

Dear Chamber Member

I am excited as your 2011 President to share with you the plans for the year ahead. This being our 10th anniversary as a regional Chamber, we are using the word “Growth” to describe 2011. Not only does this exemplify our ever expanding membership, but it typifies the expanding list of benefits you can take advantage of as a current member.

In addition to our networking breakfasts, the ABLE lunches with five other Chambers, the annual awards dinner and the summer golf outing, we will be adding several business after hours events and a 10th Anniversary Event with our Mayors and the area businesses to talk about and celebrate the growth of our business community.

We are also growing the number of ribbon cuttings we are putting on the calendar. From new members opening their doors to current members showing off their new look; we celebrate the businesses that continue to enrich our community.

From our Education Committee planning new and informative “Lunch & Learn” seminars to our Membership Committee asking for input through on-line surveys and embarking on fun sales blitzes and visits to members, there is bound to be something of interest to those who want to get involved. We have even added a new Marketing Committee this year to assist in the overall marketing of the Chamber.

So please take the next step and challenge yourself or your employees to grow personally by volunteering for one of our committees. The benefits are endless and by becoming a volunteer you will meet new people and share in our successes.

I look forward to growing with all of you and making our Chamber fun and flourishing in 2011. Thank you for giving me this chance to serve as your President, I hope to see you soon.

**Mark Hansen
President of the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce**

For information on how to join a committee please see our website for committee chairs and contact information.