Hello, North Chamber members! The first quarter of 2011 has come and gone and we have been busy working for our members and San Antonio.

We have our work cut out for us in education. As you all know, Texas is facing major budget challenges. Just to get through August 31, 2011, Texas has to decide on the use of the Rainy Day Fund to “stop gap” the largest projected deficit in the history of the state of $4.3 billion. On April 1, state legislators passed HB 275 which authorizes the use of $3.1 billion from the State’s Rainy Day Fund with the remaining $1.2 billion coming in the form of spending cuts in HB 4. The two education components of the budget scheduled to be cut are Public Education ($8 Billion) and Higher Education (10%) for the 2012-2013 biennium.

As our board members may recall, Elaine Mendoza came to talk to us about Generation TX San Antonio (GenTX) during the fall of 2010. The organization is “committed to making San Antonio a college-going and career-ready community in a single generation.” How GenTX plans to accomplish this is through marketing campaigns, in-school messaging and college and career coordination. I’m proud to announce that the North Chamber will partner with GenTX to assist in the preparation of San Antonio’s high school graduates for any type of post-secondary education by registering for the In-School Messaging speaker bureau and providing GenXpert volunteers who are able to speak at local schools about personal college, post-college and career experiences. Look for a call for volunteers to sign-up for this vital role.

My sincerest thanks goes to Jamie Suriano, our 2011 Leadership Lab chair, and the Lab planning team. I had the pleasure of being included in a few sessions at the Lab kickoff retreat. I visited with class members, served as a judge in the line dancing competition and attended the DiSC profile session. The Lab planning team has developed a travel itinerary for the participants’ personal leadership journey that is detail-oriented and full of many excursions that include introspection, learning about San Antonio and discovering the value of different leadership styles.

I am so impressed with Jamie’s and the commitment of each and every one of the North Chamber’s many volunteers. Thank you for all that you do to make the North Chamber a success.
Chairman’s Council Spotlight

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H-E-B’s outstanding educators for 2011 in the San Antonio/West Texas Region are:

Janice Cuccia, a Physical Education teacher and Coach at Fox Tech High School (SAISD)
David Foss, an English teacher at Alamo Heights High School (Alamo Heights ISD)
Dr. Diana Maxwell, a Fifth Grade teacher at Fort Sam Houston Elementary (Fort Sam ISD)
Penny McCool, a Physics teacher at Robert E. Lee High School & STEM Academy (NEISD)
Lindsay Richard, a First Grade teacher at Wilderness Oak Elementary (NEISD)
Jimmie Walker, a Fourth Grade teacher at Cambridge Elementary (Alamo Heights ISD)
Michael Cardona, principal of Robert E. Lee High School (NEISD)
Levina Lara, principal of John Hoffmann Elementary (NISD)

These eight educators will now go on to compete at the H-E-B statewide awards that will be May 13-15, 2011 in Austin. The competition will include a public health and fitness event featuring Jillian Michaels of NBC’s The Biggest Loser and a celebratory dinner, featuring a keynote address by General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.). At the dinner, 10 grand-prize winners, chosen from among the 40 statewide finalists, will be announced.

This is the 10th Anniversary of the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards, which is the largest monetary recognition program for educators in Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

The North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce wants to wish the San Antonio educators competing at the 2011 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards the best of luck, and recognize that their dedication to their students has already made them all winners.

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services entity, offering a wide range of insurance, mortgage, and investment services to financial institutions, businesses, and individuals. The multi-faceted company now has more than 1,400 employees and offices across the country.

For the past 35 years, technology, innovation, and a commitment to outstanding service at SWBC ensured the most efficient delivery of products and services and continue to be the guiding forces today.

During this milestone year, SWBC is poised to continue its exciting growth, with both immediate and long-term opportunities to serve its business clients and individuals alike. With products like business insurance, employee benefits, PEO and payroll services, and retirement plans, SWBC can be the one-stop shop for business owners. The focus on providing outstanding customer service, and the commitment to providing cutting-edge products to help business owners succeed is solidly in place for years to come.

Happy 35th anniversary to SWBC, and congratulations to its owners Charlie Amato and Gary Dudley!

Methodist Stone Oak Hospital on the Grow

Methodist Stone Oak Hospital just completed its second year of service to North Central San Antonio. The hospital opened in March 2009 and quickly became a major economic generator in the Stone Oak community. New businesses, restaurants, doctors’ offices, and hotels have cropped up along Sonterra Boulevard. In 2010, Methodist Stone Oak Hospital welcomed 730 newborns into the world, handled 18,000 emergency department visits, 7,300 inpatient visits, 6,600 outpatient visits, and nearly 3,000 surgeries.

As a result, the hospital is “on the grow.” Major construction is underway to add additional beds in women’s services, intensive care and post surgical areas. These expansion projects will be completed this summer. The hospital was built to expand as demand for services was identified. Ten additional beds in the mother/baby unit were recently completed as Methodist Stone Oak Hospital has quickly become the hospital of choice for special deliveries. Each family receives a free Biovideo® DVD capturing the highlights of their newborn’s arrival.

In recent months, Methodist Stone Oak Hospital has Primary Stroke Center certification from the Joint Commission and Chest Pain Center accreditation. These designations mean that emergency medical personnel at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital are focused on evaluating patients experiencing stroke or heart attack symptoms and minimizing the impact of these conditions by providing the right treatment as quickly as possible.

Physicians practicing at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital have also established themselves as leaders in minimally invasive procedures including open heart surgery, orthopedics, and neuro surgery. The hospital features the da Vinci® Surgical System which is the leading robotic surgical device. The system is used for gynecologic surgeries including hysterectomies and removal of abdominal tumors. Minimally invasive procedures mean smaller incisions, less blood loss, less chance for infections, and faster recovery time for the patients.

Methodist Stone Oak Hospital is also the home base for Methodist AirCare™ which provides life-saving emergency transport throughout South and Central Texas. The bright yellow chopper and its highly skilled medical crew stand ready 24/7 to offer emergency transport for premature infants, expectant moms at risk of miscarriage or early delivery, and those experiencing a possible stroke or heart attack.

To find a doctor who practices at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital, call Methodist Healthcare’s free physician referral service: DoctorSource at 210-575-0355 or 1-800-333-7333. online at StoneOakHealth.com
Member Spotlight

Providing financial solutions to help small business grow, create jobs

Small businesses continue to be the backbone of the U.S. economy and Bank of America understands their vital role. That’s why we’re helping them succeed through a range of efforts aimed at building deeper relationships and growing this segment of the economy.

Bank of America is helping by extending $92 billion in credit to small and medium-sized businesses in 2010. Last year, we doubled our goal to increase lending to this segment by $5 billion over the previous year and pledged to purchase $10 billion in products and services from small, medium-sized and diverse businesses over five years, providing much-needed income for those suppliers.

For the second consecutive year, Bank of America ranked No. 1 in providing capital to small businesses through the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) 504 loan program. The $530 million in long-term, fixed-rate financing will enable small business owners to reinvest in their businesses by acquiring real estate and equipment to grow and create jobs.

In San Antonio, Bank of America has a local team of Small Business Bankers whose focus is advising small businesses and helping them grow their business. online at bankofamerica.com • bankofamerica.com/smallbusiness

Staying true to who we are

By Marvin Rickabaugh
San Antonio Region President, Frost

In banking, it’s important to know who you are, and also who you aren’t. At Frost, that’s easy.

We’re one of the largest and oldest banking companies to call Texas home, taking care of customers and helping Texas businesses to grow and thrive since 1868. We have endured by staying true to our principles and values, treating everyone as significant and offering a square deal – excellence at a fair price. That’s what we’re known for.

Equally important, we’re identified by what we didn’t do. In the 1980s, we were the only top-10 Texas bank that didn’t sell out or need a federal bailout to survive. More recently, we were not involved in any of the risky activities that caused the financial crisis of 2008. In fact, we were the first bank in the nation to publicly say “no thanks” to TARP funds. That decision, probably one of the best in our company’s history, continues to bring in new business, as people appreciate Frost’s safety and soundness.

Others talk about getting back to the basics. We never strayed from them. We have strong capital and money to lend as we move through the recovery.

UT Medicine San Antonio – the physicians of the UT Health Science Center

UT Medicine San Antonio is the faculty medical practice of the School of Medicine at The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. Along with family medicine, geriatrics, neurology, ophthalmology and a host of other specialties, UT Medicine includes the Cancer Therapy & Research Center (CTRC), one of four National Cancer Institute Cancer Centers in the state of Texas.

UT Medicine’s primary location is at 8300 Floyd Curl Drive in the South Texas Medical Center. Called the Medical Arts & Research Center (MARC), the building was specifically designed for optimal patient care with more than 200 physicians in nearly every branch of medicine. The MARC offers the best in academic medicine and the convenience of a modern, private practice setting with spacious waiting rooms, diagnostic labs and on site imaging featuring leading-edge technologies, and a complete day surgery center. A café is on the first floor, as well.

Call (210) 450-9000 for an appointment. Most major health plans are accepted. online at utmedicine.org

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country

The 1,002 room JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa brings a new level of luxury to the legendary Texas Hill Country. The resort’s setting encompasses 600 picturesque acres of rolling hills, meandering creeks and Live Oak trees, all just minutes away from San Antonio. A sophisticated but relaxed destination, the Hill Country’s inspiring landscapes and the rich cultural offerings of San Antonio afford guests the chance to restore and explore with each visit.

Golfers can test their skills on the newest PGA TOUR Tournament Players Club (TPC) championship golf courses with 36 challenging holes and stunning views. Two of golf’s most legendary names designed the courses – Pete Dye for the AT&T Canyons Course and Greg Norman for the AT&T Oaks Course. The club is private and only accessible to members and guests of the Resort.

In addition to the resort’s seven dining options, guests will enjoy the 26,000 square-foot Lantana Spa, the six-acre River Bluff Water Experience which features an 1,100-foot-long lazy river, three water slides, a raging river ride and is heated year round. online at jwsanantonio.com
Non Profit Spotlight

Alamo Arts Ballet Theatre (AABT) provides San Antonio with a professional ballet company committed to artistic excellence, high-caliber training and outreach to diverse audiences within the greater San Antonio community.

AABT provides free educational performances and lecture demonstrations to over three thousand public school children yearly. A matinee is scheduled for 1,400 public school children from throughout San Antonio at annual spring and winter performances. Through several lecture demonstration each season, AABT takes ballet to public schools targeting under-served and low income communities.

Alamo Arts Ballet Theatre is celebrating its fifth anniversary in May 2011. The organization is led by Executive Director and Founder Judith Gani, Artistic Director Julie Morton-Simpson and Chairman of the Board Christopher C. Herring.

The organization was accepted into the San Antonio Area Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), code #95065. The San Antonio CFC is an annual federal employee-giving program designed to benefit nonprofit organizations. Business partners are desired to improve AABT’s outreach mission for at-risk and underserved youth. If your business can assist with sponsoring a show or lecture demonstration, please call (210) 344-9428.

online at AlamoArtsBallet.org

For 95 years, the American Red Cross, San Antonio Area Chapter has been a hero for thousands of people in our community, lending aid during times of disaster, seeing to the welfare of military families and providing citizens with lifesaving CPR and first aid skills. Now, the Chapter needs the community’s support to step up and become heroes.

‘Heroes for the American Red Cross’ is a fundraising campaign where South Central Texans commit to raise $1,000 to support the local Chapter. Heroes can be an individual, civic group, religious organization or corporation. The ‘Heroes for the American Red Cross’ campaign is unique because some ‘heroes’ come up with fun and unique fundraisers, such as a bake sale, car wash or dress-down day, while others seek donations from friends, neighbors or companies.

The San Antonio Area Chapter’s goal is to raise $60,000 during the campaign which runs through June 30, 2011. Funds will be used to support local Red Cross services, such as disaster preparedness and relief, military support and emergency communications, first aid and CPR training. For more information, please contact Luz Lovins at (210) 582-1905.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Completed nomination applications must be received by the North Chamber by close of business/5 p.m.
DaisyCares, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation created to provide pet food and medical care to pets by providing assistance to their owners, is excited to announce that it recently celebrated its one year anniversary. DaisyCares’ mission is to reduce the number of abandoned, surrendered and euthanized pets in the San Antonio community by helping needy families who cannot afford pet food or veterinary care.

Since launching its programs on April 1st of last year, DaisyCares has done an amazing job helping needy families to keep and care for their pets. Through its incredible efforts, DaisyCares has raised over 46,357 pounds of pet food that has helped feed approximately 5,370 pets! DaisyCares has also provided veterinary care grants to over 100 qualifying families!

With your help, DaisyCares can reach its goal this year of raising over 50,000 pounds of pet food and helping over 1,000 needy families with veterinary care grants. DaisyCares is constantly looking for individuals, corporations, churches, schools and community/professional organizations that are interested in hosting pet food drives benefitting DaisyCares.

To provide a monetary donation, to host a pet food drive or for more information, visit DaisyCares.org

CBCST Expands Its Reach With New Counseling Center

For the past 14 years The Children’s Bereavement Center of South Texas (CBCST) has provided free grief support groups for youth (ages 3 – 24) and their caregivers. With their primary focus on children and families in grief, they have now expanded their services to adult individuals seeking counseling who have experienced a death loss or who are presently anticipating the death of a loved one.

The CBCST licensed professional mental health staff provides confidential psychotherapy sessions with an expressive art focus to expand and deepen the personal skills needed to help cope and adjust to the challenges of grief and loss.

The CBCST’s Clinical Director Patricia McNaught said, “CBCST counseling clients are given the time to move backwards to retrieve memories; and the strength to adapt to the present challenges of life and develop hope for the future.”

In February of 2010, the CBCST relocated, debt-free, to a larger facility. Their new home has allowed them the capacity to increase the number of individuals, children and families they serve. online at cbst.org

Goodwill’s Good Careers Academy offers affordable training for high-demand jobs

Goodwill is helping to match San Antonio employers with skilled, job-ready workers – and helping individuals get affordable training in high-demand fields.

Goodwill’s Good Careers Academy offers certification-focused training for careers including certified nursing aides, medical front office/medical coding staff, pharmacy technicians, medical assistants, computer support specialists and warehouse logistics.

The academy now has two locations in San Antonio with more in the works.

Good Careers students benefit from top-quality training, affordable tuition, internships and job placement assistance. A partnership with the Alamo Colleges provides instruction and expertise for many of the academy’s programs. Students have a placement rate of 85% upon certification.

The academy fills a niche among career training schools by providing excellent instruction at a significantly lower cost than other proprietary schools. In addition, as a United Way agency, Goodwill offers support to students both in and out of the classroom to help them successfully complete their programs in as little as 8 weeks to nine months.

For more information on the Good Careers Academy or other Goodwill services for businesses, please call (210) 924-8581. online at goodwillsa.org

Children, Love – and Miracles

When you enter the front door of Respite Care of San Antonio, the first thing you notice is the smiles. Toddlers giggling with delight zoom around your knees, toys in hand.

Soon, you learn that behind each of these precious smiles is a story - often, the kind of heartwrenching story that makes the Metro section. Yet not all children here are victims of neglect. Some are special-needs children requiring extensive care beyond the capabilities of well-meaning parents.

You meet Benjamin, a four-year old with thick eyeglasses who gazes at you intently. Benjamin is autistic. His brother also lives at Respite Care. Over in the nursery, you meet Miss Elizabeth, who’s been here for 20 years. Speaking softly, she leans over a crib where a four-month old boy sleeps peacefully – a victim of shaken-baby syndrome who may have permanent brain damage.

Respite Care of San Antonio is a place where children with special needs and complex medical diagnoses can be safe, loved and cared for in a home-like environment. For children who might otherwise be forgotten, it’s truly a place of miracles.

To help, contact Bert Pfiester at (210) 737-1212. online at respitecaresa.org
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Non Profit Spotlight

Service Above Self

We invite you to consider the Airport Rotary Club as an opportunity to serve our community. Read the following and find out:

What is Rotary? Rotary International is the oldest and largest non-profit service organization in the world with 1.2 million members and over 33,000 clubs in 200 countries.

Is Rotary for you? Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their community while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives.

Why Join Rotary? Some of our 2010-11 District/Club service projects include: Polio Eradication Program which started in 1985 and has immunized 2 billion children worldwide with two drops of vaccine; Group Study Exchange in which teams exchange visits between paired areas in different countries; Education including 11 literacy and two technology projects; Ridgeview Elementary where we’ve provided trees, garden, dictionaries and a health fair; supported Sunshine Cottage and Any Baby Can; provided local sanitation and housing; and in Mexico, provided hearing aids, water purification, ambulance, desert water wells and more.

Rotary membership is by invitation. If you are interested in representing your business/profession, call or email John Gaddis at (210) 494-9449 or jgaddisrotary@gmail.com.

It’s that time of year again, when city staff, our Council Members and the Mayor formulate the preliminary budget that they expect will propel us toward the prosperous San Antonio we all envision.

Voices for Children, a local child advocacy organization, engages hundreds of stakeholders on an ongoing basis to make young children a public policy priority.

Scientific studies confirm, children in high quality early care programs benefit throughout their lifetime and become contributing assets to our community as a whole. They have a higher level of school completion, a lower rate of juvenile arrests, and better paying jobs as adults. Economic benefits to society range from $7 to $9 for every dollar invested.

Research tells us, the single most important factor impacting the quality of care for children is the knowledge and skill set of their caregiver!

A $2 million investment in professional development would have a significant impact on the quality of child care in every council district and enrich the early learning opportunities for some 50,000 children in licensed centers.

Join us. Our actions today will surely create the world of tomorrow. Contact Cam Messina at cmessina@voicessa.org.
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Small Business Connection
Sponsor Spotlight

Small Business: Fighting for Funding

Responsible for 60 percent of job growth over the past 15 years, small businesses are undoubtedly the backbone of the American economy. As these companies have continued to grow and expand, lines of credit have often become their lifeblood.

Yet as our city moves through this challenging economic climate, many small business owners have found that access to their line of credit has either been reduced or eliminated. This leaves owners struggling to find funding, rather than focus their attention on expanding their products and services, growing their business and creating jobs.

However, in the State of Texas, credit union lending to small businesses is up 21 percent. A key player in this effort is Generations Federal Credit Union. Generations has been offering a variety of small business products and services including conventional loans and lines of credit for more than 30 years, and has recently expanded its product line to include SBA loans.

“Our goal is to be a financial advocate for our small business owners as they invest their lives and dreams into San Antonio’s workforce and economy,” said Andrew Wilson, Vice President of Lending at Generations.
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18707 Hardy Oak Blvd., Suite 100

Grand Opening: Tree of Life Learning Center
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Leadership Lab Class of 2011 at retreat.

Leadership Lab volunteers at the retreat held March 3 and 4

Attendees learn how to do business with City, County, State and Federal agencies at the How 2 Seminar on March 31

Renee Watson, Bexar County, discusses Small, Minority, Women owned Business Enterprise certification and contracting with attendees at the How 2 Seminar.

Steve Patti and representatives from generations federal credit union participated in the exhibitor consultation hour following the How 2 Seminar.

Lawrence Morales, Haynes and Boone, presents at the Employment Law Update on March 9.

Ambassadors enjoy a little St. Patrick’s Day fun at the quarterly awards luncheon.

Grand Opening: Whataburger at the Rim
18303 IH-10 West

Grand Opening: Skin Surgery of San Antonio
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Grand Opening: Heathstone Bakery Café
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Water, Energy & Your Future

Learn how you can drive dollars to your business’s bottom line. Gain insight on water and energy conservation programs available to businesses in San Antonio.

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Welcome New North Chamber Members!

The North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following new members. We ask that you make this a part of your membership directory and encourage you to use it as a resource when purchasing products or services.
SMALL BUSINESS LEADERS AWARDS 2011

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Hilton San Antonio - Airport

Congratulations to the Finalists!

Dominic Alongi | Pest Shield Pest Control
Johnny Hernandez | Flavors, LLC
Edward Karasek | Spine & Pain Center of San Antonio
Leanne E. King | SeeKing HR
Ana Maria Lecea | Professional Performance Development Group, Inc.
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Small Business Leader Awards will be presented in these categories:

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Member News

Methodist Healthcare was named one of six recipients of The Texas Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve’s prestigious Pro Patria (for one’s country) Award - the highest recognition the state organization may bestow on an employer in acknowledgement of its programs and policies that go above and beyond statutory requirements in supporting their employees serving in the Reserve components.

PBS&J, the world’s 11th largest design consultant firm, has changed its name to Atkin.

Commercial contractor SpawGlass announced that Fred Raley will step-down as CEO at the end of this year, and he will be succeeded by Joel Stone, who currently serves as vice president of corporate business development. Additionally, SpawGlass was recognized by Training magazine for employer-sponsored workforce training and development, and ranked #42 in the 2011 Training Top 125 list - up 53 spots from 2010.

Zeitgeist Wellness Group founder and president Dr. Patricia E. Adams was an award recipient in two national competitions for her growth and mentoring initiatives - Enterprise Women magazine, 2011 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards for companies with between $5 million and $10 million in sales, and Sterling Bank, San Antonio Inspiring Texas Women.

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