

From: Steve Steele, Estacada Area Chamber of Commerce President



To: Chamber Members

Subject: Quarterly Message from the President—Big Shoes to Fill

On January 10, 2009, I was bestowed the honor of being elected the Estacada Area Chamber of Commerce President for the 2009 calendar year. I would like to thank the diligent and selfless hard work of our outgoing President, Rob Gaskill. I've had the privilege of watching him lead in building the Chamber of Commerce in the positive direction it sits today.

I come to this position with a city poised for a bright future and the challenge of leading an organization in that same direction during these tough economic times. I plan to diligently work to do everything I can to help in building this community.

My personal goals for 2009 are to have more contact with members of the Chamber by building upon the Good Morning/Evening Estacada, having a quarterly letter from me with the current direction of where the Chamber is at and what is up and coming for the Chamber. This letter will be on our website, www.estacadachamber.org. I plan on networking with other groups in Estacada with the hope of building upon the fantastic events that our town offers. These events bring tourist, and locals, into town. We need to figure out how to keep them here to do business.

Many of our local businesses are suffering in this hard economic time and I do not want to see other businesses close or move out of the area. My goal is to get our community and the outlying areas to shop and do business in Estacada. We, as a community, can do this! The Chamber of Commerce Board members are working diligently and volunteering countless hours doing all we can to help the businesses in the Estacada area succeed.

As your President I promise you that I'm always listening. I want your business and event to succeed and grow. I want to hear about your ideas or your frustrations. By brainstorming together we can all think outside the box.

I'm blessed to have a business in this community, live in this community and raise a family in this community. I look forward to a positive year.

Sincerely,

STEVE STEELE
Chamber President
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