**Chairman’s Message**

*Pam Gould, 2006 Chamber Chairman
Health Central Foundation*

What an exciting time of year to witness our Democratic process in action. I truly enjoyed and felt more informed because of the ability to visit with the candidates at West Orange Chamber Hob Nob hosted at Manheim’s Florida Auto Auction of Orlando. We had close to 600 in attendance and 400 cast a ballot in the straw poll. It is amazing how closely our results mirrored the results of the primary race.

An even more intimate experience was the Candidate Forum that was held for the Florida House of Representatives District 41 seat at Camp Down. County Property Appraiser, Bill Donagan and Orange County Commissioner, Teresa Jacobs did a wonderful job abstracting commentary from each candidate. We heard positions from Steve Precourt, Dennis Horton and Joe Durek on issues including schools, transportation, healthcare, economic development and growth management that effect all of us.

The month of September continued the focus on our political scene with the Mayors’ Luncheon facilitated by Greg Fox, News reporter for WESH-TV News, sponsored by the law firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor and Reed. And a special reception for Speaker Designate Marco Rubio hosted jointly by the West Orange Chamber and Representative Andy Gardiner, Florida House Majority Leader and Executive Director of the Apopka Area Chamber. This reception sponsored by McCree, Inc. brought the two chamber boards, trustees and government officials together, creating an opportunity to focus on regional issues.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Legislative Luncheon on November 30 at the Doubletree Resort at Universal Orlando sponsored by Health Central.

**Committee Corner**  *Stina D’Uva, President*

THE WEST ORANGE CHAMBER MAY BE LOOKING FOR YOU!

It’s that time of year again and the West Orange Chamber needs your help gathering information in regards to all the unsung heroes in the West Orange Community. Maybe it’s you? If you fit the bill or know someone that does, we are looking for nominations for the Fifth Annual West Orange Community Service Awards.

Each year, the Chamber asks residents to find those who have demonstrated effective leadership, are active in community and civic organizations and make significant contributions of their time and talents to the West Orange Community and its citizens. We are very lucky to have a wealth of such people living and working in West Orange and it is with great pride that we will bestow our Community Service awards.

These nominees will be judged on services performed from January 2006 to the present. One recipient will be chosen from each of the communities covered by the Chamber; Dr. Phillips, Gotha, MetroWest, Oakland, Ocoee, Unincorporated Orange County, Windermere, and Winter Garden. All awards will be presented at the West Orange Community Champions Gala to be held January 26, 2007 at the Doubletree Hotel at the entrance to Universal Orlando.

Please work with us to find and recognize those residents in our communities who go above and beyond the call of duty. Due to their efforts, The West Orange community is a better place to live, work and play. Nomination applications can be found on the Chamber’s official website [www.wochamber.com](http://www.wochamber.com) and can be picked up at the Chamber office. Please return completed nomination forms to the Chamber by Monday, November 20, 2006 to be considered.

Members of the West Orange Chamber board of directors and municipal officials (elected or appointed) are not eligible for the Community Service Award.
Chamber Members Doing Business with Chambers Members

One of the WOCC Member Benefits is the Member to Member Discount program. The “Member to Member Discount Program” offers a way for members to increase business activity by encouraging chamber members to do business with other chamber members through tangible discount incentives. Below is a listing of Chamber members offering fellow Chamber members savings. These specials can also be found on the official WOCC website www.wochamber.com on the Business Directory.

ACCOUNTING
Go Figure of Lake County, Inc.
(352) 242-2727

ADVERTISING
Advertise HD
(386) 747-1964

ADVERTISING - SPECIALTY PRODUCTS
Plaudits!
(407) 993-4200

ATTORNEYS
Jackson Lewis, LLP
(407) 246-8409

CHURCHES
Church of the Messiah
(407) 656-3218

COMPUTER - SALES/SERVICE/CONSULTANT
Just Biz - Technology Services
(407) 370-6973
Teksolvers
(407) 877-8450

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Acqua - A unique day spa
(407) 447-5276

DRAPERIES/ WINDOW TREATMENTS - CUSTOM
Windows & Walls
(407) 298-2626

GARAGE ORGANIZATION SYSTEMS
GarageTek
(407) 540-1077

KARATE FITNESS CENTER
All American Karate Academy
(407) 877-9951

MORTGAGE LOANS
Resource Mortgage
(407) 694-9803

NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING
Diet Center
(407) 654-1608

PERSONAL GROWTH
A Daring Adventure
(407) 334-4692

PHOTO FINISHING
West Orange Photo & Digital, Inc.
(321) 221-1414

PHOTOGRAPHY
Portraits by LaVerne
(407) 291-0604

PUBLISHER
Lifestyle Publications/VS Publishing Company
(407) 649-3040

REAL ESTATE
Gosselin Realty
(407) 654-6688

RESTAURANTS
Subway - Maguire Road
(407) 905-6741

SUBWAY - SUMMERPORT
(407) 905-6741

SUBWAY - W. COLONIAL
(407) 877-7220

SUBWAY - WINTER GARDEN
(407) 877-2662

RETAIL - OFFICE SUPPLIES
Cartridge World Orlando
(407) 299-1790

SCHOOL INFORMATION (PRIVATE)
School Solutions, Inc.
(407) 493-5735

SHOPPING MALL
West Oaks Mall
(407) 294-6033

VIDEO PRODUCTION
Chameleon Mobile Video Productions
(239) 849-3295

WEB PAGE MARKETING & DESIGN
Yellow Dog Interactive Corp.
(407) 574-4444

MEMBER TO MEMBER TESTIMONIAL

As a new member to the West Orange Chamber of Commerce earlier this year I have noticed the benefits already! As a young business owner it is hard sometimes to get a “foot in the door”, but the Chamber has helped me get recognized in the community and earn valued customers. I have met many people within the organization that are more than willing to help, and I look forward to building these relationships for many years to come!

Matt Mishler
Mishler Insurance and Financial Services, LLC
WOCC Late Summer Events by Lauren Wolf

The month of August was filled with fun and excitement for the West Orange Chamber. On the 17th we held one of our most successful Hob Nobs to date. Over 400 people came to Manheim’s Florida Auto Auction Remarketing Facility and cast their votes in a Straw Poll that truly forecast the outcome of the September primary. Special guests were Tico Perez and Dick Batchelor and attendees included statewide candidates running for local and national office.

On the 29th, Chamber members let their hair hang loose and put on some of the best tie-dyed outfits since the sixties. The annual Team Building Bowling Tournament held at Carter Family Bowl, sponsored by Ace Hardware and Talbot Asset Management was a great party. Under Black lights, nineteen teams of four and eight rocked and rolled, ate and drank and learned just how fun it is to work as a team. A far out time was had by all.

September was filled with its own excitement. On the 13th the Mayors luncheon, sponsored by Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, featured News Caster Greg Fox, WESH TV-2 as the guest Moderator and municipal and county updates were brought to the floor by the Town of Oakland, City of Ocoee, City of Orlando, Town of Windermere, City of Winter Garden and Unincorporated Orange County.

On the 14th the West Orange Chamber held its Annual Golf Classic, Small Business Expo and Business After Hours at Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge, presented by Alarie Design Associates, Inc. and The West Orange Times, and sponsored by DeWitt Excavating and Waste Management. After a short rain delay the rest of the day went very smoothly. 16 teams headed out to the Crooked Cat Course and over 25 businesses participated in the expo. The attendees for all of the events were treated to great food, drinks and wonderful door prizes.

The West Orange Chamber is proud to have such a wonderful and supportive membership. You truly help to make our events successful. The Chamber is a reflection of our members, and thanks to all of you, we are doing great.
Chamber Proposed Constitutional Amendment Recommendations by Stina D’Uva

On November 7th, aside from voting on some major state races, voters will be asked to consider voting on 7 constitutional amendments. Some were added by the legislature during the 2006 session and others by petition initiative.

The Chamber board heard recommendations made by the Governmental Affairs Committee at its September meeting. The Board considered the amendments that most aligned themselves with a business agenda. After careful thought and discussion, the Board voted to support two amendments. They are:

Amendment # 3 which require a broader public support for Constitutional amendments or revisions.

Amendment # 8 refers to Eminent Domain and would require that private property taken by eminent domain must be retained for five years before it may be transferred to another private entity.

The Chamber board urges you to vote “YES” on both these amendments on your upcoming ballot.

In order to read non-partisan information, pros and cons on these amendments and the five others, visit www.votesmartFlorida.org
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In the September issue, Chamber Members Doing Business With Chamber Members, we missed a couple of very important non-profit members. West Orange Food Bank and Community Health Centers, Inc. provide services to many families in our community. Thank you for the work that you do on behalf of our greater West Orange area.

A 1-800-GOT-JUNK? ad was recently featured on World’s Funniest Commercials. The ad may be viewed at: http://veryfunnyads.com/ and click on “Brands” in order to select the 1-800-GOT-JUNK ad.

Orlando Magazine readers recently voted the following West Orange Chamber members high on their “Best of Orlando 2006” list:

- Ace Hardware – Best Hardware Store #1
- Brio Tuscan Grille – Best Outdoor Dining #2
- Dr. John Hitt/UCF – Person Who Most Exemplifies Orlando #2
- Keene’s Point – Best Gated Community #1
- Publix – Best Grocery Store #1
- Roy’s Restaurant – Best Restaurant on Restaurant Row #2
- Seasons 52 – Best Restaurant on Restaurant Row #1; Best Wine List #1; Best Atmosphere #2; Best Bar #2
- Sam Snead’s Tavern – Best Burger #3
- The Dessert Lady – Best Bakery #2
- Vines Grill & Wine Bar – Best Live Music Venue #3
- YMCA – Best Workout Facility/Gym #2

Congratulations to Judy Spencer upon her promotion to Regional Director of BellSouth.

Marc Hoenstine of Progress Energy has achieved Certified Economic Community Developer status.
The Spirit of West Orange

The West Orange Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce a new service award. This award is titled “The Mary Vandeventer Award – The Spirit of West Orange”.

This award will be given to a woman who demonstrates the same qualities of the late Mary Vandeventer. Mary was a lifelong contributor to West Orange County. She was a member of many service organizations and served in various leadership roles. Her service included being a charter member and past president of the West Orange Art and Historical Association, which eventually became the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, a charter member and served on the ONP board of directors and an active member of the philanthropic club P.E.O., an international organization focused on raising money for the education of young women. In 1961, Van Deventer joined the West Orange Junior Service League and was one of only two, two-time presidents in the league’s history. She was still an honored member at the time of her death.

Mary was a charter member and the first secretary for the Bloom ‘N’ Grow garden club and was also active in the Orange Memorial Nurses Alumni Association, the West Orange Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of Lake Apopka.

The award will make its inaugural debut at the 2007 West Orange Chamber Champions Gala on January 27th, 2007.

AMBASSADOR ACCOLADES 
& ANTICS

The Ambassadors have recently participated in the following events:

Ribbon Cuttings

Corporate Solutions
5401 S. Kirkman Road, Orlando 32819

Capitol Grille
9101 International Drive, Ste. 1000, Orlando 32819

A Drop of Sun
2791 Old Winter Garden Road, Ocoee 34761

Winter Garden Fitness
18 N. Boyd Street, Winter Garden 34787

Jewelz
125 W. Plant Street, Winter Garden 34787

Florida Real Estate Group
1173 Blackwood Avenue, Ocoee 34761

Party Plus
14045 W. Colonial Drive, Winter Garden 34787

Anniversaries

Subway/Summerport
13530 Summerport Village Pkwy, Winter Garden 34787

Alarie Design Associates
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