



ST. MARY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Welcome

The St. Mary Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following new member and also say how happy we are to have you as a new member!

- Cotton Candy & Company

Mark Your Calendars For Our Upcoming Chamber Event!

Thursday, March 13, 2008 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The Days Inn will Sponsor a Business After Hours at The Days Inn in Morgan City, La

The St. Mary Chamber of Commerce would like to extend an invitation to you to relax and mingle with friends and associates at the newly renovated banquet room

“The Landmark Room” at the Days Inn for “Business After Hours”

The charge is Chamber Members and a Business Card \$1.00 and Chamber Guest is \$5.00. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, March 19, 2008 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. General Membership Luncheon The Petroleum Club of Morgan City, La

We are hosting our First General Membership Luncheon of the Year. The topic is Cleco’s New Rodemacher 3 Project presented by Bill Fontenot and Sponsored by Cleco. This will be interesting and educational. For Reservations please call the Morgan City Office at 985-384-3830 or Fax RSVP to 985-384-0771 or call The Franklin Office at 985-828-5608 or Fax RSVP to 985-828-5606. You have until March 12 to make your reservations.

Chamber Members is \$15.00 and Non Chamber Members is \$20.00

Ribbon Cuttings

There was a Ribbon Cutting at Oceaneering on February 15, 2008 for their New Building located at 5004 Railroad Ave in Morgan City,

at CC’s Seafood and Grill on February 25, 2008 at 15830 Hwy 182 W in Franklin, La and one at Happy Walk China Restaurant on February 29, 2008 in Patterson, La located in the Shopping Center that also has Dollar General Store. Congratulations to these businesses and also Good Luck!

Events for the Month being Held at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center are:

March 1-2 The Sam & Jim Acting Co. Presents “Fuddy Meers”

March 2 Annual South LA Bridal Expo presented by Sunburst Media

Time: 11 a.m.-3 p.m./Admission \$5 at door; Kids 12-under free/paying adult

Call Sunburst Media at 985-851-1020 for more information
March 7-8 2008 FMX Superman Jam
Times 8pm (both nights)/ Visit www.tboentertainment.com for more info
March 9 Estate Liquidators Home Décor and Antique Auction
Visit www.auction-preview.com for more info
March 15 2008 La High School Basketball All-Star Games
Times Girls 4pm; Boys 6/pm/Tickets: \$8 at door
March 23 Beacon Light Ministries Resurrection Sunday Service
Time: 10am-1pm/Doors open 9am/Free to public
Call Beacon Light @ 873-8795 for more info

Happenings around St. Mary Parish

Ali's Poker Run on Saturday March 8, 2008

Fundraiser to help Ali, a three year old who is suffering from an inoperable brain tumor. Bring your bikes, trucks and cars and join us on March 8 for a Poker Run to help Ali. Run will start at the Sport's Bar in Morgan City at 10am. Entry fee is \$15.00 per vehicle and \$10 for each passenger. After February 28th the fee is \$20 per vehicle. Prizes awarded for best and worst hands; Bike show-prize for first and Last place. Items will be auctioned off and plate lunches will be available for sale. Mail registration form and entry tee to: Ali's Run, 173 Burchfield Lane, Berwick, La 70342. Make checks to Tara or Jarrod Aucoin

**ABWA will hold their monthly meeting on March 11, 2008
at 6 pm at the Morgan City Petroleum Club in Morgan City, La**

GET DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

Direct technical assistance is now available to small businesses in St. Mary Parish Through a new and innovative program designed to help our businesses affected by the 2005 storms recover and prosper. The program is called the Technical Assistance Network and is accessible in the St. Mary Parish area through the Chamber of Commerce. Services are provided at no cost to companies but an assessment of your company is required. Assessments are being conducted at St. Mary Chamber of Commerce on March 19th and 26th from 9am to 4pm. Contact South Louisiana Economic Council at 985-448-4485 or by e-mail at tori.priddy@nicholls.edu to schedule your appointment now.

**An Evening of Comedy to Benefit Keep Morgan City Beautiful
Featuring Amy Mahfouz, Emcee, Jerry Farber and Roger Keiss,
and the Summit Comedy, Inc.**

**Thursday March 27, 2007 at 6:30 pm-8:30pm at the
Morgan City Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and are available from
committee members at these number: 985-384-2858, 985-384-5148, 985-384-6679 or by
calling the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce at 985-384-3830**

For Your Information

**Chez Hope Family Violence Crisis Center is grateful to be involved with the
Rafael Joseph Trahan Memorial Foundation, concerning the memorial bike ride tentatively
scheduled for November 1, 2008. Proceeds will benefit Chez Hope Family Violence Crisis
Center's Children's Program. If you have any questions please call Laura Goulas at 337-828-4200**

**Relay For Life of East St. Mary Parish, Morgan City will be held April 26, 2008,
6:00p.m.-6:00a.m.**

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise funds to support the mission of the American Cancer Society. During the event, community teams of 8-15 people gather at the MCHS Tiger stadium, survivors participate in the opening lap, caretakers lap the track, and those lost to cancer are remembered during a luminary ceremony. This event also offers music, fun, contests and games and is open to the public. To join a team or for more information, call Debby Acosta at 985-385-1533.

**Relay For Life of West St. Mary Parish, Franklin will be held May 17, 2008,
2:00p.m.-6:00a.m.**

Relay For Life is a fun filled overnight event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise funds to support the mission of the American Cancer Society. During the event, community teams of 8-15 people gather at Franklin High School Stadium, survivors participate in the opening lap, caretakers lap the track, and those lost to cancer are remembered during a luminary ceremony. This event also offers music, fun, contest, and games and is open to the public. To join a team or for more information call Kathy Gonzales at 337-967-0386.

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