

# WHAT EXACTLY DOES THE CHAMBER DO?

*So often we are asked, “what exactly does the Chamber do?” The following is a synopsis of our programs, activities, events and positions. We believe we provide the business community with quality programs, countless networking opportunities and act as a “watch dog” against onerous legislation whether it is on a local, state or national issue.*

1. Completed our State Government platform, delivered it to Tallahassee
2. Submitted our “Small Business Bill of Rights” to Martin County Commission
3. Hosted a Luncheon with U.S. Rep. Tim Mahoney & U.S. Chamber
4. Participated in the Legislative Conference in Tallahassee – February 2008
5. Will participate in the March 2009 Legislative Conference in Tallahassee
6. Established a Tax Task Force to monitor the County Budget
7. Held *Home & Garden Show* at Martin County Fairgrounds with more than 100 exhibitors
8. Sent Tax Task Force letters to Commission and Constitutional Officers
9. Presented our position regarding taxes to County Commission
10. Opposed Inter-local Agreement on school impact fees
11. Conducted “Operation Thank You” visiting in more than of 1000 members
12. Supported approval of Stuart Jet Center expansion
13. Held LEADERship Class 19
14. Held Martin Youth LEADERship Class 11
15. Presented scholarships to three area high school students
16. Hosted two interns from Clark Advanced Learning Center
17. Held more than 60 Networking Functions
18. Encouraged the Governor & the Legislature to continue their quest of the “Property Tax Reform”.
19. Held our Annual Installation Gala for more than 200 guests
20. Revised our Web-site [www.stuartmartinchamber.org](http://www.stuartmartinchamber.org)
21. Hosted a Community Calendar on [www.stuartmartinchamber.org](http://www.stuartmartinchamber.org)
22. Posted hundreds of member press releases on E-Compass News
23. Sent letter to County asking that they practice fiscal responsibility
24. Held Holiday Trade Show with 40 exhibitors
25. Orchestrated dozens of Ribbon Cuttings for new members
26. Held four New Member Receptions
27. Produced a 2009 wall calendar
28. Sponsored and produced our *Annual Martin County Map*
29. Sponsored and published our *2008/09 Resort & Business Guide*
30. Supported the Valliere Amendment
31. Participated in advertising supporting pro-business candidates in primary election
32. Revised Chamber logo, colors, membership materials, and mailers
33. Hosted press conference with U.S. Rep. Tim Mahoney introducing new Health care initiative SHOP
34. Start a Young Professionals of Martin County program
35. Hosted six Business Seminars at no charge to our members
36. Provided more than \$12,000 of in-kind products and services to non-profit organizations.

There are many other benefits we provide and will be pleased to discuss with you. Call the chamber office at 772-287-1088 for other details. We are proud of our chamber and staff and what we provide to our community. It is the main reason the U.S. Chamber bestowed us with a 4 Star Accreditation.