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Les Clavir passes Laughlin Chamber Board of Director Presidency to Nathan Michaels

Laughlin, Nevada – After serving as Chamber Board President Les Clavir, AVI Hotel & Casino, passed the gavel to Nathan Michaels, Desert Recreation, Inc., at the April Mixer hosted by the Colorado Belle. Clavir – an active and long time community leader – worked hard during his tenure as President to formulate and implement programming that emphasizes helping small business.

The Chamber has diversified the service menu of education and assistance offerings. In November 2007, the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce was selected as the 14th Nevada Small Business Development Center. This designation brings strong business resource partners to Laughlin to assist business owners and entrepreneurs as evidenced by the upcoming Business Symposium at the Government Center on May 21, 2008, featuring seven providers. Don't miss your chance to learn how the following organizations can help you and your business: Rural Nevada Development Corporation, Nevada Microenterprise Initiative, Small Business Administration, Nevada State Development Center, USDA – Rural Development and the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

As Clavir says, "Often times challenging and many times exciting, my service as Board President has helped me understand the role of the Chamber and our responsibility to be a proactive partner working to create a stronger local economy. From the Small Business Development Center designation to the current search for SCORE Counselor, we formalized the transition from being a Chamber focused solely on a resort based economy and event promoted to a Chamber providing meaningful business retention and expansion programs. I believe the Chamber is helping to lead the charge in economic development and I am proud of the many accomplishments the Chamber made this year. Serving on the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce Board has been an incredible journey."

The Board wished to extend their thanks to Les for his hard work and vision while serving as Board President of the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce.

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