



Greetings from Your President,

As the month of May is upon us, most of our northern friends have gone home and it feels that summer is here, even though it doesn't officially start for another month and a half.

One of our highlights in April was your board of directors had a get together with the Clewiston Chamber B.O.D. at the Port LaBelle Inn. Often times we are hesitant to meet with other groups or businesses. I have found that after you take the first step, in general, it is a delight to talk and listen to other people. They have the same concerns and joys that you have. One thing I think we strive to do in our chamber is to build relationships and strengthen our county businesses. We will enjoy another meeting with the Clewiston B.O.D. in about 6 months.

This month we celebrate Cinco de Mayo. This started in California during the American Civil War. It's a huge celebration for our Mexican-American population.

Next is Mother's Day. Mothers are the one thing we all have, so be sure to show some love to your mom and support our local businesses for this special holiday.

Memorial Day- Thank a veteran today. Because of our men and women who served in our armed forces, we can enjoy the freedoms that they sacrificed for and as Americans, we will not give up.

There are some socials scheduled this month. Check out our web page, go to events, and please join us, it's a great networking opportunity.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please let us know.

Thank you all for your support.

God Bless You,
Bryan Beer

Jesus said: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, this is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39

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UPCOMING DATES:

1, 5, & 8	Make Flowers-Barron Library
2	Jeni Dyess Karaoke/Don's Steakhouse
2	Edison State College Graduation
9	Gulf Classic Golf Tournament
9	Seminole Okalee Pow Wow
11	Mother's Day-Caloosa Baptist
15	Century 21/LaBelle Chamber Social
18	The Call-Salvation Army
19	Chess Night-Barron Library
20	Arts of the Inland
21	South Central Fl. Car Club-Barron Park
21	FSBDC @ FGCU 3 rd Annual Awards Dinner
22	LMS FBLA "Career Day"
22	Simplified Tech. /LaBelle Chamber Social
23	Mr. Poppers Penguin's Movie-Barron Library
24	Bull Pit Outreach Ministry-Buck Out
26	Memorial Day
31	LaBelle High School Graduation

Friday, May 9, 2014

Gulf Classic Golf Tournament



Verandah Golf and
Country Club
Old Orange Course
Designed By: Bob Cupp

11571 Verandah Blvd
Ft. Myers, FL 33966
Phone: 239-694-7199

Friday, May 9, 2014
Cost: \$500 per team

Schedule of Events:

7:30 Registration and Breakfast
8:15 Announcements
8:30 Shotgun Start Off
12:30 Awards Luncheon

Mulligans: Mulligans may be purchased at the registration desk prior to the tee-off for \$15 each with a 8 mulligan limit per team per 18 holes.

Raffle Tickets: Tickets may be purchased for \$5 each.

Dress Code: All participants are required to wear proper golf attire including collared shirts, slacks or bermuda length shorts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Women's shirts must have either a collar or sleeves. NO hats or cell phones permitted in dining area.

Play will be limited to 36 teams!



- ♦ Format: Scramble, Handicap Required
- ♦ Each player is automatically eligible for a \$1,000 cash prize drawing (must be present to win)
- ♦ Prizes for Low Gross, Low Net and Blind Draw
- ♦ Putting Contest
- ♦ Longest Drive Contest
- ♦ Most Accurate Drive Challenge
- ♦ Closest to the Pin Contest
- ♦ Longest Putt Challenge
- ♦ \$1,000 in Raffle Prizes

Don't forget to pre order your mulligans and raffle tickets. Package includes 8 mulligans and 20 raffle tickets for \$100.

Questions, please call
Bernadette at (239) 690-0281 or
email gulfcitrusevents@embarqmail.com



Gulf Citrus Growers Association Seventeenth Annual
Gulf Classic Golf Tournament

Friday, May 9, 2014
Verandah Golf and Country Club
11571 Verandah Boulevard
Ft. Myers, Florida 33905
239-694-7199

Team Registration Form

NOTE: PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE PLAYER NAMES AT THIS TIME. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 2nd.

Company Sponsor and Representative: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Team Roster

***** Handicaps are required for each golfer! *****

Golfer 1: _____ Handicap: _____

Golfer 2: _____ Handicap: _____

Golfer 3: _____ Handicap: _____

Golfer 4: _____ Handicap: _____

Dress Code: Any player who does not comply with the dress code, or who argues with any member of the Golf Staff will be required to leave the event without a refund.

Denim, tank tops, halter tops, cut off shorts, swim attire, and jogging apparel are not permitted. **Cell phones and hats are not permitted in the dining areas.**

Men: - Shirts with collars and sleeves must be worn at all times. Shirts must be tucked in at all times including before, during, and after play.

Women: - Shirts must have either sleeves or collars. If a shirt has no sleeves it must have a collar. If it does not have a collar it must have sleeves. Shorts must be at least mid-thigh in length.

*****Payment Information*****

■ _____ Team Registration(s) at \$500 each _____

■ _____ Mulligan/raffle ticket packages at \$100 each _____

Each package contains 8 mulligans and 20 raffle tickets. Packages will be distributed at registration. Additional mulligans and raffle tickets may be purchased. **There is a maximum of 8 mulligans per team per 18 holes.**

☐ Please invoice me _____ or _____ Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to: Gulf Citrus Growers Association
11741 Palm Beach Blvd., Ste 202, Fort Myers, FL 33905
or FAX to (239) 690-0857

In the event of inclement weather or other extreme circumstances, please consider your payment a donation to the Gulf Citrus Growers Association.

Call (239) 690-0281 for Sponsorship Opportunities!

PLEASE JOIN US!



SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, 2014
6:00 P.M.

WHERE: CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Dear Chamber Members:

On Thursday, May 8th, the City Commission of the City of LaBelle will be considering a proclamation in support of a revitalization effort for downtown LaBelle. At the urging of a group of concerned citizens who held a workshop with the Commission in March 2014, the Commission is preparing to embark on an effort that could begin to reshape the historic heart of our community into a thriving and vibrant commerce center.

While we cannot expect vast change to occur overnight, the City Commission of today has the vision and foresight to initiate a redevelopment effort that will not only benefit future generations of our community but will ensure the preservation of our City's historic buildings and places. An effort as long term as this requires a commitment not only from our public officials but from our community as a whole, as the success of such an endeavor must begin and grow from the roots of LaBelle.

This is a personal invitation to all of you to join us on Thursday, May 8th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers and show your support for a promising future for Downtown LaBelle.



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863-674-4120

DEAR BUSINESS LEADERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

This will be the 26th year that we have asked the community for help in financing the "Project Graduation" party for LaBelle High School "LHS" Graduates. Generous donations from business leaders and community members make "Project Graduation" a reality.

The purpose of this event is to honor graduates and keep them safe at home in LaBelle. This years graduation is on Saturday, May 31, 2014. Project Graduation will be held later that evening. We hope you will consider donating to this worthy cause.

Please send your donations to the above address, payable to "Project Graduation". If you are donating an item to be given away as a gift, please call and we will arrange someone to pick up the item.

We truly appreciate the generosity of all our supporters!! This event would not be possible without you.

Sincerely,

The Project Graduation Committee



**&
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CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

SOCIAL

**MAY 15, 2014
5:30 - 7:30**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
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863-675-0125**

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Don's Steak House
South 93 Hall Street
LaBelle, FL 33935

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Southern Fried Chicken	\$10.95
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Jumbo Butterfly Fried Shrimp, to melt in your mouth	\$19.95

You may also order from the menu



LaBelle Chamber of Commerce

Invites you to join us

AFTER HOURS NETWORKING

What: Networking Social

When: Thursday, May 22nd, 2014
5:30 - 6:30pm

Where: Simplified Technologies
505 W. Hickpochee Ave.
Ste#300
LaBelle, FL 33935
(Next to UPS store in City Plaza)

For more info contact:

Nicaela Marroquin
863.342.8251
nicaela@simplifiedtech.biz

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May happenings

May 1, 5 & 8 - 'April Showers Bring May Flowers'

Come out and make beautiful paper flowers
just in time for Mother's Day.

May 19 - Chess Night at 6:30 pm

If you are a Chess player,
bring your board and join in the fun.

May 23 - 'Mr. Popper's Penguins'

Movie will begin at 8:15 pm

May 26 - Memorial Day - Library will be closed

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Position Logic

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For Ticket Information visit:

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6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Arts of the Inland

meeting will be

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at The Hut, 5150

Buckingham Road,

Fort Myers (Buckingham).

Join us at 6 p.m. and order your dinner from the menu (individual checks) before the meeting.

RSVP to LaVon Koenig at

239-303-5849 or

By e-mail at artsinland@gmail.com.

Members and public are invited.



The LMS FBLA will be hosting a
"Career Day" on Thursday,
May 22, 2014.

If anyone would like to
participate and discuss your
career with students,

Please contact

Jodi Higginbotham at 863-674-4646

or

higginbothamj@hendry.k12.fl.us



Through Years of Struggle and Sacrifice Melissa Zamarron Breaks the Chain

APRIL 30, 2014 – LABELLE, FLA. – When Edison State College student Melissa Zamarron walks across the stage on May 2 to receive her bachelor's degree, she will be the first person in her family to ever do so.

"Nobody on either side of my family has a bachelor's degree," Zamarron said. "My mom only made it to the third grade and my dad the sixth grade. My older brother tried college for a little while. No one even in my extended family has a bachelor's degree."

The journey to her college graduation was not an easy one. Nor was it quick.

"It has taken me seven years to get this college degree—a very long seven years," she said.

With an older brother, two younger sisters, and parents that worked in the fields, Zamarron has always known what it means to struggle and sacrifice. She began working at U-Save in LaBelle when she was just 15. The money she earned went to help pay for school supplies for her two younger sisters.

"The money I made went to them. I paid for their book bags, their notebooks, everything they needed for school," she said.

When she was a high school senior and still working to help her family, she dual enrolled at the Edison State College Hendry/Glades Center, and then attended her first two years of college at Edison for free after receiving the Isabella Curtis Scholarship. She quickly began to lose focus though, and considered dropping out.

"My first two years, I didn't really see the importance in education," she said. "I didn't care, and I made very bad grades. I guess I just wasn't ready."

However, after she began noticing that her mother's health was quickly declining, Zamarron began to reconsider her education.

"I watched how years of working in the fields in the hot sun had affected my mom's health—the back pain, arthritis, and how she's aged so quickly—and I didn't want that for myself or my sisters. I realized it was time to break the chain," she said.

With the help of her professors, Zamarron refocused herself.

"I wanted to work in law enforcement, but my professors said I'd never be able to if I didn't improve my grades. They encouraged me to do better, so that's what I did," she said.

Over time, Zamarron began to improve her grades, all the while still working to support her family.

"I began getting all A's, maybe a B here and there. It was hard and the hours were long, but I got myself back on track," she said.

Her last year leading up to her degree has been the toughest, and she had to make another big sacrifice to help her reach her goal. She quit her job in order to focus entirely on her final research project that was required to graduate. Because of that, she and her husband lost their home and had to move in with their in-laws. However, through each struggle she faced along the way, Zamarron never gave up.

"As difficult as it was at times, I never lost focus of my goal of breaking the chain, finishing school, and having an education," she said.

When Zamarron walks across the stage at Germain Arena on Friday night, her entire family will be there to cheer. She will receive her bachelor's degree in Public Safety Administration and hopes to go on to have a career with the Fort Myers Police Department. She also plans to eventually earn her master's degree.

"It's a huge milestone for me and my family," said Zamarron. "Knowing that I made it, and that hopefully it will inspire my brother and sisters as well. It will be a feeling that I will never forget."



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Partnership

The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. (ALPI) & The Salvation Army (TSA) are non-profit Community Action Agency that provides multiple services for low-income children and families in our community.

Participants that come to our agency are low-income with limited work experiences and education. ALPI's & TSA's goals are to help program participants achieve a basic level of self-sufficiency. They are individually assisted through the program and encouraged to take steps toward personal success. This includes: earning a GED or Associate Degree, acquiring certifications in specific areas of interest, and helping to insure re-entry into today's workforce in order to earn a minimum livable wage for family support.

We will be offering a Part-Time Work Experience Program for our participants, during which they will gain the skills and knowledge to re-start their work history and brush up on employment skills.

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Lisa Sands
863-674-1441

Lisa_Sands@uss.salvationarmy.org

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Daisy Ellis
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- Job development, placement and retention.
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If you are interested in this program, please fill out the information below.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Highest Grade Completed: ____ Did you graduate high school? Yes No

Interested in a GED or Vocational Training? Yes No

Are you seeking employment assistance? Yes No

Are you related to any ALPI employee? Yes No

Contact

Asly Rodriguez (Admin. Assistant)

OR

Lisa Sands (Program Manager)

The Salvation Army
133 N. Bridge Street
LaBelle, FL 33935
Phone: 863-674-1441
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Anyone with household income below 125% of the federal poverty guideline, over the age of 18, and a Hendry County resident.

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5	\$34,888	\$2,907
6	\$39,963	\$3,330
7	\$45,038	\$3,753
8	\$50,113	\$4,176
9	\$55,188	\$4,599
10	\$60,263	\$5,022



Helping Businesses Grow & Succeed



Hendry & Glades County Celebration Luncheon (Labelle)

In celebration of National Small Business Week, this luncheon is a tribute to rural small businesses in Southwest Florida.

Date and Time: Friday, May 16, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Edison State College - LaBelle 1092 E Cowboy Way,
Labelle, FL 33935

Investment: \$15

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