

Hempstead Chamber of Commerce 2005 Festival of Lights

The Hempstead Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the winners from the 2005 Festival of Lights Contests that were held on December 10, 2005. Even with a little nip in the air Gazebo Park was crowded with young and old alike to kick off the Holiday Season. There was a little something for everyone with the Parade, Carriage Rides, Craft Vendors, Car Show, Chili Cookoff, Holiday songs by Elvis and the highlight of the evening a visit from Santa.

The Hempstead Chamber of Commerce would like to take a moment to thank all of the sponsors that helped make this event successful. Our Tree Sponsors were – Knight's Insurance, Stewart Title, James Newcomb's Furniture, Babbitt Custom Homes, Waller County Land, Flooring Discounters, Williams Business Solutions, Edmonds Insurance, County Seat Restaurant, Hempstead Mini Warehouses, St. Katherine Drexal Catholic Church, Lawrence Marshall Dealerships, and Dr. Harold Black. Our Lamppost Sponsors were – Waller County Electric, Fitness Plus, Repka's Hardware, June Jackson, Kwik Kar Oil & Lube, Roxanne's Hair Salon, and Trustmark Bank.

A special thanks goes to all of the Santa Bag Sponsors. Each child who visited Santa received a large bag filled to the top with surprises – Comprehensive Therapies and Services, State Bank, Hempstead Police Dept., Waller County EMS, Bernard & Betty Giarratano, Dr. Robert Bacon, Dr. Blanca Diez, Dr. Richard Eiles, Marge & John Murphy, The Schramm Family, Hotline Press, Sheryl Burney, Donnie & Brenda Mixon, Melinda & Randy Jones, Dr. Harold Black, DDS, and VF Factory Outlet.

We would also like to thank the City of Hempstead and The Hempstead Police Department for all of their help and support. Also each of the Event Committee Chairpersons who coordinated and arranged each of the events and to Town Centre for donating the lovely trees for the Tree Decorating contest.

The contest results are:

Chili Cook Off

1st Place – "Nuthin But Bull" Emigdio Hinojosa

2nd Place – "Koch Cookers" Rhonda Koch

Business Decorating Contest

1st Place – Children's Choice

2nd Place – Birdhouse Ventures

3rd Place – Alline's House of Beauty

Home Decorating Contest

- 1st Place – Cheryl Carter
- 2nd Place – Raul Villarreal
- 3rd Place – Lawrence Marshall

Tree Decorating Contest

- 1st Place – Lighthouse Word Church
- 2nd Place – Bethlehem Methodist Church

Parade Entry Winners

- Best Non- Profit – Focusing Families
- Best Commercial – Knights Insurance
- Best Christmas Theme- First Baptist Church
- Best Use of Lights - Choice Home Care
- Judges Choice – Cub Scout Pack 1448

Car Show Winners

- Best of Show- Robert Rejcek with a 1940 ford
- People's Choice-A.W. Crosby with a 1932 Ford Sedan
- Ladies' Choice-Steven Shrock with a 1979 Chev. Suburban
- Kids Choice-Freddie McCown with a 1931 Ford A Sedan

The Hempstead Chamber of Commerce would like to wish everyone
a very Safe and Happy Holiday!!