



**UPPER  
LAFAYETTE**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
FOUNDATION

**Upcoming Events**

**Meetings for 2010**

- January 13, 11:30 a.m.
- March 17, 11:30 a.m.
- May 19, 11:30 a.m.
- July 21, 11:30 a.m.
- September 15, 11:30 a.m.
- November 17, 11:30 a.m.

**UPPER LAFAYETTE  
BOUNDARIES**



**ULEDF Board of  
Directors & Staff**

- Dr. Ross Judice, President*
- Ed Krampe, V. President*
- Adrian Baudoin, Sec/Treas.*
- Todd Citron, Past Pres.*
- Don Dupuis*
- Andre Moreau*
- Beau Phares*
- Dwight Prudhomme*
- Dwight "Bo" Ramsay*
- Herbert Schilling*
- Monty Warren*
- Jan Swift, Director*

**UPPER LAFAYETTE ON THE MOVE....**

**ULEDF TO INSTALL 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As Upper Lafayette Economic Development Foundation has grown, so has its reach into the business community. We are proud to announce our 2010 Board of Directors:

*Dr. Ross Judice*, President (Acadian Ambulance); *Mr. Ed Krampe*, Vice President (McDonald's of Acadiana); *Mr. Adrian Baudoin*, Sec/Treasurer (Acadiana Computer Systems); *Mr. Todd Citron*, Immediate Past-President (Hub City Ford); *Mr. Don Dupuis* (Acadiana Computer Systems); *Mr. Andre Moreau* (Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center); *Mr. Beau Phares* (MidSouth Bank); *Mr. Dwight Prudhomme* (Republic National Distributing Company); *Mr. Dwight (Bo) Ramsay* (Aries Marine); *Mr. Herbert Schilling* (Schilling Distributing Company); and *Mr. Monty Warren* (Valor Commercial Real Estate).

Please join us at our January 13, 2010 meeting to be held at 106 Oak Way Lane (McDonald's Headquarters) and have the opportunity to meet our new board members, Andre Moreau and Dwight Prudhomme, as well as to enjoy a spirited discussion on Entrepreneurship moderated by Dr. Joby John, UL's Moody School of Business, with discussions by Mr. Ed Krampe (McDonald's of Acadiana) and Tom Cox (Golfballs.com) about what it takes to work your way to the top. Lunch is being generously underwritten by McDonald's of Acadiana, and the opportunity to meet with friends and colleagues is priceless! We hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Jan Swift at 572-9877 Ext. 108 or [jan@upperlafayette.com](mailto:jan@upperlafayette.com).

**Letter from the President : Dr. Ross Judice, Acadian Ambulance**



I believe in Lafayette. I grew up in Upper Lafayette. Teachers and coaches at Teurlings Catholic High School inspired me. They gave me the tools to be successful at USL and later Tulane Medical School. My three younger brothers and two younger sisters were graduates of Northside High. They are now an engineer, nurse anesthetist, nurse, counselor, and mother of five. We are all proud that we grew up near the corner of Moss Street and Mudd Avenue near the old N.P. Moss elementary school. Two brothers and one sister still live in the neighborhood. I also choose to live in Upper Lafayette off of Moss Street and I am lucky enough to work here on North University. Why do I mention all of this? I am proud of this area called Upper Lafayette. It was a great place to grow up. It is a great place to live and work. It has great potential for the future.

Here's a little secret. Sshhh...don't tell anyone...but I dread driving to the other side of town. Sure, there are some great businesses there and some great reasons to go there, but let's face it, the growth there preceded the infrastructure necessary to sustain that growth. My hope for Upper Lafayette is that we keep this a great place to live and work. I hope that we are thoughtful and deliberate about how we manage growth, opportunities and challenges. My hope for the Upper Lafayette Economic Development Foundation is that we can be a thoughtful and deliberative instrument for change - that we can leverage the great minds and hearts of our membership to shepherd positive development for our area.

I proudly represent Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. on the ULEDF board. As the Chief Medical Officer, I spend my days making sure we provide quality patient care. I really love my job and working with medics. I am married to Robin~an amazing wife and running coach. We have three dogs and two cats.

I would like to thank Todd Citron, outgoing board president, for his service to our cause. During the past year under Todd's leadership, ULEDF solidified its role as the preeminent spokesperson for Upper Lafayette. I look forward to working with Jan, the Board, and all the membership this coming year. I am really excited about our upcoming strategic planning that will set a vision and goals for 2010 so that we can bring value to the organization.

# UPPER LAFAYETTE ON THE MOVE....

## Schilling Family Opens International Trucks of Acadiana

International Trucks of Acadiana ("ITA") is the new dealer for Navistar Inc, which manufactures International, the number one brand of medium, heavy and severe duty trucks. The service department at ITA handles all makes of commercial trucks and performs warranty work on CAT and Cummins engines. The company is located at 2835 NW Evangeline Thruway in Upper Lafayette!

International Trucks of Acadiana is owned by the Schilling Family. Herbert Schilling stated, "This is a natural extension for our business model; we have been a wholesaler for beer, now we are a wholesaler for trucks. We recognized many years ago the outstanding quality of International Trucks and converted our fleet of medium and heavy duty trucks to International, exclusively".

Scott Schilling, the general manager, stated, "We acquired an outstanding franchise, but more importantly an employee base that is unmatched in the truck dealerships." The ITA team is led by Matt Randazzo, Seth Williams, George Philley, Les Ethridge, Curtis Baudoin, and Marjorie Guidry. International Trucks of Acadiana promises to provide the best in service, warranty, and parts along with selling the best trucks on the road today. ULEDF wishes the Schillings and ITA the best of success in this new endeavor!



## 1st Annual Black Business Expo Showcases Local Businesses



The 1st Annual Black Business Expo was held on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at the Domingue Center on Mudd Street in Lafayette. Organized by The State of Greater Black Lafayette, LCG Parks & Recreation, 100 Black Men of Greater Lafayette, and the Greater SWL Black Chamber of Commerce, the event attracted over 40 local business interests. The timing of the event in mid-December was perfect for those wishing to shop for exquisite Christmas gifts, as well as an opportunity to learn more about what local proprietors have to offer year round. Judging from the oversized crowd present that day, the event was a huge success!

ULEDF's John Milton, an attorney who is also active in the groups which organized the expo, indicated that this is just the beginning; the hope is to grow the event and offer black businesses an annual opportunity to highlight the services they have to offer.

Pictured above are (l to r): Sam Flugence, Susannah Malbreaux, John Milton, Nedra Epps and Alanda Cormier, key organizers of the exposition.

*Upper Lafayette Economic Development Foundation is an association of proactive individuals and business leaders, joined together to be a catalyst for change. The Foundation's mission is to enhance and direct the positive, planned growth of Upper Lafayette, focusing on quality of life, while participating in the overall development of the Greater Lafayette Metropolitan Area. Contact [jan@upperlafayette.com](mailto:jan@upperlafayette.com) for more information.*

Anyone desiring more information about our foundation is encouraged to call Jan Swift at (337)572-9877 Ext. 108 or email [jan@upperlafayette.com](mailto:jan@upperlafayette.com). Also, please visit [www.upperlafayette.com](http://www.upperlafayette.com) for a membership application and brochure.

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