

Leadership Southeast Texas Class of 2005

The Finale... Southeast Texas: Nine Counties Strong with Ties that Bind us

Session IV and Graduation

Bolivar is bursting out all over: How'd it happen?

Thursday, May 19, 2005 * 7:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

An Economic Development Windshield Bus Tour

Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza, Winnie, High Island Bird Sanctuaries

Bolivar Peninsula in Galveston County

Stingaree Restaurant & Marina in Crystal Beach

7:15 a.m. Registration, Coffee & Your Wearable Art Orders

LSET Panama Hats available for purchase (\$25.00)

7:30 a.m. Bleary-Eyed Welcome & Overview of Day Ahead

- Dennis Isaacs, LSET Chair
- Kim McMurray, LSET Program Co—Chair

Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza Convention Center, South End Parking Lot & Foyer

<http://ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/direction/bptwd>

7:41 a.m. Tour Buses Depart from Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza

Chartered Buses sponsored by TOTAL Petrochemicals USA, Inc., Port Arthur

www.totalpetrochemicals.com

7:42 a.m. Boxed Breakfast "on-the-road" to Winnie

Breakfast sponsored by Gulf Coast Bank with locations in Baytown, Winnie & Fannett

<http://www.GCBankTX.com>

Catering by Rao's Bakery Coffee & Café www.raosbakery.com

Windshield Discussion Leaders:

- Gerri Lawing '05, Jasper Economic Development Corp. (JEDCO)
- Laura Clark '05, CPA, Edgar, Kiker & Cross PC, Orange
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Putting what you've learned during LSET into use in your communities &

counties:

*Orientation - Economic Development Game; Session I - Texas Legislative Overview;
Session II - Health Care & Costs; Session III – SETX Image & Community Branding*

8:15 a.m. Participant pick-up & "comfort-after-breakfast coffee" stop

McDonald's in Winnie on IH-10 South at FM 1663 Access Rd & Hwy 124 Intersection

Welcome to Winnie & Texas Rice Festival mementoes

- 8:30 a.m. E.D. (Economic Development) Buses depart for High Island on Hwy 124**
○ Step-On Guides & World-class Bolivar Ambassadors: Anne Willis '99, Keith Zahar '99

- 9:00 a.m. Houston Audubon Society Bird Sanctuaries (Boy Scout Woods & Smith Oaks) in High Island** <http://www.houstonaudubon.org>
○ Winnie Burkett, Audubon Society Guide, assisted by her winged friends

**Receive your copy of new publication, *Bolivar Gulf Coast Peninsula*, A. Pat Daniels
Courtesy of Anne Willis, Swede's Real Estate www.swedesrealestate.com**

- 10:30 a.m. Bolivar Peninsula windshield tour along Hwy. 87 ...sights & sounds of booming improvements... commentary by Anne & Keith**
New businesses, new Galveston County sub-courthouse annex, chamber of commerce, new residential development projects, Rollover Pass & erosion / beach nourishment (Joe Faggard Coastal Erosion Act), new peninsula water system, new school construction, recreation and festivals, more birding at Mud Flats, recently re-opened medical clinic, new Ferry landings, Fort Travis history and more
Mid-morning snack bag courtesy of Gulf Coast Bank

- 11:15 a.m. Buses arrive at Stingaree Restaurant on Intracoastal Canal**
<http://crystalbeach.com/wayout/locale.htm>
<http://crystalbeach.com/wayout/Stingaree/george.html>

- 11:30 a.m. Bolivar Boom: How it happened...and lunch buffet**
- Welcome & Recognition of Session Sponsors & Planning Committee, Dennis Isaacs
 - Bill Heuman, Principal of under-construction Crenshaw elementary school
 - Anne Willis, President, Bolivar Peninsula Chamber
 - Jerry Mohn, Chair, Galveston Chamber of Commerce & W. Galveston Island Homeowners Assn.
 - John Lee, Jr. Galveston Co. Office of Emergency Management & Beach Erosion Task Force
 - Garrett Foskit, R.S., Galveston Co. Health Department

Lunch & Graduation Refreshments sponsored by:

- **Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce** www.bolivarchamber.org
- **Jerry Parker Realty** www.jerryparkerrealty.com
- **Laguna Harbor** www.lagunaharbor.com
- **Mary Ellen Smith, Beach or Bay Real Estate** www.MaryEllenSmith.com
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12:45 p.m. Windshield Tour Continues...Keith & Anne show rolls on!

Laguna Harbor welcome & briefing by Jim Hayes, Partner

Drive-by of Biscayne Beach development & under-construction Crenshaw Elementary School

2:00 p.m. What's Next for Bolivar...an Open Discussion

Ask questions and identify solutions...how to make similar "booms" a reality in my community / county/ our SETX region?

Facilitated by Kim McMurray and Dennis Isaacs

**3:00 p.m. Session IV Wrap-up, Comments Forms & Graduation
Stingaree Restaurant "Down Under"**

- Reflections on 2005, Dennis Isaacs '99, LSET Chair
- Session Wrap-up, Kim McMurray '00, Program Co-Chair
- LSET Contribution to Tom Jackson '05 Memorial Endowment, Lamar University, Dr. Brenda Nichols '05
- Greetings from Gary Biehslich '05, Vice-Chair POST Board
- POST "State of the Region" & LSET, Steve Buser, CEO/President, POST
- Presentation of Graduation Certificates, Dennis Isaacs and Nelson Bernard, Treasurer

4:00 p.m. Buses Depart for Winnie/Beaumont...Networking or Napping

5:30 p.m. Class of 2005 Adjournment...congratulations!

Friends of Session IV

- * McDonalds at Winnie * Texas Rice Festival * Houston Audubon Society * Gulf Coast Market *
- * Hazel's RV Park at Rollover Pass * Galveston County Sub-Court House *
- * Gilchrist Volunteer Fire Department * Rao's Bakery Coffee Café *

Session IV Planning Committee

- * Anne Willis, Keith Zahar, Debbie Smith, Bonnie Parker, Judge Pat Vondra, Margo Johnson, Eddie Oehlers *
- * Alana Adams (Bolivar Chamber), Scott Hale, Houston Sliger, Kim McMurray, Tom Henry, Dennis Isaacs *
- * POST staff and LSET - Bessie Chisum*

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