



The Chamber News

Annual Banquet... The Chamber Rocks!

Distinctive awards, delicious food and great entertainment were all enjoyed by a whole lot of nice people who attended the Chamber Annual Banquet March 25.

Revolving around a 1950's musical theme, the evening's awards ceremonies ended with the announcement of Steve Rehkopf being named the Outstanding Citizen of 2007. Beth and Mike Salim (2006 winners) presented the award to Steve.

Broxson's of Sunray, was presented the Retailer of the year by Jean Palser of Palser's 4 Seasons Lawn Care, the winner last year. Bobby Broxson accepted the award.

The Community Leadership Award went to the Dumas Noon Lions Club and was given by Jim Haugen of the YMCA of Moore County, last year's recipient. Ralph Bynum and Bob Brinkmann

accepted for the Lion's Club.

Sue Holt, Past Chairman of the Chamber gave the Chamber Volunteer of the Year to Don Holliman who also won last year.

Garland Smith won the Dumas Visitor Center Volunteer of the Year. Garland also was the first recipient of the award five years ago. Last year, Jerry Hays won the honor.

The Joyce Dillow Heritage Award, given by the Window on the Plains Museum, was presented to the Moore County Historical Commission. Dr. Rusty Davidson, DVM, accepted the award.

Kirk Pope, 2008 Chamber Chairman was the emcee for the evening. He presented Sue Holt with a nice plaque commemorating her service as last year's Chairperson. Sue in turn, gave Kirk a gavel.

A high-energy band out of Lubbock, Texas, provided a great 1950's musical service revue after the awards presentation. From the first song throughout the performance, the entire room at the Moore County Community Building was jumping. It gave the true meaning for the evening's theme, "The Chamber Rocks!"

Great decorations throughout the banquet hall were prominent. Thanks go to the Women's Division for their assistance. Thank yous also are in order for the Dinin' Dandies and the Kitchen Kuties for serving the delicious meal. Don Holliman and Oty Scalise cooked the steaks and DISD/Aramark prepared the side dishes.

The banquet could not have been possible without all the sponsors who are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to all of you.

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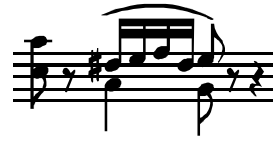
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Breakfast to be held April 11

New CEO of the Moore County Hospital District, Jeff Turner, will be the guest speaker at the Chamber Networking Breakfast scheduled for Friday, April 11 at 7 a.m. Amarillo College-Moore County Campus is co-hosting with the Chamber. The breakfast will take place in the campus auditorium/lecture hall.

This event, held periodically throughout the year, gives Chamber members and guests the opportunity to socialize and meet each other in a relaxed setting.

The Women's Division will be presenting its *Good Neighbor*

Award at the breakfast.

So, come on out to the Networking Breakfast and help us welcome Jeff Turner. He is a great guy and we are sure you will come away with some useful information about our hospital.

Cost of the meal is \$5. Please call the Chamber if you can attend. (935-2123)

Small Business Health Insurance

The Chamber has been researching the possibility of setting up an organization to offer health insurance to small businesses who are members of the Chamber.

Texas state statutes allow health coalitions to be formed for providing health insurance for members of the coalition.

It takes a minimum number to be a part of the coalition to qualify. A health insurance carrier must also be found. The larger the market, the easier it is to qualify.

If you, as a chamber member, would be interested in the chamber pursuing this topic further, please notify us at 935-2123 or drop by the office at 1901 South Dumas Avenue.

Forum

A forum concerning the two upcoming bond issues, the schools improvement issue and the proposed new swimming pool, is scheduled for April 17.

The forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Amarillo College Moore County Campus.

You are invited to attend the meeting and find out more about the two issues which will be voted upon May 10.

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