

Attorney General speaks at local luncheon

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L to R: Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce Chairman Lori Walker, Mayor Jody Smith, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Joel D. Lindsey, Councilmember Jean M. Levenick, Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce President Katy Taggart, with Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

This past Tuesday, the Town of Flower Mound, in partnership with the Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce, presented their annual Spirit of Excellence Luncheon at the Texas Motor Speedway. Business leaders, educators and elected officials were sprinkled prominently throughout the packed ballroom as hundreds of attendees enjoyed roast tenderloin with all the trimmings. The Keynote speaker was Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott. Mayor Jody Smith spoke about the tough economic times in our nation.

“Turn on the evening news and you’ll hear stories about foreclosures, sluggish sales and companies filing for bankruptcy. But I have good news; in Flower Mound our economy remains strong,” she said. “By pursuing the right balance of retail, industry, large companies and

small, we have positioned our town for success,” she added.

Chamber President Katy Taggart praised the town’s major investors and added plaudits to all chamber members for their financial as well as their time commitments, which help to build a more prosperous community for all area residents. Melissa Glasgow, FM Economic Development Director, took time to honor several of the town’s major employers, foremost among them being the Lewisville Independent School District. Bill Collins, the Chamber vice-Chair, presented awards to scores of major investors. Lori Walker, Chairman of the Board, introduced, “The 50th Attorney General for the state of Texas,” as the wheelchair bound, chief law-enforcement official of the state, took to the podium. A native Texan, Abbott was born in Wichita Falls and raised in Duncanville. Shortly after graduating from law school, he was partially paralyzed by a falling tree while jogging. He and his wife, Cecilia, a former school teacher and principal, have been married for 27 years. They live in Austin with their eleven-year-old daughter, Audrey. Before his election to AG, Abbott served as a Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. General Abbott talked about the robust economy in Texas, a result of an administration that favors lower taxes, less business regulation and less tolerance for frivolous litigation.