

# Leander *on the move*

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## Calendar *of Events*

**New GLCC Office Hours:**  
Thursdays  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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259-1907  
fax 259-9114

### January 13 - First Board Meeting and Retreat

We're looking for volunteers for the Membership Committee, Economic Development Committee, Civic Affairs Committee, and Bylaws Committees

**January 27 - Membership Luncheon, noon.** E-mail to reserve your spot at contactus@leandercc.org, call 259-1907 or fax 259-9114.

### Coming in January 2004 - Membership Directory

#### Other Events:

#### Leander City Council Meetings

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month  
7 p.m. Pat Bryson Municipal Hall

#### City of Leander Planning and Zoning Committee

2nd & 4th Thursday of each month  
Pat Bryson Municipal Hall

#### City of Leander Economic Development Committee

2nd Tuesday of the month;  
7 p.m. Pat Bryson Municipal Hall

## Chamber celebrates holiday open house

### Members help with tree lighting & parade

Each year, the GLCC participates in holiday events that showcase its dedication to the community and businesses. This year, GLCC held a Holiday Open House and participated in the community parade and tree lighting.

#### Open House

The Greater Leander Chamber of Commerce hosted a Holiday Open House Monday, Dec. 8. Chamber members as well as community residents and businesses and their employees were invited. Several government officials attended, including Leander Mayor John Cowman and Leander City Council Member David Seibold. Also, Cedar Park Justice of the Peace Edna Staudt attended.

Several announcements were made, and GLCC directors Terry Davis, Iris Davis, Connie Lindgren, and Jennifer Williams received plaques for their service.

Announcements were made about the ballots to be turned in by Dec. 18.

#### Parade & Tree Lighting

Another holiday event the chamber was involved in was the Leander Parade and Tree Lighting. The parade was coordinated by the Community Club, headed by chamber



Left: GLCC's entry into the Leander Parade was Leslie Allen, driving with Santa in the back. Above: GLCC director Leslie Allen helps with Santa photos during the holiday event Dec. 13.



member Sharon Stegall of Northwest Realty.

GLCC provided Santa for the photos. Also, several chamber members volunteered at the event and had entries in the parade.

H-E-B donated 3,000 candy canes and decorations for the photo booth. Extra candy canes were given to the Children's Hospital, Texas Baptist Children's Home, Hill Country Community Ministries, and the



Left: Shawn Kirkpatrick, GLCC Vice President, works at the moonwalk Dec. 13 at the Leander Tree Lighting Event. Above: H-E-B's parade entry rolls by in the parade. HEB donated 3,000 candy canes to give out during the event. Extra candy canes were given to the Children's Hospital, Texas Baptist Children's Home, Hill Country Community Ministries, and the Leander Law Enforcement Association for Blue Santa.

Leander Law Enforcement Association for Blue Santa.

Chamber volunteer Cesar Iriarte helped set up, and Dr. Ray Nikel and Justin Roppolo drove the golf carts to help out during the parade. Shannon Anderson, Jason Anderson, and Shawn Kirkpatrick manned the moonwalk, while Tricia

Nikel helped out all night in the fire station with the craft table. Also, Leslie Allen took photographs of attendees with Santa.

The chamber's entry into the parade was Santa in director Leslie Allen's car, detailed by Connie's Car Wash. Decorations on the car were from Austin Plant Design.

The chamber would like to thank all volunteers in the event.

# Zora's Gift Shop opens

## Ribbon cutting held Dec. 5

**P**atsy Parker has an interesting middle name, Zora, pronounced "Saura". She chose the name for her new business venture, Zora's Select Gifts, which she co-owns with her daughter, Christy Moore.

"I love to shop and I've always wanted to have a gift shop. It started out, I was just going to sell a few things for friends, and the idea just expanded," Parker said. "I hate fighting the traffic to go to the mall. I thought Leander needed a local shop for gifts."

Zora's, which officially opened Oct. 1, held a ribbon cutting with GLCC on Dec. 5.

Zora's sells four different lines of candles, including Lang (the Primitives), Circle E, Salt City, and Old Virginia candles. Also, the shop carries Rhythm motion clocks, figurines, wrapping paper, and western rustic home decor.

Zora's plans to occasionally host a ladies night with facials & pedicures for frequent customers.

Parker would like to thank Tammy Walker at Re/MAX Powerteam for



Zora's Select Gifts held its cutting Dec. 5, 2003, at the shop, located on CR 269. Zora's sells gifts of all kinds, ranging from candles to figurines, clocks and greeting cards.

all she has done for the shop and for hosting the luncheon during the ribbon cutting.

Located at 1730 CR 269 in Leander, store hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Contact phone is: (512) 259-9899, and

the shop can be reached via e-mail at zorasgifts@sbcglobal.net.

A web site located at www.zorasgifts.com is in the works.

Parker also owns Zora Enterprises, a plumbing services company.

# Chamber board to hold retreat January 13

In addition to the regular board meeting, members of the board of directors will hold a retreat Jan. 13, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. to plan events for 2004.

Leslie Allen and Reunion Development have offered the Outlaws establishment as a place to hold the board meeting and retreat.

If any member has suggestions, wants or needs for the planning of 2004, please feel free to e-mail or call any of the board members prior to Jan. 13.

The board welcomes your comments and suggestions.



# 2004 Board of Directors\*

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| <b>Directors</b>                              | Shannon Anderson: Gold Rush Realty   |
| Shawn Kirkpatrick: Kirkpatrick Builders, Ltd. | <b>Director-elects</b>   |
| Tammy Walker: Re/MAX Powerteam                | Connie Lindgren: N.E.W. Self Storage   |
| Bill Robison: <i>Hill Country News</i>        | Justin Roppolo: Edward Jones Investments                                       |
| Helene Payton: Texas One Mortgage Co.         | Evelyn Davison: <i>The Good News Journal</i>                                   |
| Cesar Iriarte: Cartridges Plus                | Dr. Ray Nikel: Nikel Family Chiropractic                                       |
| Leslie Allen: Reunion Development             | <b>*2004 officer elections will be held Jan. 13 at the first board meeting</b> |

## Article submissions, photos welcome for Leander on the Move newsletter

The Greater Leander chamber newsletter *Leander on the Move* has taken a different form, as you probably have noticed. The *Hill Country News* is now printing the newsletter. Members have the opportunity to advertise in the newsletter, which goes out one Friday per month. The newsletter is now in a four-page format, and goes out as an insert in the Friday edition papers on a monthly basis.

Retiring board member and newsletter editor Iris Davis has done a wonderful job, and the chamber thanks her for her time and effort. The chamber also thanks Terry Davis & Associates for printing the newsletter in the past.

The new editor of the newsletter is Shannon Anderson, board member and Gold Rush Realty marketing director. To submit an article or photo, contact Anderson at andersons@goldrushrealtors.com or (512) 258-7784.

## Luncheon speaker discusses organizational communication

At the November luncheon, Anne Pritchard with Testing and Training Services spoke about organizational communication. She gave tips on how to better manage employees and evaluate their work. Pritchard said giving performance evaluations can help not only managers, but also employees in how to better themselves on the job. She recommended doing an at-least yearly evaluation for each employee.

Pritchard also stressed company culture's impact on the type of work atmosphere businesses will have.

Testing and Training Services' Austin offices phone number is (512) 821-1111. Or e-mail Pritchard at apritchard@assessments.org.



Pritchard

# Leander on the move

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# Three board members sworn in

At the October chamber luncheon, three new board members were sworn in to the GLCC board of directors.

Leslie Allen of Reunion Development Group, Shannon Anderson of Gold Rush Realty, and Cesar Iriarte of Cartridges Plus are now directors, and will fill seats that had been vacant.

Leslie Allen is the business development officer at Reunion Development Group, Ltd. A licensed real estate agent, Allen has experience in real estate development and the economic development committees of chambers of commerce in cities such as Houston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

"I am happy to lend my expertise in Leander to make it a better place



**Allen**



**Anderson**



**Iriarte**

to live and work for us all," Allen said.

"My most enjoyable community project was working with the Houston and Los Angeles children's museums," Allen said.

She stressed volunteering in the community.

"The more people we have contributing their expertise to the chamber, the less time we spend *creating* the lifestyle we all want for our families," Allen said.

Allen fills a vacant spot and her term expires December 2005.

Shannon Anderson joins the board from Gold Rush Realty, where she works as marketing

director. Anderson will coordinate the newsletter and the web site of the GLCC. In addition to working at Gold Rush, Anderson holds a faculty position at the Mays MBA School at Texas A&M University. Also, Anderson is a doctoral student in the communication department at A&M.

"Joining the GLCC board is a chance to be a part of the business community as well as put my strengths in communication to use," Anderson said.

Anderson fills a vacant spot and her term expires December 2005.



**Terry Davis, GLCC president, left, conducts the swearing in ceremony for new board members Shannon Anderson, Cesar Iriarte, and Leslie Allen in October 2003.**

Cesar Iriarte moved to this area from Corpus Christi, where he worked in the internet service provider industry. Iriarte owns Cartridges Plus, which sells printer cartridges of all types, for printers, faxes, copiers. Iriarte also has a full web hosting company, called Mywebaxis.com.

Iriarte said, "I want to work to make the chamber bigger and stronger and very influential in the business community."

Iriarte fills a vacant spot and his term expires December 2004.

# Board ballots in; director-elects will take pledge of oath

The annual election of the GLCC Board of Directors has ended. Director-elects are: Evelyn Davison, Dr. Ray Nickel, and Justin Roppolo. Connie Lindgren was elected to an additional term on the board.

Four directors who have completed three-year terms are Terry Davis,



**Lindgren**

Shannon Anderson, and Shawn Kirkpatrick counted ballots.

Connie Lindgren, Iris Davis, and Jennifer Williams.

Board members Iris Davis,



**Retiring directors Terry and Iris Davis, of Terry Davis and Associates, have served on the GLCC as president and secretary, respectively, and have volunteered a huge amount of time.**

# Chamber

## Member List

Acoustical Resources  
 Action Propane, Inc.  
 Alan Hill - Landscape Architect  
 Ambition Design  
 Ann Kelm  
 Aquatic Industries, Inc.  
 Associate of: Crystal Falls Realty  
 Associate of: Leander Public Library  
 Austin Community College  
 Austin Power Equipment  
 Austin Relocation Guide  
 Austin Telco Federal Credit Union  
 AZZ Snacks  
 B & C Auto Parts  
 Baker-Aicklen & Associates  
 Baskin, James E.  
 Bushkuhl, Michael, C.P.A., P.C.  
 Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority  
 Cartridges + Plus  
 Cashway Building Materials  
 Cedar Park Signs & Banners, Inc.  
 Cedar Ridge Apartments  
 Coffee Corral  
 CoJo Unlimited Catering, Inc.  
 Connie's Rain Gutters, Inc.  
 Cornerstone Christian School  
 Cox Communications  
 Crystal Falls Realty  
 ECO Resources  
 Elmo's Sports Bar  
 FABCON RV/BOAT STORAGE  
 First American Title Company  
 First Texas Bank  
 Giddens Real Estate  
 Gold Rush Realty, Inc.  
 Golden Chick  
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
 H. L. Chapman Pipeline Construction  
 Hans, Harold B. Sr.  
 HEB Food Store #265  
 Hill Country Community Ministries  
 Hill Country Feed & Supply  
 Hill Country Fellowship  
 Hill Country News  
 Homes by Joan  
 Host Ministries  
 Iris Davis  
 James Holloway Concrete  
 Jay Engineering Co., Inc.  
 Jiffy Hitch Dist by AgVendors  
 John Mattingly Electric, Inc.  
 Julianna's Performing Arts Studio  
 Justin Roppolo, Edward Jones  
 Keller Williams Realty  
 Kirkpatrick Builders, LTD  
 Ladies Workout Express  
 LCP Army Surplus  
 Leander Chiropractic Center

Leander Independent School District  
 Leander Laser Wash  
 Leander School of Music  
 Master Screen Graphics  
 N.E.W. Mini Storage  
 Native Sun Landscaping, Inc.  
 Nevertheless Community Church  
 Nikel Family Chiropractic  
 Northwest Realty  
 ONCOR/TXU  
 Premier Cleaning  
 Primerica Financial Services  
 R & K Self Storage  
 Re/MAX Powerteam!  
 Reunion Development Group, Ltd  
 Round Rock Express Baseball Club  
 SBC - Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.  
 Seton Cedar Park  
 SMS Signs Etc.  
 South San Gabriel Animal Clinic  
 State Farm Insurance  
 Staudt, Judge Edna  
 Steadman, Sid DDS  
 Stiles, Florence  
 Terry Davis & Associates  
 Texas One Mortgage Company  
 The Good News Journal  
 The Premier Groundskeeper  
 Transit Mix Concrete & Materials  
 U-PARK-IT  
 W.S. Walker Co., Inc.  
 Waley Insurance Agency  
 Zora Enterprises, Inc.

# Photos

## A HOLIDAY EVENT



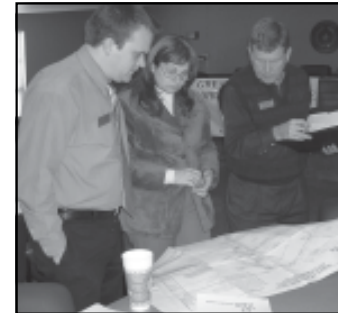
GLCC provided volunteers to help with the Leander Tree Lighting & Parade. Left, Dione and Shawn Kirkpatrick enjoyed the festivities, as did children who jumped in the moonwalk, below.



## FUN AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET



Left and below left: Chamber and community members enjoyed the chamber banquet, held at Leander Middle School in October 2003.



Above left: Jason Anderson, Leslie Allen, and Rick Coonce look over a plat at the November luncheon. Above right: Bill Robison of Hill Country News and Don Hemingway of Crystal Falls Realty attended the November 2003 luncheon. Right: Smoky Mo's provided the food for the November Luncheon.

## NOVEMBER LUNCHEON



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