

Business notables

Deveney Communication received three Awards of Excellence and two Awards of Merit from the Public Relations Society of America New Orleans chapter at its annual awards ceremony.

The spa at the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans received the 2010 Readers' Choice Award from SpaFinder.

Cabildo Holdings, a local Louisiana workforce solutions firm, ranked 839th on Inc. 500/5000, a report of the fastest growing companies in the country. Cabildo also ranked 13th among Top Human Resources Companies and fourth among the 41 Louisiana companies listed.

Dillard University held a dedication for the Georges Auditorium Nov. 18 in honor of a donation from Dathel and John Georges and the Galatoire's Foundation.

Stirling Properties was named the exclusive management and leasing firm for Clearview Mall, 4436 Veterans Blvd., Metairie.

CALENDAR

Nov. 29

Galatoire's Restaurant will hold its fifth annual Christmas auction for tables on the restaurant's first floor the Friday before Christmas at 5:30 p.m. at 209 Bourbon St. The auction will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Galatoire Foundation. Dress for Success New Orleans and the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts Institute. The event is open to the public and minimum bids begin at \$100 per seat. For more information, call 525-2021 or visit www.galatoires.com.

Nov. 30

The Greater New Orleans Executives Association will hold its meeting at 7:15 a.m. at Ralph's on the Park, 900 City Park. Roy Franc Baas will speak at the event. For more information, e-mail info@gnoea.com or visit www.gnoea.com.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals will hold an event on the basics of fundraising from 1 to 5 p.m. at the New Orleans Museum of Art. Charlie Heim will speak at the event. The cost is \$75 per person. For more information and to register, e-mail info@afpno.org or visit www.afpneworleans.afpnet.org.

Dec. 1

The Louisiana Humanities Center will host a panel discussion on African-American voices at 7 p.m. at 938 Lafayette St. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and an audience Q&A will follow the discussion. For more information, contact Brian Boyles at boyles@leh.org.

The Jefferson Chamber of Commerce will hold a state of the parish luncheon at noon at the Hilton Airport Hotel, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner. Parish President John Young and Council Chairman Tom Capella will speak at the event. Doors open at 11:15 for registration. The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, call 835-3880 ext. 12.

Dec. 2

The East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce will hold its business after hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Slidell Memorial Hospital Founders Building, 1150 Robert Blvd., Slidell. The event will feature networking opportunities, food, beverages and door prizes. Admission is free for members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, e-mail info@estchamber.com.

The Executive Achievers Association, a business owners networking organization, will meet at 7 a.m. at Messina's Catering, 2717 Williams Blvd., Kenner. For more information or to become a member, call 836-7136 or visit nolaeea.org.

The Metairie Road Business Association will hold its annual Christmas caroling and tree lighting event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at The Garden Gates, 2918 Metairie Road.

The event will feature wine, hors d'oeuvres and an appearance from Santa. Toys will be collected for Toys for Tots. For more information, visit www.oldmet.com.

Dec. 3

Chef Duke's Foundation for Kids will hold a Christmas benefit at 7 p.m. at Chef Duke's Café Giovanni, 117 Decatur St., New Orleans. The event will feature live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, visit www.cafegiovanni.com or call 529-2154.

The St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce will hold its speed dating for business event from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott, 101 Northpark Blvd., Covington. Admission is \$10 and open to members only. For more information, visit www.sttammanycommerce.org.

The New Orleans Commercial Real Estate Women will hold its annual Christmas luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at Cafe Adelaide in Loew's Hotel, 300 Poydras St. The cost is \$65 for members and non-members. For more information and to register, visit www.neworleanscrew.org.

The Slidell Art League will hold an opening reception for its **Christmas in the Depot** exhibit from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Slidell Art League, 1827 Front St. The exhibit will showcase Christmas gift ideas and work by local artists. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.slidellartleague.info.

Dec. 3-4

The opening weekend of the **Holiday of Lights** will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Tammany Trace Trailhead, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville. The event will feature a fireworks display, rides, visits with Santa and live entertainment. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (985) 867-9490.

Dec. 3-5

The 25th annual **Christmas Extravaganza**, an arts and crafts show, will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Covington Fairgrounds, 600 U.S. Highway 190 North.

Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call (985) 796-5853.

Dec. 4

The **Louisiana SPCA** will host an Adoption Option from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Petcetera, 3205 Magazine St. Adoption counselors and volunteers will be on hand to help select the right pet for your family. For more information, call 368-5191 or visit www.la-sPCA.org.

The third annual **Krewe of Jingle Holiday Parade** will start at 1 p.m. at Elk Place and Canal St. and end at St. Charles Ave. and Common St. A block party will be held afterwards at 2 p.m. in front of The Roosevelt Hotel, 123 Baronne St. The event will feature a winter wonderland with music, games, crafts and food. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.canalstreetholiday.com.

The **St. Tammany Art Association** will hold its 20th annual gala from 7 to 10 p.m. at 320 N. Columbia St., Covington. The event will feature live music, cuisine, an open bar as well as showcase star-themed original art by local artists which will be up for auction. Tickets are \$45 per person. For more information, visit www.sttammanyartassociation.org or call (985) 892-8650.

Ongoing

The **Historic New Orleans Collection** will have 18th and early 19th century Louisiana-made furniture from the collection of Magnolia Mound Plantation in Baton Rouge on display through Dec. 11 at the Williams Research Center, 410 Chartres St. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 523-4662 or visit www.hnoc.org.

The **Celebration in the Oaks** holiday lighting exhibit will be open weekends only starting Nov. 26 and will open nightly starting Dec. 3. in City Park. Hours are 6 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Tickets are \$7 per person and children 3 and under enter free. For more information, visit www.celebrationintheoaks.com.

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