogs  
August Individual Winner—**Rick Carroll**

September Team Winner—Mustangs  
September Individual Winner—**Wayne Babovec**

The third quarter individual winner is **Christina Hinojosa** and the team winner is Warthogs.

**Judy Dodd** and **Kathy Russell** each attended 4 out of 6 ribbon cuttings during the quarter.



## Heritage Jubilee Set for April 17-19

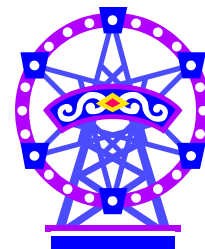
Mark your calendar for April 17-19 to attend the 28th annual Heritage Jubilee. This is the seventh year that the Barbecue cook-off has been designated as a state championship event.

Events that will be returning this year include Arts and Crafts vendors, the Pet Dog Show, Quilt Show, Car Show, Motorcycle Rally, Health Fair/Business Expo, Book Sale, Carnival and Entertainment.

The local barbeque division, as well as the Pit Division, will again receive cash awards. Entrants in the Quilt Show will have an opportunity to win cash awards as well as ribbons.

Zoo Dynamics will return this year with their Royal White Tigers and the Royal White Tiger Discovery Program, Frisbee dogs and a children's petting zoo.

All of this and lots of food!



## Messer Named CFO Of The Year

**Robert Messer**, chief financial officer at American National Bank of Texas was name CFO of the year in the community division by the Dallas Business Journal.

Messer confesses that he's more of a strategy guy than a numbers guy. "In a smaller organization, you put the people into an operation that need to be involved," he said. "You just evolve into the job."

In addition to leading the banks expansion efforts, Messer, a native of Sulphur Springs, is heavily involved in the City of Terrell and Kaufman County. He has served two terms on the Terrell City Council and has been a leader in the Kiwanis Club and youth baseball. He is a former president of the Kaufman County A & M Club.

American National was a small organization when Messer joined it 25 years ago working out agriculture loans that had gone bad. At that time, the bank had one office and \$112 million in total assets. Today, Terrell-based American national has 34 offices and \$1.8 billion in total assets on its books.

"Our need is someone who can bring together the numbers with strategy," said Robert Hulsey, president and CEO of the bank.

Beyond getting the deals one, Messer has played a strong role in guiding American National to doing the right deals.

"East Texas has given us a good deposit base," Messer said. "There are greater opportunities in the Dallas-Fort Work Metroplex, and we think the market receives our kind of banking very well. "We deal in people instead of institutions—that has sold very well in Dallas, Fort Worth and Collin County too."

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**F**rank Roberts has been appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Directors.

With over thirty (30) years experience in business as a business owner and as a Sales and Marketing Executive, Frank has extensive experience in International business. He has traveled the world over working with and successfully negotiating large contracts with executives in Europe and Asia.

For the past four years Frank has Co-owned RE/MAX Landmark in Terrell, and specializes in land and commercial transactions in a four county area in East Texas. He has served on several Boards of Directors in both business and trade organizations.

Frank is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Terrell, lives just outside of Terrell in the community of Poetry with his wife, Terry, of eighteen years. He has a cattle ranch and until recently was an avid car collector and raced vintage race cars at every significant race track in the USA, such as Sebring, Road America, Road Atlanta, Watkins Glen, and Daytona.



*(Membership Renewals continued from page 7)*

- Tolon Computer Services
- Town East Ford
- Triple A Muffler Shop
- Howard Tygrett, District Judge
- The Victorian House
- Wal-Mart Supercenter
- Waldrop's Carport Manufacturing
- Walt's Automotive
- Wealth Management Group-American National Bank
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Judy Mackey-Bruce Wood Intermediate School
- Dr. Bruce Wood
- Zahra Design Group, Inc.



## SAVE THE DATE !

Terrell Civic Auction  
 Saturday, October 24, 2009  
 Please put this date on your calendar now

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

October 23, 2008-December 17, 2008

AAA Bail Bonds  
Aaron's Sales and Lease Ownership  
Brad Akin Lawn Care  
Alexandra's Salon  
Always & Ever Hospice, Inc.  
Anchor Printing  
B & V Towing, Inc.  
Bass-Rutledge Drug  
Best Tan of Terrell  
#1 British Flying Training School Museum, Inc.  
Boo's Liquor  
Braum's  
Carl's Pawn & Trading Company  
Carter Bloodcare  
Catalytic Heater Company (CATCO)  
Century 21 Schaeffer & Associates LLC  
Champion Pallet and Packaging  
Chapman Property Co.  
Chicken Express  
Suzy McCook-Child & Adolescent School  
City of Terrell  
Ray Clark, County Commissioner Pct. 2  
Clemons Auto Sales  
Cliff's Heating and Air  
Coldwell Banker Apex Realtors  
Shuck Wieland-College Street Learning Center  
Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Johnny Countryman-Kaufman Co. Treasurer  
Jimmy Cowart Transportation LLC  
Currington Widow, Siding & Gutter  
Walt Davis  
Db Constructors, Inc.  
Del-Wyn Car Wash  
DENCO Brick & Stone  
Durham School Services  
Elite Auto Glass  
Bob Ellis Insurance Services  
EnStyle Shutters and Blinds  
Environmental Co-Op  
Kaufman County Emergency Services Unit  
Farmer's Insurance-McCune Group  
Farmer's Insurance-Morgan Miller  
Dr. Joe Finch  
First State Bank  
Flowerfield Florist  
Front Door Advertising, Inc.  
Danielle Whiffen-Furlough Middle School  
Gail Brantley's Electrolysis Clinic  
Tim. F. Glendening  
Gorman's Meat Market  
Mary Green-TISD  
Harwell Exxon Auto Repair & State Inspection  
Paula Henry (A Stress Solution)  
Huff Law Office, LLP  
IESI  
Imaginary Lines  
Jones and Sons Auto Sales  
Just Print It  
Kaufman County Title & Abstract Co.  
Dwight Malone- J. F. Kennedy Elementary School  
Little Caesars Pizza  
Lock Box Storage  
Martin Lumpkin, Ph. D.  
Marechael Niel Club  
McCoy's  
Merle Norman  
Mesquite Championship Rodeo  
Alan L. Nix, DDS  
Oakridge Investment, Inc.  
Tom Ohmann  
Pilot Club  
R. B. Pool  
Powerlab, Inc.  
Pritchett's Jewelry Casting Co., Inc.  
Mary Gayle Ramsey  
Rehab Management Physical Therapy  
David Renshaw  
Hal Richards  
Robert Blair Construction Co., Inc.  
Robinson's Furniture  
Sanders Lawn & Landscape  
Select Physical Therapy  
Shipley Donuts  
The Side Street Bar, Inc.  
Signs By Design  
Dr. Sikors  
Dana Skelton-TISD  
Mike Smith, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3  
Southern Star Concrete, Inc.  
Sudden Link  
Superior Adult Care Services, Inc.  
System Control, Inc.  
Templeman Electrical Service  
Terrell Alarm Systems  
Tina Schultz-Terrell High School  
Terrell RV Park  
Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
North Central Texas Workforce  
The Depot

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play for the event.

On Monday a Legislative update will be given at breakfast and resolutions will be read in each house. During the afternoon attendees will be able to tour the capitol and the day will end with a group photo being made.

Kaufman County Leadership Council is sponsoring a Texas Association of Business Breakfast on Tuesday morning at the Austin Club. The topic for the breakfast will be whatever the "Hot" legislative topic is at the time.

A registration form and hotel information are included in the newsletter.



**LIGHTED CHRISTMAS  
DRIVE WINNERS NAMED**

The sixth annual Lighted Christmas Drive was manned by volunteers each of the nine nights. Thirteen businesses participated by having displays. Again, the highlight of this year's event was Santa Claus. Santa greeted the children by name at the end of the drive.

The event was a success and plans are underway for next year. The Chamber encourages more businesses to participate.

**Winners of this years event are:**

**1ST PLACE  
BLASIUS FAMILY**

**2ND PLACE  
PILOT CLUB**

**3RD PLACE  
OLDCASTLE GLASS ENGINEERED  
PRODUCTS VISTAWALL**

**CHRISTMAS CONTEST  
WINNERS NAMED**

**DECORATING**

**LARGE BUSINESS**

1<sup>ST</sup> TERRELL STATE HOSPITAL

**SMALL BUSINESS**

1<sup>ST</sup> JOHNSON CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC  
2<sup>ND</sup> ALWAYS & EVER HOSPICE  
3<sup>RD</sup> FARMERS INSURANCE/  
COLLECTIONS

**CENTRAL BUSINESS**

1<sup>ST</sup> K. PRITCHETT JEWELRY  
2<sup>ND</sup> RISINGER COUNTRY STORE  
3<sup>RD</sup> CREATIVE FLORIST

**RESIDENTIAL**

1<sup>ST</sup> REV. & MRS. RAY LEE SMITH  
2<sup>ND</sup> CHARLES JONES  
3<sup>RD</sup> GARY WEEMS

**PARADE**

**MOST ORIGINAL**

TERRELL STATE HOSPITAL

**THEME**

1<sup>ST</sup> GIRL SCOUT TROOP #3388  
2<sup>ND</sup> CITY OF TERRELL  
3<sup>RD</sup> TUMBLER'S GYM

**TRADITIONAL**

1<sup>ST</sup> ENVIRONMENTAL CO-OP  
2<sup>ND</sup> KAUFMAN COUNTY A & M CLUB  
3<sup>RD</sup> VITAL DESIGNS

**YOUTH**

1<sup>ST</sup> TIGER CHEER  
2<sup>ND</sup> TERRELL FFA  
3<sup>RD</sup> TERRELL YOUTH BASEBALL

**RELIGIOUS**

1<sup>ST</sup> ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2<sup>ND</sup> CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH  
3<sup>RD</sup> THE ROCK CHURCH

## EIGHT DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR 2008-2010 TERM

**J**oe Finch is beginning a three year term as a director of the Terrell Chamber of Commerce/CVB. Dr. Finch is the CEO and Superintendent of Terrell State Hospital. Dr. Finch is a native Texan who completed his Doctor of Psychology degree in clinical psychology at Baylor University and his internship in clinical psychology as a University of Texas Southwestern Medical School-Terrell State Hospital Fellow. Prior to attending the doctoral program at Baylor University, Dr. Finch earned a B.A. in psychology at Baylor University and an M.A. in clinical psychology at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Dr. Finch is licensed as a Psychologist and is also a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, a Registered Health Service Provider in Psychology, and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, Division of Psychology of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Prior to being trained as a psychologist, Dr. Finch worked in banking and private sector corporate management.

Dr. Finch came to Terrell State Hospital in 1988 as a fellow and joined the hospital staff full time in 1989.

During his time at Terrell State Hospital Dr. Finch has served as a ward psychologist on the hospital's Child-Adolescent Services, as psychology supervisor for the Child-Adolescent, Adult Acute, Geriatric, Forensic and Medical-Surgical Services, as the Director of the Department of Psychology, and as the Assistant CEO of the hospital. He maintains active clinical interests in geriatric and child-adolescent psychology and psychotherapy. He and his wife Elaine have three children and two grandchildren.



**C**huck Carpenter is beginning a three year term as a director of the Terrell chamber of Commerce/CVB after filling an unexpired term on the board. Chuck currently is Senior Vice President at Texas Bank and Trust. He has been in the banking business for 26 years, 17 in Terrell.

Chuck has a BBA in Marketing/Finance from Texas A & M Commerce. He is an active community volunteer serving as a board member of Kaufman County Farm Bureau and Terrell Municipal Airport Board. Carpenter served on the Terrell ISD Education Improvement Council and has served as a past member of the Greater Terrell/Kaufman United Way Board and the Chamber of Commerce/CVB Board.

Chuck and his wife, Gina, have two children, Tyler, a senior at the University of Texas and Katie who attends the University of North Texas.



**K**elly Rodgers is beginning a three year term as a director of the Terrell Chamber of Commerce/CVB. As Superintendent of Terrell ISD, Kelly has lived in Terrell for one year.

He began his career in education as a band teacher and has served as assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. Kelly is currently

working on his doctorate in education.

Kelly and wife, Gail, are parents of three sons, Brent, Brad, and Brandon. Education is a family profession; Gail is an elementary teacher in Forney ISD. Kelly and his family enjoy water sports and he likes running and cycling.





**B**arbara Myers is beginning a three year term as Director of the Terrell Chamber of Commerce/CVB. For the last four years Barbara has operated as Director of Marketing for American Home Care. With over twenty years of business development experience in the medical, housing and retail markets, she has also served local chambers of commerce in many different capacities. For Terrell, she has functioned as Co-Captain for the Presidents Club and Auction Committees. In the Quinlan Chamber she participated as Director for two years, and in the Greenville Chamber, served as Chairman of the Advertising and Promotional Committee in 1995.

Committed to the fight against cancer, in 1995 she Co-Chaired the first American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Hunt County and again, in 2003, served as Co-Chair for the Kaufman County Relay For Life.

Barbara is a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church and volunteers as a religious education teacher for the Confirmation class. A devoted family oriented individual, she and her husband, Steve, have been married for seventeen years and have three wonderful sons. Barbara is very active in her son's sports and school activities. She currently serves on the QISD Health Advisory Committee and historically facilitated the QISD Texas Scholars Program. Aside from cheering her sons on at sporting events (especially baseball!), Barbara loves to paint, write children's books and practice yoga.

**D**enny Rohe is beginning a three year term as a director of the Terrell Chamber of Commerce/CVB. Denny is Plant Manager of Madix, Inc. He has been employed by Madix for over 35 years. Originally from Iowa he moved to Texas in 1973.



Denny has been a volunteer with the Chamber serving as a solicitation team captain for the auction and as co-chairman for the barbecue cook off held in conjunction with the Heritage Jubilee.

Denny has two grown children, Todd and Tina and three grandchildren, Maddy, Mason and Mabry.

**N**atalie Mitchell is beginning a three year term as director for the Terrell Chamber of Commerce/CVB. Natalie is the Branch Manager for Wells Fargo Bank in Terrell. Natalie has lived in Kaufman County for 7 years and is a former Director with the Kaufman Chamber of Commerce.



She has one son, Gary Smith and a step son, Jarrett Gandy. She and her husband, Chris Gandy live in Kaufman and enjoy bowling and dancing together. Natalie also enjoys working in her yard, flower gardens, time with her friends and family and attending Gary's sporting events.

**M**ary Clemons has been an active member of the Terrell Chamber of Commerce & President's Club for the past three years. She is now beginning a three year term on the Chamber's board of directors.

Mary is the co-founder and Executive Director of Administration at Healing Hearts Ministry in Terrell. The ministry was founded in February 2006 and it is a crisis agency for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Mary also plays a leadership role as the head of the Kaufman County Sexual Assault Response Team, the Kaufman County Service Coalition and serves on the advisory board of the Kaufman County Children's Advocacy Center.

As a Christian vocalist, Mary has recorded two music CD's as fundraisers for Healing Hearts Ministry and travels to perform as well as speak on the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. She serves as the music director for the worship team at Round Pen Cowboy Ministries in Forney. She lives in Lawrence with her son, Mikyle. Her daughter, Amanda, lives and works in Dallas as an assistant fashion designer.



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**2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Bill Sweazea.....Chairman  
Carlton Tidwell.....Chairman elect/Vice-Chairman Economic Development  
Michelle Conrad.....Vice-Chairman of Internal Operations  
Kelly Rodgers.....Vice-Chairman of Community Development  
Laura Collins.....Vice-Chairman of Tourism  
Bill Glasscock.....Treasurer  
Wayne Babovec.....Past-Chairman  
Danny Booth.....President  
Noreen Walker.....Vice-President of Operations

**Directors**

Chuck Carpenter  
Rick Carroll  
Mary Clemons  
Jon Dyess  
Torry Edwards  
Joe Finch

**Office Personnel**

Sue Humphreys  
Sarah Kegerreis  
Linda Peavy  
Dawn Steil

**Visitors Center**

Jennifer George-Smith  
Christina Hinojosa  
Morgan Miller  
Natalie Mitchell  
Barbara Myers  
Matt Oakley  
Frank Roberts  
Denny Rohe  
Kathy Russell  
Don Smothers  
Vivian VanDyke

Patsy Ellis  
Oletha Preston  
Carrolyn Russell  
Faye Wilson

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**February**

- 3-Kiwanis Pancake Day –6 AM—8 PM—National Guard Armory
- 7-Southwestern Christian College National Dinner Day-Furlough Middle School
- 9-Terrell Chamber of Commerce/CVB Board Mtg.—11:30 AM—Location TBA
- 13, 14, 15, 20,21, 22, 27, 28  
“Cheaper By The Dozen”-Kaufman County Civic Theatre-115 N. Adelaide-972-563-8991 for reservations  
Friday and Saturday-8 PM; Sunday matinee-2 PM
- 16-E! Terrell Entertainment Series-”Side Street Strutters”-7:30 PM-TISD Performing Arts Center
- 22-22-G and S Gun Show-National Guard Armory (21-9 am-5 pm; 22 9 am-4 pm)
- 23-THS Band Jazz Ball-6:30 PM, Music begins at 8 PM-Furlough Middle School
- 24-Terrell Chamber Banquet-6:30 PM-Furlough Middle School

**March**

- 1-“Cheaper By The Dozen”-Kaufman County Civic Theatre-115 N. Adelaide-972-563-8991 for reservations  
Friday and Saturday-8 PM; Sunday matinee-2 PM
- 7-Lake Country Jubilee Gospel Concert-6:30 PM-TISD Performing Arts Center
- 16-Terrell Chamber of Commerce/CVB Board Mtg.—11:30 AM—Location TBA
- 16-Terrell Lions Club Golf Tournament-Creekview Golf Club-Tee Time-1 PM-Call 972-563-0548 for information
- 16-20- TISD Spring Break
- 22-24-Kaufman County Day in Austin
- 31-E! Terrell Entertainment Series-”Pianafiddle”-7:30 PM-TISD Performing Arts Center

**April**

- 13-Terrell Chamber of Commerce/CVB Board Mtg.—11:30 AM-Location TBA
- 17-19-Terrell Heritage Jubilee