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## Round Rock Chamber of Commerce - Annual banquet



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Round Rock is a growing and thriving community. With growth brings added challenges and opportunities. The Round Rock Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Partnership strive to bring the community a healthy economic climate and a better quality of life.

This year, the chamber is focusing on strengthening and connecting with the community's small businesses by "making the connection." The objective is to determine the needs of the small business owner by providing a forum to address entrepreneurial issues.

The chamber offers many programs and tools to help investors grow, save money and maximize their benefits. Last year the chamber and Economic Development Partnership held small business seminars ranging from doing business with the school district to communicating effectively.

The Round Rock Chamber of Commerce is not just a membership organization but also a tool for businesses to use. The Electric Coalition Program was designed by Fox, Smolen & Associates to save Chamber business investors on their electric rates. The estimated savings for active contracts is \$158,755.

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, the chamber hosted the Annual Chamber Banquet and recognized the individuals and businesses who have contributed their time and effort to make 2007 such a great success.



Will Peckham, Noon Rotary Club -  
Philanthropic Innovation Award



Steve Laukhuf, Team Stunners - Drive  
Renewal Award



Geneva Whitlow, in honor of her late husband, Bunky Whitlow - Philanthropic Service Award



Congressman John Carter's family receives award (Carter not present) - Lifetime Achievement Award



John and Judy Avery and Charles and Beth Avery - Citizens of the Year



Writ Baese - Outstanding New Member of the Year



Scott Swindell - Outstanding Member of the Year



Chasco Constructors - Business of the Year



Chisholm Trail Financial Group - Small Business of the Year

Larry Killen - Ambassador of the Year and Chairman's Award

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