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Burke addresses Chamber luncheon

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SEMINOLE – Ken Burke, Pinellas County clerk of the circuit court, provided an overview of Pinellas County finances July 17 when he was the guest speaker at the monthly luncheon of the Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce.

Among other information, Burke explained that he is the chief financial officer of Pinellas County government and his office receives and disperses all money to the county.

Among his many responsibilities, Burke said, is to invest all county money, which is currently about \$700 million in investments.

In other news:

- Chamber president Harold "Doc" Kinsey announced the next Chamber After Hours networking session is Thursday, July 24, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Panama Canal Museum, 7985 113th St., Suite 100.

- The date for the chamber's annual Installation dinner at the Wine Cellar Restaurant is Saturday, January 10, 2009.

- The chamber plans a fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Seminole campus of St. Petersburg College. Details will be forthcoming.

- The date for the chamber's 23rd annual golf tournament is Thursday, Oct. 23, at Seminole Lake Country Club. The format is a scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$125 a player or \$500 per foursome. Sponsorships are available for \$50, \$100, \$250, \$650 and \$1,200. An awards dinner will follow the tournament at 6 p.m. Call 392-3245.

- The chamber's annual Assist A Child back-to-school supply drive is under way. Persons wishing to donate supplies for needy kids should drop them off at the chamber office, 8400 113th St. N. Among the items needed are pencils, erasers, pocket folders, three-ring notebook binders, spiral notebooks, wide-ruled notebook paper, Post-it Notes, safety scissors, glue sticks, rulers, highlighters, backpacks and facial tissues.

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Ken Burke, Pinellas County clerk of the circuit court, was the guest speaker at the monthly luncheon of the Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce July 17 at Banquet Masters.

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