

# Chamber News and Notes

October 31, 2011

Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce

## New Chamber Board of Directors

Following elections held at the Chamber's Annual meeting, the following were elected to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: Chris Cox (Fareway Manager), Rachel Johnson (ABCM Corp/Rehabilitation Center of Belmond Marketing Director), and Mike Thompson (BK Jacobson Elementary Principal). They join Doug Roelofsen (Wright County Motors CEO), Al Mattison (Music Man Maintenance Owner), Pam Wonsmos (PropertyLink Real Estate Agent), and Ron Allen (True Value Hardware/Belmond Historical Society Vice President). When the Board of Directors convenes in January, a new board president will be elected at that time.

Thank you to Brad Bloemke, Tony Andrews, and Wayne Stahl, for your tireless service to Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce and your work on the Board of Directors. You were instrumental in keeping the Chamber of Commerce operating while searching for a new chamber secretary. You were greatly appreciated!

## It's National Knock Knock Joke Day!

Knock Knock! **Who's there?** Cash! **Cash who?** No thanks, but I'd like some peanuts!

Knock Knock! **Who's there?** Doris! **Doris Who?** Doris locked that's why I am knocking!

Knock Knock! **Who's there?** Armageddon! **Armageddon who?** Armageddon out of here!

The End

## One Year Later.....

It has been exactly one year ago today that I began working at the Chamber of Commerce. The year has flown by, and I have met many great people on Main Street and around town in Belmond. Thank you for always being so welcoming, helpful, and willing to help out when asked.

I continue to be passionate about Belmond—the desire to see Belmond blossom and grow never fades. But the strongest foundation in Belmond is definitely the people who live here. The volunteerism that I witness every day is the foundation to build our community stronger.

However, any good structural engineer will tell us that the foundation must be wide—a building that is built with a small foundation will definitely fall. We need to call on NEW volunteers to step up and support the community—people with fresh ideas, fresh enthusiasm, and fresh energy! If only a few stones are in the foundation, they quickly break apart and collapse from the weight of the building.

In the same breath, the volunteers who have helped “forever” need to allow the new volunteers a chance to try new ideas, take chances, change things up. *If we keep doing what we have always done, we keep getting the same results we've always had.* (I'm pretty sure I saw that quote on the back of a sports t-shirt somewhere!)

So here's looking forward to another year, and I look forward to Belmond's continued growth!

Trisha Glockel  
Executive Secretary  
Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce



# Ladies' Night Out Pink Poker Run

The first Annual Ladies' Night Out Pink Poker Run was held in Belmond on Thursday, October 27th. Seventy-five ladies showed up dressed in their best pinks, and had a great time shopping, spending time with friends, enjoying some great food, and helping raise money for a great cause, Breast Cancer Research! The ladies stopped in at least 5 of 9 different businesses around town, receiving a poker card at each stop, with one stop even having a Wild Card to hand out! Obviously, the more places each lady stopped, the better her poker hand became.

Congratulations to Bonnie Dirks, winner of the "Best Dressed in Pink" competition, and to Lisa Lovgren, winner of the \$50 Poker Run! Lisa had a Royal Flush in Spades!

Thank you to all of the participating businesses: Accents on Main, Accessories Unlimited, Allen Home Center, Andrews Floral, Belmond Medical Center Radiology Department, Bloemke Pharmacy, Millie's Hallmark, Shear Relaxation Salon & Spa, and True Value. A big thank you to Cattleman's Steak and Provisions for making room for all of us! Thank you to True Value for donating a great bra cake to the cause—and thank you to Gilman Soma for purchasing the auctioned cake!

(Next year, remind me to appoint a photographer for the night! There were lots of photo ops that I missed out on!)



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**APHORISM:** A short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth

- How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- Business conventions are important . . . because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
- No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.
- There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. - like, it could be the right number.
- No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
- Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than in a Yugo.
- After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you're probably dead.
- If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
- The nicest thing about the future is . . . that it always starts tomorrow.

**Only a few of the many ladies  
that dressed for the event!**



## Community Calendar of Events

November 1—Cheer Fund Registration begins

November 2—Culture Study Club Soup Supper—Leinbach Center

November 4—Immanuel Reformed Fall Bazaar—Immanuel Reformed Church

November 5—Belmond UCC Women's Fellowship Silent Auction, BUCC Church

November 8—Boy Scout Soup Supper, VFW Hall

November 11—Veterans Day Ceremonies, BK School Jacobson Elementary

November 12—Trinity Lutheran Church Women's Bake Sale

November 12—Immanuel Lutheran Church Soup Supper, Immanuel Lutheran Church (Highway 3 & 69)

November 13—Methodist Church Nativity Walk

November 18—Belmond Historical Society Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Leinbach Center

November 25—Parade of Lights, 6:30 Main Street, and Santa House opens

November 25—Belmond Museum Open 6:30-???

November 25—VFW Soup Supper, VFW Hall

November 26—Santa House 3-5pm



Because someone questioned why the American Flags were flying on Main Street on Columbus Day, I decided to look up proper etiquette.

From [www.flytheamericanflag.com](http://www.flytheamericanflag.com)

## Flag Flying Holidays

The U.S. Flag may be flown every day, especially on the following:

**January 1** - New Year's Day

**January 20th** - Inauguration Day

**3rd Monday in January** - Martin Luther King's Birthday

**February 12th** - Lincoln's Birthday

**3rd Monday in February** - Washington's Birthday

**April 6th** - Army Day

**Easter Sunday**

**2nd Sunday in May** - Mother's Day

**3rd Saturday in May** - Armed Forces Day

**Last Monday in May** - Memorial Day

**May 30th** - Memorial Day - Traditional

**June 14th** - Flag Day

**July 4th** - Independence Day

**1st Monday in September** - Labor Day

**September 11th** - Patriot's Day

**September 17th** - Constitution Day

**2nd Monday in October** - Columbus Day

**November 11th** - Veteran's Day

**4th Thursday in November** - Thanksgiving Day

**December 25th** - Christmas Day

## Other Recommended Flag Flying Days:

**May 8th** - V-E Day

**3rd Sunday in June** - Fathers Day

**August 10th** - V-J Day

**August 19th** - National Aviation Day

**October 27th** - Navy Day

**1st Tuesday in November** - Election Day

**November 10th** - Marine Corps. Birthday

