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*Newsletter from the Schertz Chamber of Commerce*

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## *Thank You!*

*City of Schertz  
GVEC*

*Schertz Bank & Trust  
Brandt Engineering  
State Farm Insurance –  
John Delgado Agency*

*Frost Bank  
Schertz Family YMCA*

*For your continued support!*

## Chamber Board of Directors

Chair - Jewell Davenport: KDJ Insurance  
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David Burns: GVEC  
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Gary Inmon: Law Offices of Gary Inmon  
Fredy Degollado: YMCA  
Connie Jones: HEB  
Mable Goldsmith: Wal-Mart

## After-Hours Mixer

**Special thanks to Graceland Assisted Living for hosting our March Mixer.** Members were given a tour of their facility, networked with one another and enjoyed great food prepared by Chef Mike. The winner of our Chamber cash drawing was Providence Title Company, but sadly was not there to collect. This means the drawing increases to \$200 at our next Mixer!



## APRIL AFTER-HOURS MIXER

**When:** April 21st @ 5:30pm – 7pm  
**Where:** CBQ Eatery, 17327 IH 35 North, Suite 200, Schertz  
**What:** Food, drinks, fun, prizes and money give-away. Must be present to win! RSVP to 566-9000 or [nkotzur@schertzchamber.org](mailto:nkotzur@schertzchamber.org)

## Biz-Ed Breakfast

**April Topic:** Internal & External Financing for Your Business

**Date:** Wednesday, April 27th  
**Time:** 7 – 9 am at the Chamber Offices  
**Cost:** FREE to SCOC Members; non-members \$10

RBFCU will present and sponsor breakfast at our April session. Their topic will cover financing on internal and external level. RSVP your attendance by April 25th to [nkotzur@schertzchamber.org](mailto:nkotzur@schertzchamber.org) or call 210-566-9000.

## Meet the Candidates

### Find out Candidates Views before You Vote.

Sponsored by Schertz Bank & Trust, the Schertz Chamber of Commerce will host “Meet the Candidates” on Wednesday April 27th, from 6-9 pm in the Schertz Civic Center. While there is no election in Schertz, candidates running for offices in Selma, Cibola as well as the SCUCISD School Board will be in attendance for a question and answer session. Chamber Board Director and local business owner, Gary Inmon, will moderate the event. Free and open to the public.



**HYPER: above; beyond; SUPER**

**h**elping **Y**oung **P**rofessional **e**ntrepreneurs **r**esource

**Purpose:** HYPER exists to build a network where Young Professional Entrepreneurs between the ages of 21-39 can meet together for mutual support, exchange resources for professional enrichment, socialize and combine efforts for community service.

**The next meeting** will take place **Thursday, April 7th** at CBQ Eatery, located at 17327 IH 35 North in Schertz, from 11 am – 12:30 pm. Lunch will be “dutch-treat”. RSVP by April 4<sup>th</sup> to [nkotzur@schertzchamber.org](mailto:nkotzur@schertzchamber.org). Group Attendance Fees for Members & First-time attendees FREE. \$15 for non-members.

Contact the Chamber for more information @ 566-9000.

## April Luncheon

**Guest Speaker :** Schertz Councilmember, Cedric Edwards of Edward Jones Investments

**Topic:** “Are Your Finances Ready for Your Retirement?”



**Date:** Tuesday, April 19th  
**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Schertz Civic Center  
1400 Schertz Pkwy, Bldg 5

**Please RSVP your attendance** by Tuesday, April 12th to 210-566-9000 or email [nkotzur@schertzchamber.org](mailto:nkotzur@schertzchamber.org).  
**\$15 SCOC Members/\$25 Non-Members.**

## Steve Simonson Community Service Award



**Time is running out!** Submit your nominations for the "Steve Simonson Community Service Award". Any person who, during the eligibility year, made a difference in others' lives within the City of Schertz can be recommended for this award. The winner will be honored at our May 17th Chamber Luncheon. **Deadline for entry is Friday, April 29th.** Applications are available online at [schertzchamber.org](http://schertzchamber.org).

## Grand Openings



### WellMed at Schertz

608 Schertz Parkway, Suite 200  
Schertz, Texas 78108  
Phone: 210-491-8179

The City of Schertz welcomed WellMed at Schertz at their Grand Opening on Friday, March 4th. Dr. Thomas Neal cuts the ribbon along side his staff. WellMed Medical Group is a highly qualified group of board certified family practice and internal medicine physicians, specialists, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners who specialize in senior health care. Hours of operation are 8 am – 5pm; Monday – Friday.

## March Luncheon

EDC Director of Cibolo, Mark Luft; City Manager of Schertz, Don Taylor; and City Administrator of Selma, Ken Roberts spoke about current business trends, prospects for the future and new businesses coming into our area at the March luncheon. Also, SCUCISD Board Member, Gary Inmon spoke about the impact the budget cuts will have on the District.



Cal-Tex

In addition, six new Members received their plaques at our March Luncheon, officially welcoming them to the Schertz Chamber of Commerce! Cal-Tex; Hanson Brick; HV Consulting; Interstate All-Batteries; The Old Law Firm, PC; and Eye Care Centers of America. We are excited to have you in our Chamber!



Hanson Brick



HV Consulting



Interstate All-Batteries

Special thanks to BG's Catering, Simply Charming Cakes & Bud & Bloom Flowers. Also many thanks to Straughan Photography for taking photographs and the Schertz Civic Center for being our host.



The Old Law Firm, PC



Eye Care Centers of America



### Schertz Area Senior Center

608 Schertz Parkway  
Schertz, Texas 78108  
Phone: 210-619-1971

The Schertz Area Senior Center held their Grand Opening on Friday, March 4th. Robert Lopez, Ida Hardy and their staff cut the ribbon alongside Schertz Council members and City Officials. Seniors over the age of 50 can be served hot meals, on a donation basis, while socializing with fellow senior citizens. Call for their upcoming activities, programs, events, or to volunteer. Hours are 8 am–5pm; Monday – Friday.

## Schertz Shoot-Out

**Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 19th** from 5:30 – 7 pm for our Speed Networking event! More information coming up in Weekly Updatez.

## Community Calendar

- Apr. 1:** - Ribbon Cutting for Blimpie @ 11am
- Apr. 5:** - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Movie Series – “Notorious” @ 6:30 –  
NE Lakeview Performing Arts Theater
- Apr. 7:** -  Meeting @ 11am – 12:30pm - CBQ Eatery  
- KM Impressions book signing @ 6pm – Schertz Library
- Apr. 8:** - Hal Baldwin Scholarship Golf Tournament @10:30 am
- Apr. 19:** - Chamber Luncheon – Schertz Civic Center @ 11:30 am
- Apr. 21:** - Mixer at CBQ Eatery @ 5:30pm
- Apr. 23:** - “Easter in the Park” @10am -12pm – Pickrell Park
- Apr. 24:** 
- Apr. 27:** - Biz-Ed Breakfast – Chamber Office @7 am  
- Meet the Candidates – Schertz Civic Center @ 6 pm
- May 2:** - May After-Hours Mixer @The Vineyard’s Restaurant
- May 5:** - Cinco de Mayo event @Alamo City Medical Group

## Visitor & Call Log Report

Total Walk-in traffic: 124

- Maps/Visitor Guides/Area Information - 68
- Chamber Business - 42
- Other - 14

Chamber Information/Chamber Interest: 42

- New Member Interest – 11
- Events, Website, other – 31

Total Phone calls to Chamber: 355

- Business Inquiries/Referrals - 54
- Visitor Center/City Questions - 28
- Chamber Event Inquiries - 120
- Misc. Chamber Questions – 117
- Other - 36

## President’s Corner



**I have been told I am a very passionate person** – in my beliefs, my work ethic and just for life in general. I believe that if you do not have a passion in your life- something that spurs you on and gives you a reason to get up in the morning or gives you a hope for the future- you simply wither and die. I am very passionate about people – communicating with them, helping them, encouraging them, praying for them and advocating for them. Right now, Texas is trying to pass important legislation (HB1) concerning education, Medicaid and other budget items. Most probably know that the public schools in our area stand to lose 10 million in funding. It has been widely publicized and many passionate people have been going to Austin and speaking out. Less out there is that Medicaid is going to be cut by 33% in the present proposal. Could you live on 33% less money than what you are making now? Common misconception is that Medicaid is mostly used for the elderly but the largest percentage (over 65%) goes to children, 12% to seniors, 11% to the disabled and the remaining 12% divided up by newborns, pregnancies and impoverished adults. Medicaid does not cover 100% costs but does play a very important part in maintaining the well-being of many in our neck of the woods. Over half of the residents in Autumn Winds Retirement Lodge are able to be there because of Medicaid. Many of us have had the heart-wrenching experience of either providing or looking for care for our elderly parents or suffered with our disabled child or siblings as we sought continued rehabilitative or maintenance care, of which Medicaid played a vital part. What will happen to these individuals, medical staff and facilities if they lose 33% of the funding? What hard decisions and money choices will families have to make because of this loss? What will be the widespread ripple effect when that “rock” drops into the “sea” of our community? Businesses, communities, people and lives will be altered forever. Can we afford not to be passionate about that?

Let our Government know how you feel: Gov. Rick Perry (800) 252-9600,  
Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst (512) 463-0001  
Rep. Joe Straus (512) 463-1000  
Rep. Rob Eissler (512) 463-0797  
Rep. Jim Pitts (512) 463-0516  
Sen. Steve Ogden (512) 463-0105  
Sen. Florence Shapiro (512) 463-0108

Sen. Judith Zaffirini (512) 463-0121

Rep. Roland Gutierrez (512) 463-0452

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison 512-916-5834

Sen. John Cornyn 512-469-6034

Rep. John Kuempel (512) 463-0602

Sen. Jeff Wentworth (512) 463-0125

Rep. Joe Farias (512) 463-0714

Rep. Doug Miller (512) 463-0325

Congressman Henry Cuellar 202-225-1640

Congressman Lamar Smith 512-306-0439

***We here at the Schertz Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Directors has an open door policy because you ARE important to us. Stop by our offices or visit with us at our many chamber events. And don't forget – Choose Chamber!***