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### Thursday, October 15: The Plot Thickens!

Chamber's Branham admits coordinating funds distribution; Legislators received identical checks! Click [HERE](#) for More: *Why Did BOOST Choose Other Websites to Expose the Story?*

## Today's Top 10 Questions!

- 10 **How much money has been passed around by Brant Branham's "Like-Minded Businesses?"**  
(Hint: \$317,500)
  - 9 **How do you get invited to a "\$24,000 THANK YOU LUNCH?"**  
(Hint: Branham admitting inviting Senator Cleary and Brad Dean which concluded With Branham handing the Senator an envelope with \$24,000 inside - don't You feel bad for the Like-Minded Businesses who didn't get invited?)
  - 8 **What kind of envelope was used to give money at the "\$24,000 THANK YOU LUNCHES?"**  
(Hint: Were they Chamber of Commerce envelopes, EFHucks envelopes, or a blank manila envelope?)
  - 7 **Did any City Council members NOT running for office in November of 2009 also get to attend a "\$24,000 THANK YOU LUNCH?"**  
(Hint: If NOT, how mad would you be that only City Council candidates running THIS year were thanked for voting for whatever?)
  - 6 **Why didn't Representative Tracy Edge report/accept/receive the \$24,000? Was he not invited to his own "\$24,000 THANK YOU LUNCH?"**
  - 5 **Why didn't Senator Luke Rankin report/accept/receive the \$24,000? Was he not invited to his Own \$24,000 THANK YOU LUNCH?"**  
(Hint: Luke Rankin was the primary SPONSOR the "Tourism Development Fee" bill that resulted in a \$180,000,000 tax increase on Myrtle Beach citizens and visitors!)
  - 4 **Why has no one taken up County Councilman Brent Schulz' invitation to call Robert S. Guyton who's apparently the registered agent for the following 12 LLCs since, according to Schulz, they all recently moved from 1298 Professional Drive to someplace else:**
    - 905 Polo Partners LLC - 1298 Professional Drive
    - Back Gate LLC - 1298 Professional Drive
    - Partners of Cypress Plantation LLC - 1298 Professional Drive
    - Porcher Partners - 1298 Professional Drive
    - AM & RD Title Agency - 1298 Professional Drive
    - CF Plantation Partners LLC - 1298 Professional Drive
    - Office Park Partners - 1298 Professional Drive
    - Creek View Land Partners - 1298 Professional Drive
    - Deluxe Land Partners LLC - 1298 Professional Drive
    - Beach Paralegal Services - 1298 Professional Drive
    - Guyton Family Investments LLC - 4605 Oleander Drive
    - Carolina Coast Investments LLC - 4605 Oleander Drive
  - 3 **Define "Like-Minded Businesses" (the term Mr. Branham uses to described the people who he asked to give money to 11 politicians)?**  
(Hint: Do they Share the same street address?  
Share the same Registered Agent?  
Share the feature of having no office?  
Share the feature of having no employees?  
Share the feature of having no telephone or other means of communicating?  
Share the practice of writing \$1,000 checks 2 years after they're out of business?)
  - 2 **How is it possible that an expensive TV spot with professional actors began airing a few hours after City Council passed the "Pandering Property Tax Rollback" thanking Mayor Rhodes and the incumbents for speeding up sales tax/property tax swap on owner-occupied homes?**
- ESSAY QUESTION FOR HORRY COUNTY SCHOOL STUDENTS:**
- 1 "In 100 words or less, please state which of the following are the bad guys in the controversial story about political campaign contributions and why. The Bad Guys are:
    - A. BOOST - a group of about 500 small businesses who created, planned and paid for the recent Freedom Fest) who have questioned the distribution of \$300K?

- B. THE POLITICIANS - so far a total of 11 local, state and federal elected officials who were given more than \$300,000 over a few weeks?
- C. Brant Branham, Chairman of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, who proudly admits it was he alone who called "like-minded" businesses, raised \$317,000 and he alone, acting Not as Chairman of the Chamber, but as an individual who then distributed 244 separate checks over less than 90 days?