

proving and strengthening the community through service.

**Leadership Tomorrow Task Force**

**Chairman-Libby Allen, Lufkin State School**

**PURPOSE:** To develop community awareness, decision-making skills, and leadership abilities in those Angelina County students who have untapped potential in these areas so they will become familiar with current issues, community resources, and opportunities that will prepare them to make a positive impact on the quality of life in their community

**Young Professionals of Angelina County**

**Chairman-OPEN**

**PURPOSE:** To provide career-minded individuals with opportunities to develop socially, professionally and civically.

**EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Chairman-OPEN**

**PURPOSE:** Enlist business/school partnerships that clearly help with the skills required for specific Angelina County job sectors and provide internships, field trips to businesses, apprenticeship programs and other programs. - Provide recognition and emphasis for academic achievements that parallel or exceed recognition for sports. - Create a Multi-Institutional Teaching Center in Angelina County that involves other educational institutions that would offer advanced degree curriculum - To recognize six outstanding Teachers of the Year - one for each of the six independent school districts

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Chairman-Jeff Whitfield, Commercial Bank**

**PURPOSE:** Organize Annual Science and Technology Fair for middle school, junior high and senior high students from the six school districts in Angelina County.

**ANGELINA COUNTY YOUTH FAIR ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Chairman-Todd Kassaw, Zeleskey Law Firm**

**PURPOSE:** Plan, develop and implement Annual Angelina County Youth Fair

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**Chairman-Curt Fenley, Fenley & Bate, LLP**

**PURPOSE:** Maintain focused communication with and between local, state and federal officials

that will continuously advance Angelina County Vision 2020. Develop a consensus agenda support by a group of organizations representing the diversity of Angelina County that will be used in communicating with state and federal officials. - Enhance relationships with state and federal elected representatives. - Encourage qualified leaders to run for office and serve on appointed boards.

**Lufkin/Nacogdoches Day Task Force**

**Chairman-Curt Fenley, Fenley & Bate, LLP**

**PURPOSE:** The Chamber's Lufkin/Nacogdoches Day Task Force will work with our neighbors to the north to host an annual Lufkin/Nacogdoches Day in Austin that will put the business, government and educational leadership of Lufkin and Nacogdoches in contact with key political and agency leadership at the State Capitol

**Elected Officials Reception Task Force**

**Chairman-Carl Ray Polk, Polk Oil Company**

**PURPOSE:** To implement a special annual recognition event for the purpose of recognizing and thanking all elected officials in Angelina County.

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# 2007 Committees, Councils & Task Forces

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# 2007 Committees/ Councils & Task Force

## **RETIREMENT INITIATIVE COUNCIL:**

Chairman-Trey Henderson, Angelina Hardwood

**PURPOSE:** To work with all sectors of the economy to promote Lufkin/Angelina County as the retirement/relocation community of choice.

## **BUSINESS RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Chairman-Codie Jenkins, Regions Bank

**PURPOSE:** To champion entrepreneurial and small business development and successful growth in Lufkin/Angelina County, to increase the opportunities and types of networking offerings for small businesses, to develop and implement a beneficial program during Small Business Week and to provide targeted programs and resources to support the growth and development of small businesses—Create a Small Business Hall of Fame to recognize all recipients of this award—Develop a series of seminars with information for assisting small business in conjunction with the Small Business Development Center — To host at least two events each year to welcome new businesses and business leaders to Angelina County.

## **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Chairman-James Flournoy, Klotz & Associates

**PURPOSE:** The Chamber's Transportation Council will monitor and promote highway, street and transit needs for Angelina County to appropriate local, state or federal agencies and organizations.

## **THE DIPLOMATS:**

Chairman-Justin Bullard, Swain & Baldwin

**PURPOSE:** Serve as the active communication link to cultivate and promote a positive relationship between the Chamber and its members. Diplomats will help with membership retention by encouraging members to attend events and get involved in chamber activities.

### **Responsibilities:**

Attend Ribbon Cuttings, Ground Breakings, Open Houses, etc—Attend Power Networking Breakfasts—Chamber Night Out—First Friday Luncheon, and other chamber events—Serve on at least one of four subcommittees: Power Networking Breakfast, Member Visitation, Annual Banquet, and New Member Showcase—Encourage new members to become involved- Help recruit businesses to

join the chamber

## **MEMBERSHIP DEV. ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Chairman-Ronnie Robinson, Dunagan Warehouse

**PURPOSE:** To promote the membership of the Chamber—develop and carry out a dynamic membership/sponsorship drive in 2007 and develop new programming that will enhance the opportunities available to a Chamber member.

## **First Friday Task Force**

Chairman-Trent Ashby, Pineywoods Economic Partnership

**PURPOSE:** Provide monthly luncheons on the first Friday of each month featuring entertaining and informative speakers.

## **LEADS (By Invitation Only)**

Chairman-Ginger Trotter, Hampton, Holiday Inn and Comfort Suites

**PURPOSE:** The Chamber has established a set of Leads Groups, which meet bi-weekly to help member businesses flourish. Specifically, participation in a Chamber Leads Group offers: 1. The active exchange of business referrals (leads) 2. A platform for forming strong relationships with other professionals 3. Continual involvement in the Chamber

**Eligibility** Membership includes a first year fee of \$50.00, subsequent renewal of \$30.00 per year, a maintenance fee of \$100.00 is added, which includes lunch for the year. Fees billed once a year. Members furnish valid business leads/referrals on a continuing basis to other members. An average of four leads/referrals per month will be considered the minimum requirement for participation in the Leads Exchange. Consist of no more than 25 and no less than 15 Chamber members in good standing from a variety of non-competing businesses.

## **Visitor/Convention & Tourist Attraction Task Force**

Chairman-Ginger Trotter, Hampton, Holiday Inn and Comfort Suites

**PURPOSE:** To inform, educate and promote the travel, recreational, and convention resources in the area, ensure that travelers within the Chamber area have current and accurate promotional materials and information sufficient to enhance their travel and promote the region, stimulate community growth proactively marketing Lufkin/Angelina County to those outside of the region. To strengthen the positive awareness of Lufkin and Angelina County as a convention and visitor destination in order to increase revenues and stimulate economic development and growth for the community—Increase visitors, including conventioners and tourists. - Increase regional attraction, including the Ellen Trout Zoo and County museums. - Increase access and use of Angelina National Forest, Davy Crockett National Forest, Neches River, Angelina River and Lake Sam Rayburn.

## **Ambassadors**

**PURPOSE:** Members of the Ambassadors attend a variety of events hosted by the Chamber and its members. These include ribbon cuttings, Chamber Night Outs, ground breaking and anniversary celebrations. They also assist in putting welcome packets together and other tasks as needed.

## **Lake Enhancement Task Force**

Chairman-James Slack, First Bank & Trust

**PURPOSE:** Lead efforts in developing recreational amenities at Sam Rayburn Reservoir that will draw tourists to our community.

## **Neches River Corridor Task Force**

Chairman-Ellen Temple

**PURPOSE:** To develop marketing strategies for promoting eco-tourism along the Neches River Corridor, particularly the area in Angelina County. Develop the Neches River Corridor to preserve the Neches River.

## **Regional Promotion Task Force**

Chairman-Yana Ogletree, Memorial Health Systems

**PURPOSE:** Organize and implement efforts to promote Lufkin and Angelina County as the Regional Hub for all of East Texas. Organize and implement efforts to brand Lufkin/Angelina County as "the Destination" for retail, healthcare, training etc.

## **Healthcare Promotion Task Force**

Chairman-Tara Watson, Woodland Heights Medical Center

**PURPOSE:** To address regional healthcare issues and concerns, and support continued growth in maintaining Lufkin/Angelina County as THE regional HUB for healthcare. To create annual awards for Physician of the Year, Nurse of the Year and Healthcare Provider of the Year.

## **NECHES RIVER RENDEZVOUS ADVISORY**

Chairman-Mike Miles, Lufkin Industries

**PURPOSE:** Organize, plan, develop and implement the Annual Neches River Rendezvous, which is a scenic 10-mile canoe event down the Neches River

## **TEXAS STATE FOREST FESTIVAL ADVISORY**

**COUNCIL** Chairman-Billy Ball, Justice of the Peace

**PURPOSE:** Plan, develop and implement the Annual Texas State Forest Festival

## **Leadership Lufkin Task Force**

Chairman-Sherri Ziegenhals, Lufkin Mall

**PURPOSE:** To develop and educate effective community leaders who are committed to im-