



# NEBA News

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## Welcome Message From The NEBA President

by: **Bill Moore**

Happy New Year! Hopefully, you made our annual Holiday Party, it was a blast. Special thanks to our hostess Maureen Thompson and to Another Broken Egg who supplied the catering.

As this years President, I look forward to the continual expansion of our diverse group of business professionals, retailers and restauranteurs. We originally united for the common good of those businesses located primarily in the northeast section of Tallahassee. NEBA has since expanded its reach and welcomes businesses from every quadrant of Tallahassee.

At the January 8<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting, the following slate of board members will be presented for membership approval:

### **Officers**

- \*Bill Moore- President (Tallahassee State Bank)
- \*Stephen Hogge- President Elect (Attorney legislative staff for Florida House of Representatives)
- \*Carolyn Pippenger – Secretary

(Signprinters)

- \*Mark Trafton- Treasurer (Armor Realty)
- \*Rich Blankenship – Past President (Blankenship & Poppell, CPA's)

### **Directors**

- \*Nancy Burns- Website Chair (Leon County Sheriff's Office)
- \*Peggy Monroe (Mays- Munroe)
- \*Jim Ashlock (Program Chair)
- \*Jerrell Lowery – Membership Chair (State Farm Insurance)
- \*Scott Hunt (Hunt Insurance)
- \*Ted Thomas (Thomas Appraisal & Realty)
- \*Maureen Thompson (Media Options, Inc.)
- \*Cora Ann Chapman
- \*Ben Graybar (Tallahassee State Bank)

NEBA's missions are to enhance Tallahassee's business climate by advancing the interests of small business owners with state and local government officials, to promote local commerce through networking with other business owners and education of our members. This organization strives to assist its members in any issues which may affect small business. The board wants input from you. I urge all members to get involved, bring a

guest to our regular monthly luncheon, and contact board members with questions, ideas or suggestions you may have concerning NEBA. I look forward to 2008 and let's continue to make a difference in our community.

*The North East Business Association would like to wish all of our members a happy, healthy and prosperous 2008!*

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## NEBA News

### Editors:

**Maureen Thompson- Media Options-**  
**Nancy Burns- Leon Co. Sheriff's Office**

The North East Business Association publishes NEBA News bi-monthly. Articles of interest are welcome. Publication of submitted materials is subject to review and space available. Article deadline is the 1st day of the month of publication.

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For additional information phone Maureen Thompson at 850-668-0948 or Nancy Burns at 850-922-3331

# Thanks For The Toys And Money

The NEBA Board would like to take a moment to thank all of you who contributed toys during the NEBA Holiday party on December 11th. There were so many great gifts and money donated that we are sure many children were certainly delighted to receive them.



We are proud to have been a part of Big Brothers and Big Sisters campaign to help out many of the children they so proudly serve for the holidays.

## Job Well Done!

The North East Business Association sends our deepest appreciation to outgoing Board Member Kurt Tellers for his contributions and service to the NEBA. Best of luck to you in your future endeavors.

## Join Us At The Citizen's Academy

The Leon County Sheriff's Office "CITIZEN'S ACADEMY" is about to begin February 19, 2008.

Participants meet one evening a week for 10 weeks. They learn about virtually every aspect of a deputy's job including recruiting, patrol operations, traffic enforcement, criminal law, SWAT and hostage negotiations, corrections and many other areas.

And, the "CITIZEN'S ACADEMY" doesn't limit participants to classroom training. Students are given the opportunity to:

- ride with a deputy during a tour of duty
- tour the Jail facilities and Courthouse
- voluntarily participate in a beam hit and defensive tactics session
- attend a SWAT demonstration at

the Law Enforcement Academy and shoot some of the high powered weapons.

"CITIZEN'S ACADEMY" graduates gain greater awareness and appreciation of the difficult challenges and decisions a deputy sheriff faces every day.

Community involvement is the most powerful force any law enforcement agency has in the fight against crime. Through the "CITIZEN'S ACADEMY", citizens become more involved in making Tallahassee and Leon County a better place to live.

For more information contact (850)922-3323 or visit our website at [LeonCountySheriff'sOffice.com](http://LeonCountySheriff'sOffice.com) to download an application.

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# NEBA Holiday Party

A good time was had by all. We had a lot of delicious food provided by Mike Schmidt and The Broken Egg Cafe and fun socializing with our members. We regret not seeing those who were unable to attend. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and a will have a happy prosperous new year!



Carolyn and Alan Pippenger, Scott and Jeannene Kennedy



Hostess Maureen Thompson and Mike Schmidt



Hope Lisson and Ray Munroe  
(proud grand dad!)



Bill Moore, Rich Blankenship, Barbara Clements,  
Ted and Joan Thomas



David Hinton, Carolyn Pippenger, Nancy  
and Bill Burns, back- Jack Chapman

# Calendar

**NEBA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Lucy Ho's-  
1700 Halstead Blvd.  
from 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.  
Cost is \$9.00 per person**

**January - Preston Scott**, WFLA 100.7 host, topic- the Amendment One property tax reform vote on January 29.

**February 12- Gen. Bob Milligan**, acting director of the State Board of Administration and Insurance Consumer Advocate, topic- the insurance situation in Florida.

**March 11- Al Simpler**, Simpler Solar Systems, Inc., topic- pros and cons of solar energy for businesses and residences.

## Editor's Message

As the New Year begins, we the editors would like to remind all of the members of the North East Business Association that the NEBA NEWS is for your use as a business tool. Please use the newsletter as a forum to address issues, promote a project your business may be involved in or to discuss business topics fellow NEBA members might find of interest. We also appreciate guest writers who submit articles relating to small business issues.

We would like to encourage all of you to invite a neighboring business owner to attend our meetings and join the North East Business Association. May your business prosper in the coming year.

Nancy and Maureen

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