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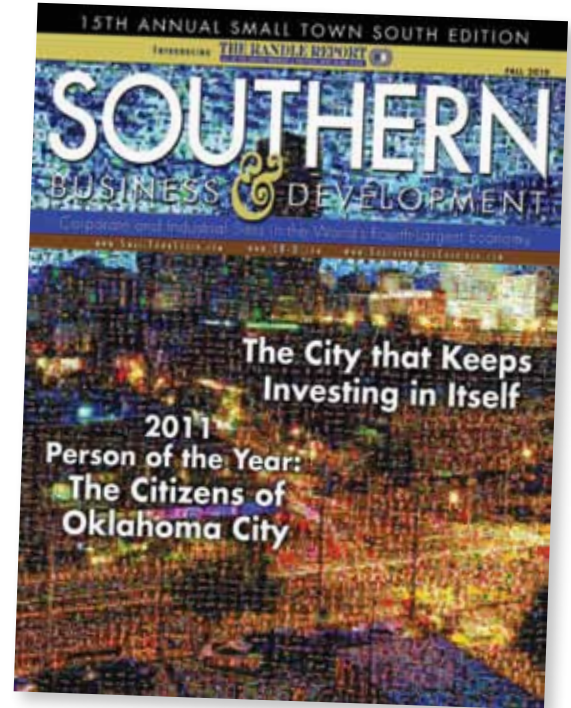
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## OKC CITIZENS CHOSEN AS 2011 PERSON OF THE YEAR

Oklahoma City citizens can pat themselves on the back for a job well-done. Pick up a copy of *Southern Business & Development* magazine and you will see why. The citizens of Oklahoma City nabbed the January cover story – “2011 Person of the Year.” The writer, Mike Randle, admitted this choice was a little unorthodox.

“We realize that the citizens of Oklahoma City are not a ‘person’ to recognize in our annual “Person of the Year” cover story. But when we asked several in-the-know economic developers and politicians in Oklahoma City which ‘person’ is most responsible for the success the city has earned over the years, none of them could identify a single ‘person,’” said Randle. “They all had the same answer: **the citizens of Oklahoma City are responsible.**”

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## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES SET FOR 2011

The 2011 Legislative Session begins in February. The Chamber’s Board of Directors has adopted a comprehensive set of legislative priorities for the 2011 session, including the following:

### AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

The Chamber supports legislation to allow state bonds to be issued (to match privately raised funds) to ensure the timely completion of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### EDGE Fund

The Chamber advocates protecting the EDGE endowment fund from being eliminated or borrowed from, and supports identifying a permanent funding source that will ultimately allow the EDGE Fund to reach \$1 billion.

### Research and Development

The Chamber supports funding for programs currently managed by OCAST. We will also oppose all efforts to unreasonably restrict the continued development of the state’s bioscience and research programs and will support efforts to foster an environment that is conducive to further research.

### Economic Development Incentives

The Chamber supports retaining the state’s “premier economic development incentives” that are critical in attracting new businesses to the Greater Oklahoma City area and in providing existing businesses an economic incentive to expand. These incentive programs separate the state from what other states and competing locations are offering.

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# LEADERSHIP NOTES

## Engaging in Our City's Future

We begin 2011 on a high-note – with Southern Business Development magazine honoring the citizens of Oklahoma City as their 2011 Person of the Year. This award is further proof that our city has come a long way and has surpassed the expectations of many.

It took every single one of us to get to where we are today. And your involvement went far beyond your “yes” votes for the many initiatives that helped change the face of our city. It is because our citizens are truly committed to our city. They serve on advisory boards, donate of their time and money, and trust the planning process that leads to transformational projects. Without the active engagement in all arenas of our community, I’m sure we would have seen some success in our efforts, but I doubt we would have seen the tremendous results that surround us today.

Moving forward, as our current plans develop and as new ideas come to light, it is vital that we sustain the solid vision and relentless execution that helped us achieve our goals thus far. Our city and community still have so much to achieve. And to get there, we must renew our commitment to our city and its bright future.

The Chamber enters 2011 with a renewed commitment to making Oklahoma City a great place to live, work, play and visit. We will strive to create a strong business climate through our work with the legislature as well as through our economic development efforts. We will also place great focus on improving public education in our community. It is vital that we make changes at the state level that give greater local control over their processes while also encouraging and rewarding innovation and reform. We will, of course, continue our work in a variety of other areas, but these three are the most critical to our momentum.

We can only be successful with the help and support of the business community. The tasks that are in front of us might not be easy, but I urge you to get engaged as we work to tackle these issues. Whether it’s attending planning meetings for the MAPS 3 projects, getting involved in our local school districts, volunteering your time or looking at investment opportunities in some of our up-and-coming areas, there are roles we can all play. Our past has shown that by working together, we can build a great city.

I know that if we work together to achieve our goals, the success we’re seeing around us today is just a drop in the bucket for what is to come. Thank you for your continued support of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and our shared vision for the future of this great city.

Sincerely,



Roy H. Williams

Chamber CEO & President



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# RECRUIT OKLAHOMA'S BEST & BRIGHTEST



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Randle cites the citizens' commitment to improving the city as the reason for the city's "complete transformation." From the originals MAPS in 1993 to MAPS 3 in 2009, the article looks at the many initiatives Oklahoma City citizens passed to improve the city.

"After losing a bid for a United Airlines Center due to the fact that none of its employees wanted to live in Oklahoma City, the citizens of Oklahoma City stepped up to the plate and agreed to tax themselves to change their city."

The article also recognizes Oklahoma City citizens for their commitment to the city through the investment of time. Most recently Oklahoma City was ranked No. 5 for volunteerism.

Most importantly, the article gives recognition to the people responsible for the city's recent success and progress – the citizens.

"Whether a time of crisis, such as the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal building or a time of economic uncertainty, such as the recent recession, Oklahoma City Citizens do not shy away from doing what is best for their hometown. They have a proven history of joining together and saying YES to their city's future. I'm not sure there are many other cities who can say the same," the article states.

To read the article in full, visit [www.okcchamber.com/citizens](http://www.okcchamber.com/citizens).

## CORRECTION

In the December issue of The POINT! newsletter, the names of **Lindy Ritz**, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center – FAA; and **William G. Thurman, M.D.** – both members of the Board of Directors – were misspelled. Life Members of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, **J.W. McLean** and **George Nigh**, IBC Bank, were erroneously omitted, as were the Ambassador Chair, **Josh Parsons**, Redbud Financial Group, LLC – The Guardian; and 2011 Total Resource Development Campaign Co-Chair, **Richard Tanenbaum**, Gardner Tanenbaum Holdings.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## STATE OF THE CITY: JAN. 13

Find out what's in store for the metro this year. Keynote speaker, **Mayor Mick Cornett**, will give his "State of the City" address during a luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Cox Convention Center, One Myriad Gardens. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the



program runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also speaking is 2011 Chamber Chair Carl Edwards, Price Edwards & Company, who will share highlights of the Chamber's major strategic objectives.

Admission is \$50 for Chamber members and \$75 for non-members. Corporate tables seating 10 are also available for \$1,000 each. Special thanks to Signature Sponsor, Oklahoma City Thunder.



## LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST: JAN. 27

Hear from state legislative leadership during a panel discussion on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 7:30

to 9 a.m. at the Oklahoma City Marriott Hotel, 3222 N.W. Expressway. This breakfast is the perfect opportunity for Chamber members to become engaged in the legislative process and learn about issues impacting the business community.

Tickets for the event are \$40 for Chamber members and \$45 for non-members. Each ticket sold sponsors the attendance of an elected official. Special thanks to Government Relations Sponsors: The Boeing Company, Cox Communications and OGE Energy Corp., as well as to Government Relations Benefactors AT&T Oklahoma, Chesapeake Energy Corporation and Devon Energy Corporation.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register securely online at [www.okcchamber.com/events](http://www.okcchamber.com/events)

### January 11

#### Member Orientation

Time: 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Location: Chamber offices, 123 Park Ave.

Cost: Admission is free. To register, contact Christine Soileau at [csoileau@okcchamber.com](mailto:csoileau@okcchamber.com).

### January 11

#### Sunset Reception

Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Location: Fairfield Inn & Suites, 4521 S.W. 15th St.

Cost: No cost to attend. RSVP not required.

### January 13

#### State of the City

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Cox Convention Center, One Myriad Gardens

Cost: \$50 for members, \$75 for non-members; Corporate tables seating 10 available for \$1,000

### January 25

#### Sunset Reception

Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn North - Quail Springs, 13800 Quail Springs Parkway

Cost: No cost to attend. RSVP not required.

### January 27

#### Legislative Breakfast

Time: 7:30 - 9 a.m.

Location: Oklahoma City Marriott Hotel, 3233 N.W. Expressway

Cost: \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members. Cost sponsors one elected official.

### February 2

#### MegaLunch

Time: 11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Location: The Sheraton Oklahoma City, One N. Broadway Ave.

Cost: \$35 for members; Reservations must be made within 72 hours of the event by e-mailing [resiter@okcchamber.com](mailto:resiter@okcchamber.com).

### February 15

#### Sunset Reception

Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Location: Procure Proton Therapy Center, 5901 W. Memorial Road

Cost: No cost to attend. RSVP not required.

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# SUNSET RECEPTION: JAN. 25

The Chamber's Sunset Receptions are a great place to increase your business contacts while enjoying complimentary food and drinks. **Stop by Holiday Inn-Quail Springs, 13800 Quail Springs Parkway, for some after-hours networking on at the Sunset Reception, Tuesday, Jan. 25 from 4 to 6 p.m.** Don't miss the opportunity to network with some of Greater Oklahoma City's business community. RSVP not required.



# MEGALUNCH: FEB. 2

MegaLunch is a fast-paced networking event, held exclusively for Chamber members. With an intensive format organized by a computer rotation schedule, attendees have 90 seconds to pitch their organization at multiple tables in order to make new connections.

**MegaLunch takes place Wednesday, Feb. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at The Sheraton Oklahoma City, One N. Broadway Ave.** Due to the unique format of this event, only one person from each member company may attend. Reservations must be made within 72 hours of the event. Special thanks to Host Sponsor, The Sheraton Oklahoma City.

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The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber worked with the City of Oklahoma City to secure this project which will create a central location for BCBS's new sales and marketing business unit servicing multiple states in the region. **The total estimated economic impact of the project is more than \$52 million over the first three years.** The estimated local sales tax and property tax revenue is expected to exceed \$158,000 over the first three year period.

As the state's oldest and largest private health insurer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma and its related subsidiaries provide benefit plans for more than 600,000 Oklahomans.

HCSC currently employs over 17,000 people and is the largest customer-owned health insurer in the United States.

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# CO-CHAIRS PREPARING FOR 2011 CAMPAIGN

With 2011 barely underway, new co-chairs for the Total Resource Development Campaign (TRDC) are wasting no time getting ready to lead volunteers. Co-chairs Rhonda Hooper, president and CEO of Jordan Associates, and Dick Tanenbaum, CEO of Gardner Tanenbaum Holdings, will kick off this year's 12-week campaign on Wednesday, May 4.

Last year, more than 100 volunteers raised more than \$2.3 million. For more information or to volunteer, contact Elena Listen, member development manager, at [elisten@okcchamber.com](mailto:elisten@okcchamber.com) or 297-8808.

## GET INVOLVED!

TRDC Prospective Volunteer Information Sessions are the perfect place to find out more about TRDC and meet other prospective volunteers. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for:

### Tuesday, February 22, 2011

12 to 1 pm, INTEGRIS Cancer Institute of Oklahoma, 5911 W. Memorial Rd.

### Thursday, March 31, 2011

4 to 5 pm, INTEGRIS Cancer Institute of Oklahoma, 5911 W. Memorial Rd.

RSVP to Elena Listen at [elisten@okcchamber.com](mailto:elisten@okcchamber.com) or 297-8808.



*Rhonda Hooper and Dick Tanenbaum will co-chair the 2011 TRDC.*

Here's what other volunteers have said about their experiences with TRDC:

"If you care about the direction in which our city is going and want to be a part of making it an even better place to live, work and play, TRDC is a great way to get involved. Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something and TRDC lets you combine individual efforts and make a huge impact in Greater Oklahoma City."  
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# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES SET FOR 2011 CONT. FROM PAGE 1

The Chamber will oppose attempts to change, sunset or repeal the following: The Quality Jobs Act (QJA), The 21st Century QJA, The Small Employer QJA and the Prime Contractor QJA. The Chamber supports the immediate reinstatement of the Aerospace Engineer Tax Credit.

The Chamber also supports protecting Oklahoma's "foundational incentive programs"—basic incentives offered by virtually every other state and competing location. Without these programs, Oklahoma will not be considered a viable location by many companies: five-year ad valorem tax abatement and sales tax exemption, the Freeport (Inventory) Exemption and the Investment/New Jobs Tax Credit.

The Chamber also supports the retention of several "industry specific incentives" and Tax Credit Programs that are necessary for the growth and development of industries important to Oklahoma's economic future.

The Chamber supports additional transparency on all incentive and tax credit programs to generate increased confidence and bring accountability to those programs.

## **Liquor Laws**

The Chamber will work with all significant stakeholders to examine the consequences and benefits of modifying the state's liquor laws to allow for the sale of wine in grocery stores (and other changes).

## **EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

### **Transformational Education Reform**

We support full implementation of legislation passed in 2010 but encourages Oklahoma to seek innovative ways to create competition and improve school performance, including the creation of an in-state competitive program that allows local districts to apply for funding of new and innovative programs that will improve performance and accountability.

### **Expansion of School Choice and Charter Schools**

The Chamber supports continued improvements to the Oklahoma Charter School law that will facilitate creation of more education choices for families. Most importantly, we support legislative and administrative reforms that create innovative solutions to charter school infrastructure funding obstacles.

### **Teacher Performance (Due Process Reform)**

The Chamber supports removing restrictions on a school district's ability to terminate bad or low performing employees, as well as those who engage in inappropriate behavior and actions, by removing the right to a trial de novo, and allow for accountable at will employment in Oklahoma schools.

### **Enable Partnerships with Early Childhood Programs**

The Chamber encourages the OKC School district and all other districts to implement all-day pre-kindergarten for every child. In order to achieve this goal schools must create partnerships with local businesses and non-profit groups. We support legislation that will protect partners from unnecessary risk due to liability issues.

### **Increased Instruction Time**

The Chamber believes it is important to increase the amount of time spent on classroom instruction. We support increasing the number of instructional days beyond the currently required 175 days. We also support implementation of strategies to help schools utilize time more efficiently and increase the time spent "on-task."

### **Higher Education**

Increasing the number of college graduates in Oklahoma will increase our per capita income and strengthen our economy. The Chamber supports higher education funding as growth revenue is available and support leaving the tuition-setting authority with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The Endowed Chairs program provides state funding to match private contributions for teaching and research professorships. The Chamber supports finding a solution to help the state meet the commitment to match private contributions.

### **Higher Education – Campus Safety**

The Chamber continues to oppose efforts to permit the carrying of concealed weapons on college campuses.

## **HEALTH CARE**

### **Medicaid**

The Chamber supports a long-term solution, such as a provider fee, to address full reimbursement funding for Medicaid services provided by hospitals to the federal upper payment limit and no less than 100% of Medicare rates for physicians.

The Chamber opposes fees that are unreasonably burdensome on Oklahoma businesses.

### **Wellness**

The Chamber supports the repeal of state pre-emption laws in an effort to increase the wellness of Oklahomans and decrease the cost of health care.

### **Workforce**

The Chamber supports incentives and appropriate funding of state medical schools to enhance the number of Primary Care Physicians and Allied Health professionals in rural and underserved urban areas.



*During the 2011 Legislative Session, the Chamber will focus on issues including economic development, education, transportation, and others.*

The Chamber also supports closing the tax loophole on smokeless tobacco to fully fund the state's physician student loan repayment program.

## **IMMIGRATION REFORM**

The Chamber opposes illegal immigration. We support an improved immigration process that promotes the ability of students and workers to enter the U.S. lawfully and allows employers to accurately verify the status of an employee through a federal database.

The Chamber believes that immigration policy should be set by the federal government and supports comprehensive reform at that level. Accordingly, the Chamber opposes additional immigration reform at the state level.

## **LAWSUIT REFORM**

The Chamber supports major lawsuit reform, including:

- Elimination of joint and several liability
- Hard cap on non-economic damages
- Class action lawsuit reform
- Product liability reform
- Legislation appropriating money to the Indemnity Fund to purchase insurance to pay non-economic damage awards in excess of \$400,000 in professional negligence cases.
- Additional reform that will address the rising cost of health care and the rising cost of liability insurance.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **I-40 Cross-town Realignment**

The Chamber will work with the Congressional Delegation, ODOT, and the City of Oklahoma City to secure the funding necessary to complete the Downtown Boulevard by 2014.

The Chamber will advocate for funding and completion of

- the Lincoln/Byers project to connect Bricktown to the Oklahoma River and Boathouse Row by 2011.
- the I-40 Cross-town realignment mainline by 2012.
- the teardown of the elevated portion of the existing I-40 Cross-town by 2013.

### **Federal Highway Trust Fund**

The Chamber will work with ODOT, the City of Oklahoma City and our Congressional Delegation to secure a permanent funding solution for the Federal Highway Trust Fund and seek to permanently reverse Oklahoma's long-time status as a donor state. The Chamber also supports the reauthorization of the multi-year Surface Transportation Act.

### **Major Interchanges**

The Chamber will advocate for funding and completing work on major interchanges located at I-44 and Broadway Extension, I-240 and I-35 as well as the necessary improvements to S.H. 74.

### **Transit**

The Chamber will support continued dialogue on transit programs that will best serve the long-term interests of the central Oklahoma region, including:

- COTPA's 2005 Fixed Guideway Transit Study (including alternative analysis process)
- ACOG's Regional Transit Dialogue Committee to identify regional transit alternatives/solutions for central Oklahoma
- Amending state law to facilitate the development of improved transit in central Oklahoma

## **WORKERS' COMPENSATION REFORM**

The Chamber supports an overall restructuring of the state's workers' compensation system to:

- Produce lower cost to Oklahoma employers.
- Be more responsive to injured workers in a spirit of fairness.
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**For the complete legislative agenda, look for the 2011 Legislative Guide which will arrive in the annual publication mailing in February.**

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*International Finals Rodeo Takes to State Fair Park*

Home to more national and international equine championship events than any other city in the world, Oklahoma City is also a top choice for professional cowboys with the

International Finals Rodeo (IFR), returning to Oklahoma City for the 41st annual championship show January 14-16, 2011 at State Fair Arena.

“The International Finals Rodeo is one of our premier events held each year in Oklahoma City,” said Steve Collier, Vice President of Marquee Events for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber. “This event is known as the rodeo ‘Where Legends Begin’. We are proud to have rodeo legends born in Oklahoma City.”

For IFR41 in 2011, the top 15 men and women riders from across the U.S. and Canada will compete for a share of the \$350,000 in cash, prizes and championship titles. This year’s all-around cowboy title is a tight race between Shawn Minor of Camden, Ohio and Justin Thigpen of Waycross, Ga. Both have qualified for IFR41 in two events: Minor in bareback and saddle bronc riding; and Thigpen in calf roping and steer wrestling.

In addition to competition events, Oklahoma City will celebrate the IFR with special week-long events for all rodeo fans including the Bucking Stock Sale, International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) Convention, Western Trade Show and Miss Rodeo USA Pageant. This year, OG&E will sponsor Kids Day on Sunday, January 16 with special activities and autographs for children available on the arena floor, with children ages 12 and under receiving a free cowboy hat.

Approximately 37,000 participants, fans and exhibitors make their way through Oklahoma State Fair Park during the 3-day event. IFR40 in 2010 generated \$2,049,944.00 in direct spending

for Oklahoma City. With its first show held in Oklahoma 41 years ago, the IFR crowns the World Champions of the IPRA, the rodeo industries second largest cowboy and cowgirl association with more than 300 rodeos in 30 states and Canada. With the IPRA national offices located in the heart of Historic Stockyard’s City, the ties to Oklahoma City continue to hold strong.

“Oklahoma’s western heritage and outstanding facilities make it the ideal location for a championship rodeo,” said Mike Carrier, President of the Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau. “Our facilities, our devoted fan base and our warm hospitality keep these events coming back year after year.”

For more information, visit [www.ifrodeo.com](http://www.ifrodeo.com) or [www.okstatefairpark.com](http://www.okstatefairpark.com).

### RODEO PERFORMANCES:

Friday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 15 at 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 16 at 1:30 p.m.

### TICKET INFORMATION:

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