



DOTHAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Houston County Teachers Rewarded With Beach Trip

DOTHAN, Ala. – A busload of teachers from Houston County set out from the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, destined for a day of fun and sun at Pier Park in Panama City Beach, Fla. Bay Limousine Service of Dothan proposed the trip and provided free transportation with its executive bus. The trip was sponsored by the Chamber, who provided breakfast, Dothan School Uniforms, the Association of Financial Institutions and Five Star Credit Union.

“School teachers are probably one of the least recognized groups for what they give to society,” said Bill Hilyer, owner of Bay Limousine Service of Dothan. “We thought it was a worthy cause to reward them for their work with our children and their positive effect on our community. It turned out to be a great trip.”

The 30 teachers who attended the trip were raffle winners from the Teachers’ Appreciation Reception, held May 8 in honor of school teachers in Dothan and Houston County. “It was just a way for us to thank our teachers for all their hard work and let them know they are appreciated by their community,” said Linda Kelley, the Chamber’s director of community development.

This year is the first occasion of the trip, but Hilyer said he hopes to make it an annual event.

Suzan Knight, a teacher with the Dothan city schools, attended Tuesday's trip. She commented, "Everyone had a great time and I enjoyed the opportunity to meet teachers from other schools. According to Knight the Chamber made everyone feel welcome and added, "When the community recognizes teachers, we appreciate it."

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