



Chamber Business

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Mark Your Calendar

September 12
Business Development
7:45 a.m.

City Councilman Bill Thorn
Topic: Mass Development in
South Dallas/Lancaster area.
Chamber Offices
900 Conover Dr.

September 19
Membership Luncheon
11:30 a.m.

David Hira
Entertainer, Motivational Speaker
and Business Coach
Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S. Carrier Pkwy.
RSVP 972.264.1558
\$15 through Sept. 14th
\$20 after or at door
Chamber Offices
900 Conover Dr.

September 22
Fall Fantasy Gala
7:00 - Midnight

Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S. Carrier Pkwy.
\$45 per person
RSVP 972.264.1558

September 26
Civic Committee Luncheon
Ruthe Jackson Center
11:30 a.m.

"Spotlight on Business / Charities"
Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S. Carrier Pkwy
RSVP 972.264.1558

September 27
Business After Hours
Hoffman's Florist
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
428 W. Main

Fall Fantasy: The Fabulous Fifties Again!



Get your bobby-socks and saddle oxfords ready...it's time to go "Back to the Fifties Again". Or, shine up a penny and slide it into your favorite pair of loafers, roll up your jeans, and slick back your hair. Whatever your favorite fifties style might be, it's sure to be a hit and bring back fun memories at this year's Fall Fantasy Gala. If getting into character is not your style, don't sweat it Cat...it's cool. Your favorite party clothes will be just fine for dining, dancing, enjoying the casino, auctions, raffles, bingo and Big Spender drawings.

Speaking of the Big Spender drawings...I did say drawings, plural! This year, Buddy Bridges of ONCOR Electric Delivery and his committee have decided to expand the Big Spender contest to award 3 winners...\$3,000...\$1500...and \$500 prizes will be awarded. If you haven't purchased a Big Spender card yet, don't delay. You can purchase a card for \$100 or pool your money with a group to buy one or more cards and improve your odds of winning!

And if you haven't made your reservation yet, get on the telephone daddy-o. Call 972.264.1558 cause it's not hip to be square, man!

If you want to be cooler than cool, there's still time to be an event sponsor or auction donor. Just call the Pink Ladies at 972.264.1558 and let them know you want to make a splash at this boss bash!

Legislative Corner

In October, the Chamber luncheon will focus on legislators and legislative issues. You will not want to miss Texas Senator Chris Harris and State Representative Kirk England on October 17th.

These legislators have recently returned from one of the busiest and most impactful legislative sessions in Texas history. Make plans now to hear about new legislation that affects your business and community. Take time to be a part of the process.

Our elected officials take your input very seriously, so please come take advantage of this chance to hear directly from the people who are truly "in the know" about issues that affect your family, community, and businesses.

Many thanks to Pregnancy Resource Center of Grand Prairie for sponsoring the upcoming October luncheon.

David Hira will "Wow!" at September Luncheon



David Hira is a magical entertainer and keynote speaker who spent 20 years managing a fourth of the United States for a \$4.5 billion dollar electronics company, owned a successful Japanese restaurant in Dallas, owned a luxury day spa and mediSpa, created and taught a continuing education seminar for pediatric nurses, and has been nationally recognized expert in Foreign Trade Zones for Fortune 500 import/export companies. Grand Prairie Chamber members will be captivated by Hira at the September 19th membership luncheon sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church.

David has employed and managed over 1,200 direct-report employees over his career. From corporate to "mom and pop", international to neighborhood, David has been in every kind of business and worked with every kind of employee. David has worked with truck dock workers and Harvard graduates, kitchen cooks to Certified Software Professionals, golf car sales executives to Wall Street financial gurus... David can relate to anyone. He can make them laugh, make them learn, and make them care.

Make your reservation now to experience David's particular brand of motivational entertainment September 19th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ruthe Jackson Center. Call 972.264.1558. Cost is \$15 if your reservation is received no later than September 14th.

Leadership 2007-2008

The Leadership Grand Prairie Class of 2007-2008 is set to begin with a class orientation on **September 13th**.

For information on this highly impactful leadership and community awareness program, contact class alumni Darcy Harris or Sara Garcia at 972.264.1558.

Please see the flyer inserted in this newsletter for more details also.

Enroll now and embark on a 9 month journey to greater leadership skills, and a new and growing network of associates you will appreciate through years of doing business together.

Class size is limited and must close soon!

2007 Chairman's Message

Darin Wilson, National Print Group



Greetings!

With the summer almost gone, it is time for one last big hoorah. Get out your jeans, tight white tees, your old letter or leather jacket, and slick your hair back. Poodles are welcome...poodle skirts, that is. It is time for Fall Fantasy and we will be doing the Fifties all over again. For those of you that have been, you know how fun it can be. For those of you that haven't, come see what you've been missing. With casino style gambling, silent and live auctions, plus blackjack, poker, and slot tournaments, there is something for everyone. And this year you have three chances to win on the Big Spender cards. Don't like to gamble? That is fine. We have "Master G" (Gordon DeLoach) spinning great music all night long. If you are one of those who like to have your own spot, reserved tables are available for a cost of \$700 this year and include a couple of bottles of wine as well as a big spender card. The event is on September 22, 2007 at the Ruthe Jackson Center. I promise a good time for all. Call and make your reservations and bring your friends. This is just one more way to "Get Involved." I will see you there.

Sincerely,
Darin

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The Mission of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce is to promote, strengthen and expand our business community.



Got A Minute?
Board of Director's Meeting
August 2007

Board Nominations: See article on page 3.
Board Introductions: New Board members were introduced: Cole Humphreys of Austin Insurance is currently signed up for the Leadership 2007-2008 class, is on the Fall Fantasy and Golf Committees. Clayton Fisher of Wachovia Securities is a past Leadership Graduate and member of the Leadership Alumni committee, active on the Golf Committee and Fall Fantasy Committee.
Ex-Officio Reports: Shana Nix reported on the fire at an Arlington ISD playground that was located in Grand Prairie noting the school district's plans for changing that material.
Past Chairman's Report: Lila Thorn reported a letter of interest received regarding gas drilling. The Chamber will review possible options.
Community Development: Arthur James reported the Leadership Alumni Committee will meet Monday, August 20th and is working to secure class participants. Application forms are available at the Chamber office. Also, he noted the Civic Committee had a successful Christmas in July.

Great Texas Scholars program will soon begin, with notification to students in September. Chamber staff will implement the recommended changes and will work with the review committee on their part.

Meet & Greet the Troops is tentatively scheduled for October 22nd - October 28th. Jeanine Walker and Lila Thorn will again co-chair, working with area businesses, organizations and churches to participate and welcome home troops for their two weeks of rest and relaxation.

Impact Grand Prairie, an organization designed to stop underage drinking was noted. In the last two weeks, nine minors have been arrested. The community is urged to make September 24th a Family Day and to have dinner as a family.

Marketing and Communications: Buddy Bridges reported that the referral guide and community directory has been delivered. He congratulated members who worked on the book, sponsored ads, the staff who sold ads and did the design, as well as JMH Printing for the production.

Buddy also asked the Board to consider signing up for a Marketing Committee / Task Force to study the possibility of developing a new marketing piece for the Chamber. He provided a sample packet from other chambers. Any production would require development and funding.

Membership Development: RaDonna Hessel noted the Branding Irons will perform a ribbon cutting for Smokin Cajun Restaurant on Friday, August 31st at 11:00 a.m. This is the Grand Prairie Municipal Airport restaurant.

The new Five Star Golf Classic brochures have been mailed. The Thompson Group will be the event's sponsor. Forms will be provided to the participating golf courses: Prairie Lakes, Tangle Ridge, Riverside, Grand Oaks and the Great Southwest Golf Club. 32 players are required.

The Fall Fantasy event will be Saturday, September 22nd with a longer poker tournament, and three cash prizes for the Big Spender drawings. Reserved tables will be sold at a cost of \$700, which will include one Big Spender Card and two bottles of wine for their guests. The Big Spender Cards have been distributed to the Board, as well as committee for pre-sale. Invitations are being delivered and auction items solicited.

Business Development: Jeanine Walker reported that Business Development will meet September 12, with Bill Thorn reporting on the new mass development in South Dallas/Lancaster area. The committee meets at 7:45 a.m. and all Chamber members are welcome.

Several requests have been received to redevelop the Human Resource Committee. Darcy Harris will work with interested companies.

A Chamber seminar series is planned with topics including Spanish for Business, Self Defense in Business and CPR Training. The goal is to have these seminars ready for the 2008 Program of Work.

Jeanine reported work being done to develop a "Three B's" networking / educational opportunity. "Business, Breakfast and BS (Big Stuff)" for those businesses who have more time in the morning to network together.

Chamber Partnerships: Greg Giessner reported the committee will meet on a quarterly basis, with the next meeting scheduled for September 26th. They will also be working on the August 22nd luncheon with Congressman Kenny Marchant as the speaker. For the October Luncheon, invited speakers include Rep. Kirk England and Senator Chris Harris.

Chamber Development: Vince Hrabal reported businesses dropped due to non-payment of their dues, or per their request which included Boriack Interiors, Chiropractic Health Center, Kidd Academy and Siedos Grill.

Vince also noted the Membership Committee had met. Darin Wilson reported on the possible development of "Chamber Business Cards" that members could have and use to let Chamber members and non-members know when they have been visited by a member.

President's Report: Insulation was installed at the Chamber offices.

The staff has asked to make changes to the Sustaining Member Program, developing various levels due to a request from a Chamber member business. The Board will review it and the Sustaining Members will also receive the recommendation for comments.

The Board Retreat will be November 1, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All Board members are asked to attend.

Certificates of Origins were discussed. Due to the liability involved in signing, the Board had determined that this service would only be offered to member businesses. With a complaint by a non-member business, the staff reviewed other area Chambers' policies for these documents. Those results were sent to the business. The Board was notified of the policies, and asked the staff to further study the process.

Other Business: Jayne Christian noted the YMCA Golf Tournament on September 10th, and Mistletoe Ball Friday, November 30th at the Four Seasons. Arthur James reported the Transparent Church will host a Back to School Fair at the Ruthe Jackson Center on August 26th.

Business After Hours

**Thursday,
September 27th**

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Hoffman's Florist
428 W. Main Street**

**Bring your business cards and
come enjoy free food,
fun & networking!**

**Make your
reservations:**

**Fall Fantasy
"Back to
the Fifties
Again!"**

**September
22nd
7:00 p.m.**

Advertising Inserts

For only \$95, your company can place a promotional insert in the Chamber Newsletter to be mailed to our entire membership. If you provide us with the flyers and \$95, our staff and volunteers will take care of the labor to insert the flyer into our newsletter and the postage. Just bring at least 900 copies of an 8 1/2 x 11 inch flyer on 20 to 24 lb. paper to our offices by the 25th of the preceding month. **For distribution in our October newsletter, please submit flyers no later than September 25th.** For details on this low-cost, no-fuss, no-muss, direct mail opportunity, call 972.264.1558.

BRANDING IRONS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Mary Kay Cosmetics representative La Varne Hines-Harrison (center) is welcomed by Darin Wilson & Carolyn Williamson. Phone (972)477-1699 www.marykay.com/hines1



Teneya Brooks of Logix Communication is presented by Branding Iron Marty Martin and Chamber Chairman Darin Wilson. Contact Teneya at (214)356-1683.

NOKIA Theatre
at grand prairie

**SUSTAINING
MEMBER**

February 2007 marked the fifth anniversary for the entertainment venue that brought to the city of Grand Prairie during the last 12 months the Radio City Rockettes, Bonnie Raitt, Cheetah Girls, Taking Back Sunday, Wheel of Fortune, Snow Patrol, Al Gore, Jamie Foxx, George Lopez, Harry Connick Jr., Heart, Martha McBride, Don Henley, B.B. King, former president Bill Clinton and many other memorable events.

In the past 12 months, Nokia Theatre had over 180 events that attracted more than 500,000 people. In October 2007 our parent company, AEG Live, will open Nokia Theatre - Los Angeles.

Much of this success can be attributed to the variety of events, the centralized location and the comfortable indoor setting that the Nokia Theatre provides fans and artists alike. There is not another venue in the metropolis that offers you the opportunity to see top-name talent in the world of pop, rock, country, R&B, Latin, comedy and family entertainment under the same roof.

A commitment to delivering a great live experience with each performance, in a first-class facility, with unparalleled customer service is a formula that the Nokia Theatre knows will help them succeed in setting a new standard in the concert industry well into the twenty-first century.

COMING EVENTS

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9/13 The Killers | 10/26 Switchfoot / Reliant K |
| 9/29 Ten Tenors | 10/30 Evanescence |
| 10/3 Live / Collective Soul | 11/3 Smashing Pumpkins |
| 10/6 Ricky Martin | 11/23 Kelly Clarkson |
| 10/24 Fall Out Boy | 12/28 Playhouse Disney |

**SEASON TICKET & LUXURY SUITE INFORMATION CALL 972-854-5081
FOR SHOW INFORMATION - NOKIATHEATREDFW.COM**

Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members

Member firms volunteering financial support to the Chamber above and beyond their regularly scheduled basic dues to offset building expense, utilities, insurance and taxes.



**2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOTICE**

The Grand Prairie Chamber is operated by a Board of forty-four members. Twenty-four serve with three year terms in eight member cycles. There are also six one year appointments as well as twelve ex-officio members.

At the August meeting, a committee was formed to nominate the following eight members to fill the next three year terms to begin serving in January 2008 through December of 2010. Upon the nominee's approval, those eight members will be:

Clayton Fisher, Wachovia Securities	Colo Humphreys, Austin Insurance
Doug Jackson, Jackson Property	Renee Medrano, Texas Roadhouse
Keith Odom, NOKIA Theatre at GP	Renaldo Ramirez, Sun Chemical
Mike Rose, Grand Prairie Ford	Richard Whitman, Texas Trust Credit Union

Additional names of candidates for Director can be nominated by petition bearing the signature of at least ten members of the Chamber. Such petition shall be filed with the Nominating Committee within ten days after this notice has been given of the names of those nominated. The determination of the nominating committee as the legality of the petition(s) shall be final.

If no petition is filed within the designated period of ten days, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate of the eight candidates shall be declared elected by the board of directors at the regular September board meeting. The nominating committee will present their recommendations for the 2007 officers, and the incoming Chairman will present the selection for the one year appointments in September if no additional nominees are filed.

These positions will be completed by October, so that those new to the board will be able to attend the planning retreat in November. It is important to have both current board members as well as the new board member review the activities of the Chamber, to determine what will continue in the year to come. Members of the Chamber are encouraged to get involved. In the selection process, the nominating committee reviews the various events, activities and committees of the Chamber to find members who are involved in the organization's goals and activities, either through time or financially. They also take into consideration those members who express interest in serving on the board.

So, if you would like to be considered for a future board position, you are encouraged to:

- 1) get involved in committees, events or activities, and / or;
- 2) let someone know of your interest - either a board member, executive board member or Chamber staff.

The Mission of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce is to Promote, Strengthen and Expand the business community. It takes all of the members working together to develop a stronger Chamber as well as community. As a member run organization, that involvement is critical to the continued growth and development of the Chamber. All members are appreciated for their support, involvement and dedication. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Executive Board Members or Chamber staff at 972/264-1558.

Presented by and per the By-Laws of the Grand Prairie Chamber or Commerce
September 1, 2007
RaDonna Hessel, President

Get your Big Spender Cards at the Chamber offices, located at 900 Conover Drive, or from any board member or Fall Fantasy Committee member.

Buy individually or share one or more cards with a group! Each card costs \$100 and only 208 cards will be sold for a chance at the \$3,000 grand prize.... \$1500 second prize.....or \$500 third prize awarded at midnight September 22nd!

The Chamber staff respectfully requests an email address you would like urgent notices sent to. We promise not to abuse the privilege of having your email address.

If you would like it to be kept confidential or unpublished in our member directory, please make sure you specify this. You can email your info to us at info@grandprairiechamber.org. Thank you for helping us keep you informed!

THE GET MOTIVATED SEMINAR WILL BE COMING TO AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 8:00 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.

EXPERIENCE THE MOTIVATIONAL STYLE OF ZIG ZIGLAR, SALES AND NEGOTIATIONS SKILLS OF BRIAN TRACY, GOAL ACHEIVING STRATEGIES FROM GOLDIE HAWN, KEYS TO GROWTH & OPPORTUNITY FROM STEVE FORBES, AND INSIGHTS INTO SHARPENING YOUR COMPETITIVE EDGE FROM COACH AVERY JOHNSON. PLUS, LEGENDARY SOLDIER-STATESMAN GENERAL COLIN POWELL ON "TAKE-CHARGE LEADERSHIP".

BRING YOUR ENTIRE OFFICE FOR ONLY \$49 WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. BUT DON'T WAIT. THIS IS A VERY LIMITED TIME OFFER AND ADMISSION IS \$225 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR. CALL 1-800-217-1339 TODAY!

CIVIC COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the following Yard of the Year winners who were recognized at the Civic Committee luncheon, August 29th at the Ruthe Jackson Center:

Grady & Oleta Gibson, 1721 Austrian Rd.
John Doan, 1518 NW 7th
Homeowner, 331 NE 10th
Homeowner, 1242 SW 5th St.
Pat Semple, 2801 Santa Rita
Audrey Clemmons, 3147 Lisetta St.
Nadine Vaughn, 1008 Valleybrook
Cheryl Wells, 910 SE 5th St.
Dortha Adams, 102 E Cober
Greg & Barbara Rogers, 2702 Colloseum
Dinh & Thuy Nguyen, 5056 Showdown
William Harrison, 2736 Castlecove Dr.
Mark & Donnice Foxworth, 1002 California Trail
Steve & Stephanie Patten, 2844 Tranquilo
Mr & Mrs Dean Peyton, 3525 Racquet Club
Dale & Tina Kelly, 554 Winston

Please drive by to see these lovely yards. We applaud them for helping to Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful!

Thanks also to the many judges who volunteered to devote their time to this important program.



NEWS & NOTES



Special member to member offer:
The dental offices of W.R. Harrison, DDS, PC, extends a 50% discount off of the new patient exam price to any Chamber members or their immediate family members.

Chamber member Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLC got some great press in the Dallas Morning News recently. Go to www.dallasnews.com and search "Linebarger" to find articles titled "Bill to help tax office foreclose on forgotten lots" dated August 5th; and "Urban Land Bank - putting Humpty Dumpty together again" dated July 30th.

The GPHS Class of 87 20 Year Reunion is scheduled for November 3, 2007 at Lone Star Park in the Champions Ballroom. For more info contact Will "Bubba" Rice gphs87@yahoo.com 832-752-9423.



Matt McClure of ProStaff, is welcomed by Chairman Darin Wilson and Membership Director Greg Cashman. ProStaff, a full service staffing firm, is located at 2080 N. Hwy. 360, Ste. 105. Phone (972) 206-2345



Need a great low-cost defensive driving course?

Visit the Chamber website at www.grandprairiechamber.org and click on the link located in the sidebar on the left side of the home page.

WIN A CRUISE!



Grand Prairie Ford has donated a 7-day cruise for two for the grand prize in the Chamber's "Must Be Present to Win" contest! The following people were present at events during the last month, and were lucky enough to have their business cards entered into the grand prize drawing scheduled for November 8th at Lone Star Park.

7/25 Govt. & Legislative	James Williams
7/26 Branding Iron Breakfast	Bill Thorn
7/26 Chase Bank Ribbon Cutting	La Varne Hines-Harrison
8/02 Executive Board Mtg	Arthur James
8/06 Membership Committee Mtg	Renaldo Ramirez
8/08 Business Development Mtg	N.D. Hopkins
8/14 Board Meeting	Paula Newman
8/20 Leadership Alumni	Judy Broyles
8/22 Chamber Luncheon	Donna Koepke

Not on the list yet? It's not too late! One card is drawn at each and every Chamber function. On November 8th at Lone Star Park, during our Business After Hours, all of the names collected throughout the year will be placed in a final drawing. If your name is drawn AND YOU ARE PRESENT at the Lone Star Park event, you will win a 7 day cruise for 2 courtesy of Grand Prairie Ford.



The Branding Irons assisted Jennifer Camacho, manager of the Chase Bank located at 3061 Camp Wisdom Road, with a ribbon cutting to celebrate their new location near Highway 360.

GRAND PRAIRIE CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

2007 SLATE OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN
Darin Wilson, National Print Group

CHAIR-ELECT
Melinda Polley, Trinity Analytical Services

TREASURER
Gail Wills, Gail Wills, CPA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Arthur James, The Transparent Church

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
C.W. Higgins, The Thompson Group,
Classic Chevrolet

CHAMBER DEVELOPMENT
Vince Hrabal, Grand Prairie Disposal

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
Jeanine Walker, Bon Air Service Company

CHAMBER PARTNERSHIPS
Greg Giessner, Giessner Insurance

MARKETING & COMMUNICATION
Buddy Bridges, TXU Electric Delivery

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN
Lila Thorn, Hexter-Fair Title Company

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kristin DeLoach, Civic Committee Chairman

Clayton Fisher, Wachovia Securities

Jim Gilbert, Time Warner

Don Goldsmith, Grand Bank of Texas

Maria Gonzales, Allstate Insurance

Aaron Guthrie, Lockheed Missiles and Fire Control

Ed Hartnett, Southwest Securities, FSB

Allan Hughes, Traders Village

Cole Humphreys, Austin Insurance

Mary Jean Moloney, Atmos Energy

Rudy Martinez, AT&T

Mike Medrano, Texas Roadhouse

Paula Newman, Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie

Keith Odum, NOKIA Theatre at Grand Prairie

Norm Porter, Vought Aircraft Company

Renaldo Ramirez, Sun Chemical

Brenda Reuland, American Eurocopter

Mike Rose, Grand Prairie Ford

John Smrcina, State Farm Insurance

Kenda Stacy, Texas Trust Credit Union

Emelda Valcarcel, Medical Center of Arlington

EX-OFFICIO

Kirk England, State Representative

Charles England, Mayor

Tom Hart, City Manager

Dr. Susan Simpson, GPISD Superintendent

Clem Maddox, Time Warner

Shana Nix, Arlington ISD

Bob O'Neal, City Economic Development Director

Billy Dunn, BDunn & Company, LLC

Paul Gramza, Great Southwest Industrial District
Association

PAST CHAMBER CHAIRMEN WHO MAINTAIN ACTIVE BOARD STATUS

Lila Thorn, Hexter-Fair Title Co., (2006)

Roy Wilson, Northwood University (2005)

Greg Giessner, Giessner Insurance (2004)

Jayne Christian, Creative Embroidery (2003)

Pat Watson-Capps, Watson & Assoc. (1986)

CHAMBER STAFF

RaDonna Hessel, President

Darcy Harris, Vice President

Greg Cashman, Membership Director

Kelly Giessner, Office Manager

Sara Garcia, Chamber Relations Officer

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BRANDING IRONS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Chamber Chairman Darin Wilson (left) welcomes Curtis Braden and Justina Barone of the new 24 Hour Fitness located at 5220 State Hwy. 360. Call them at (817)524-1000.



All Smiles Family Dentistry, Dr. W. R. Harrison is represented by Pam Harrison, and welcomed by Darin Wilson and Glen McCrary. All Smiles is located at 2126 Virginia Dr., Ste. 1 (972)264-2466.



Carter-Burgess, an architecture, engineering and planning firm is represented by David Retzsch & Britt Flaten located at 7950 Elmbrook Dr. in Dallas. (214) 638-0145.



Clara Thate & Russ Smith (center) of Clara's Cupboard / Watkins Products are welcomed by Darin Wilson and Glen McCrary. Clara's is located at 216 North St. Call (972) 264-6856.



Columbia Commercial Building Products at 909 Ave. T, Suite 201 (972) 771-7109 is represented by Alex Orr (center). Chairman Darin Wilson and Richard Whitman welcome Alex.



Darin Wilson & Patricia Rodriguez welcome Defiance Metal Products, Purchases Division of Central Industrial Supply, Floy Terry and Cecilia Montalvo 2357 W. Jefferson (972) 595-1526.



Grand Prairie Professional Baseball representatives Greg Lynch and Erin Poage (center) are welcomed by Darin Wilson and board member Jim Gilbert. Call (972) 263-9588 for AirHogs ticket info.



Jerry Roberts of Half Associates 4000 Fossil Creek, Ft. Worth (817) 847-1422, an engineering/surveying/environmental services/architecture firm is welcomed by Buddy Bridges and Darin Wilson.



Pastor Doug Simon of Indian Hills Baptist Church, 814 Tamara Ln (972) 262-2884 is presented by Chamber Chairman Darin Wilson and Branding Iron Deborah Hepworth.



Spencer Sloane and Scott Sloane of Integra Specialty Group, P.A. providing Workers' Compensation solutions at 517 N. Carrier Pkwy. (972) 263-2424 are presented by Darin Wilson and Maureen Perro.



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