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BANNING CHAMBER SWINGS!

Sharpen up your game and get ready for the Banning Chamber of Commerce's Spring Golf Tournament. Mark your calendar for April 25, 2003 at the fabulous Oak Valley Golf Club in Beaumont.

Sunset Auto Plaza, Ramsey Street Ford and All Star Dodge are working together as the title sponsors. That's right! Banning's lead auto dealers are the title sponsors for this special event. Should a player ace the chosen hole, he or she will have the opportunity to choose the car they desire from any of the three (3) dealerships. The hole-in-one insurance is being provided by Mike Wiefels of Wiefels and Sons Mortuary.

For the entry fee of \$95 per person, you will be provided with green fees, cart, range balls, goody bags and surprises. Lunch will be your choice of chicken or steak. The format is a non-threatening scramble with an 8:00 A.M. shotgun. Check in is at 6:30 A.M.

The field is limited so don't miss out on this spring golf outing and the opportunity to win prizes and support your Banning Chamber of Commerce. For more information and to sign up, call the Chamber at 849-4695. Networking begins and ends on the golf course.

GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE

Once again Sunset Auto Plaza will join with the Community Blood Bank to host and sponsor a most important blood drive. The date is May 23rd from 10 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. More than ever blood donations are needed.

Until recently, the Marines from 29 Palms donated about 15% of the blood gathered by the Community Blood Bank. This is no longer the case, as many of them have deployed to the Middle East. Further, the Blood Bank's precious supply of life-giving fluid is being sent overseas to our military as well as trying to fulfill local needs.

"We are hoping to have some of our older veterans donate blood in honor of the younger veterans who are not here to donate," said Jim Smith, General Manager of Sunset Auto Plaza. "We are also going to host a special commemorative event at the Sunset Memorial on May 23rd."

Food and beverages will be provided for those who come and donate. The donation process takes about 45 minutes for screening, donating a unit and a rest period after the donation (which only takes about 15 minutes). A person can safely donate blood every 56 days.

Making an appointment makes sense. This allows the staff at the blood bank to have enough provisions and people to handle the donations. Call toll free for your appointment: 866-507-5433.

CHAMBER IS CLEVER TO PICK CLEVER

In another precedent-setting move, the Banning Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the inaugural event called, "The Community Appreciation Roast." It's another opportunity to bring visibility to the work of the Chamber, raise funds, and most important, honor somebody who has given generously to the community.

The hands down winner is **Otis Clever**, retired business executive and longtime community volunteer. Clever serves on the Banning Planning Commission, is the incoming president of the Banning Rotary and has worked tirelessly on the Sun Lakes Charity Golf Tournament.

The event will be held on Saturday, June 21st at the Edward-Dean Museum. A modest donation of \$24.95 buys you dinner and the festivities. Already lined up to say something clever about Clever are: Banning Mayor, Art Welch, John Russo of Russo's Italian Kitchen, Jay Taylor of Domino's Pizza, Chuck Freeman of Weaver Mortuary and Brad Markwith of Sunset Auto Plaza. More speakers are being added.

The event Master of ceremonies is Jim Smith, General Manager of Sunset Auto Plaza. When Smith takes to the microphone, anything can happen. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call the Banning Chamber of Commerce at 849-4695.

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