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River Region Chamber of Commerce Board Members Participated in Orientation Session

LA PLACE, Louisiana – February 2, 2009 – The 2009 Board of Directors for the River Region Chamber of Commerce participated in an orientation seminar conducted on Thursday, January 22nd.

Six (6) officers: Chesley Cashio, AM-PM Staffing Services; Rhonda Hotard, Louisiana Federal Credit Union; Henry Friloux, Echo Ventures; Robert Monti, Quality Janitorial & Restoration Service; and Dayna Parker, Workforce Alliance and fourteen (14) board members: Adam Bodin, Good Housekeeping Stores; Sheila Young Butler, Entergy – Reserve; Charlotte Dupre', River Parishes Hospital; Ray Dussold, Marathon Petroleum Company; Penny Freeman, Preferred Home Mortgage; Blaise Gravois, Gravois Construction; Louise Liliedahl, Aegis Construction; John Little, International Matex Tank Terminals; Kent Lomax, St. John Business Association; Matt Lundy, Rewarding Events & Incentives; Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office; Ralph Phillip, Valero St. Charles Refinery; Mary Ellen Pratt, St. James Parish Hospital; and Doug Rhodes, Entergy – New Orleans were in attendance.

Bonnie Dubin, Owner of Motivate Me, Inc. conducted the two-hour seminar geared towards communication styles and team behavior. Board members participated in a series of game playing which inspired teamwork and allowed them to learn more about each others' personalities.

Per the bylaws, board members participate in an orientation and retreat annually. "These seminars are used to help re-energize and ignite momentum amongst the team. Each person can walk away not only with professional growth, more importantly, personal growth." – Chassity McComack. The Chamber will benefit greatly from the added knowledge, skills, and abilities of all the board members. This activity was part of the continuing thrust of the River Region Chamber of Commerce to strengthen its leadership and expand its capacity.

Nominations to serve on the Board of Directors are held in the fall. If you are interested in learning how to get more involved, contact Chassity McComack, Executive Director, at chassity@riverregionchamber.org or 985-359-9777.

About the River Region Chamber of Commerce

The River Region Chamber of Commerce's mission is to grow, strengthen, and unify businesses throughout St. Charles, St. James, and St. John parishes. Key principles of operation are to serve and represent all businesses in the River Region and to be supportive of other business development and community service organizations in the parish. The work of the Chamber is carried out by three staff people and the tireless efforts of a core group of dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about the Chamber or wish to become involved, please visit www.riverregionchamber.org or call 985-359-9777.

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Seated: Penny Freeman, Rhonda Hotard, Chassity McComack, & Bonnie Dubin

1st Row Standing: Kent Lomax, Sheila Young Butler, Greg Maurin, Dayna Parker, & Louise Liliedahl

2nd Row Standing: Mary Ellen Pratt, Ralph Phillip, Robert Monti, Adam Bodin, Henry Friloux, Ray Dussold, Doug Rhodes, Matt Lundy, Chesley Cashio, John Little, Charlotte Dupre', and Blaise Gravois