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AMBASSADORS KEEP THE BEAT GOING!!!

You may have seen them at Chamber events and Ribbon Cuttings or maybe one has contacted you about your membership. They are working volunteers for the Chamber. As the heart of an organization, the membership keeps beating thanks to the Ambassadors.

And here is what they have to say....



OPERATION THANK YOU - Alyson Mims, the 2006 Ambassador of the Year, hands a membership packet to Chamber of Commerce member Ken Roy. The ambassador's will be delivering the 2007 Membership Directory soon as part of Operation Thank You.

Alyson Mims @ Steamway Total Home Care

I am happy to be an Ambassador of the Chamber. It is a wonderful way to network with other companies and get involved in the county with ribbon cuttings, grand openings, and ground breaking ceremonies. I love getting to help others with business and with their home needs. Plus I have made some really great friends along the way.

Brad Young @ Insurance Planning:

This is a great platform to get involved with the community. Not only do you make great business contacts, but good friends for life.

Brigitte Gregerson @ Personnel Staffing:

It gives me the opportunity to meet new people and be involved within the community.

Carole Clarkson @ TRI Staffing:

I enjoy being an ambassador for the Chamber because it gives me an opportunity to welcome new businesses to Calhoun County and meet the individuals associated with those businesses. It is a great networking opportunity!

David Glass @ Calhoun County Insurance Center, Inc.:

I like meeting new people and welcoming new businesses to Calhoun County.

Derek Brown @ WideNet Consulting:

I wanted to be an ambassador to build relationships, network, garner publicity, and support an organization that has immensely helped us. I like the opportunity to help out.

Lori Francis @ Ala-Care:

Being an ambassador is like being in an elite family. You meet business professionals who become your special family. You want them to do well and you would give them any help that they need. And best of all you feel they would do the same for you.

Kendall Prigg @ Chappell Professional Group:

Being an ambassador allows me to stay current with new businesses...interface with other business leaders on technology, opportunities, and guidance.

Matt Whitaker @ Encasa Builders:

I like to be able to help the community, meet new people and network. I also like being able to do business with fellow chamber members.

Sandra Dale @ Honeywell:

Being an Ambassador helps me stay connected to the community and is also a great networking venue. I enjoy meeting with the other Ambassadors and helping the Chamber of Commerce and community"

Stephen Bradley @ Farmers Insurance of Piedmont:

Being an ambassador gets me a chance to meet new people and be involved in the community.

Ty Gardner @ Talladega Superspeedway:

Being an ambassador is very important to me because it has given me an opportunity to help my county as well as meet a lot of wonderful people. It has also helped me to become a better business person within our county.

Virginia & Leonard Norton (retired):

As a member of the Chamber and Ambassadors committee, it is our goal to encourage membership and to meet with others to promote and support the businesses and activities in our county.



From the Chairman...

Dr. William A. Meehan

CHAMBER FORUM: THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP: THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Membership in The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is truly a value. There are many reasons to join The Chamber, all of them good. Whether you join for the opportunity to meet other members, to be involved in the community, to be an advocate for business or your organization or just to receive the discounts, you receive a value that is greater than the cost of membership alone, you receive the power that is partnership.

The value of membership is best expressed through the fact that The Chamber speaks as one voice that conveys a message of advocacy for business here in Calhoun County. The mission of our Chamber is to be a member driven organization coordinating and promoting the economic development and growth of Calhoun County, resulting in a community that is an outstanding place to live, work and visit. Today, for 2007, that means an organization of 867 members with the sole purpose of helping to increase economic development and programs for members by conveying the message that this community is open and as the theme of our annual meeting stated, at work "Building Business."

The Chamber understands your needs and can convey your message in the political arena, taking action on legislative issues that impact your bottom line. There is strength in numbers and that protects the interests and livelihood of all members. The Chamber channels the business voices into one voice. One voice that speaks for you locally, in Montgomery and in Washington D.C. The best example of this has been The Chambers efforts over the past four years to save the Anniston Army Depot and its 7,000 jobs from Base Realignment and Closure.

Chamber membership provides benefits both tangible and intangible. Listings in The Chamber Directory, The Forum and the web site, long distance discounts, professional assistance, research assistance and member to member discounts are all tangible membership assets. The opportunity to network whether at "Business after Hours" or other Chamber events and receive awareness and recognition are intangible but assets just the same.

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is a great value and a powerful partner for your business or organization. It is all waiting for you at www.calhounchamber.com or at 256-237-3536. All we need is you.



From the President...

Sherri J. Summers CCE

MEMBERSHIP

We take too much for granted. Such is the case with truly appreciating our members, the lifeblood of the chamber. Our members invest in the community as they pay dues and provide additional funding over and beyond that. They fill our committees. They shape our policy. They provide feedback on what they are seeing out there. They offer suggestions and work on the annual Program of Action.

Yesterday was one of the days when I was reminded how important our members are.

We as staff members sometimes get bogged down with the day-to-day operations, so I am pleased when a member calls and offers to share ideas. Willie Ivey, an Oxford merchant (Boots-Shoes-Things, just for a shameless plug from me) asked if we could get together because he had been thinking of ways to make the chamber better and ways to help support Anniston Army Depot. We had a nice chat and Willie had several excellent ideas. (The kind that make you think, "Why didn't I think of that?")

I was really touched that a small business owner, in the middle of all the demands of running his store, would take time to really consider the chamber and improving our programs. We have currently have five fulltime staff members, one part-time staffer, two part-time volunteers, two part-time grant-paid staffers, and one independent contractor so there is clearly a limit to the ideas we can generate and implement. Fortunately, we have over 1,000 members and associates who ensure that we continue to move forward.

So, thanks, Willie, and all chamber members for your commitment, your passion and your unfailing support for this chamber and this community. It is an honor to work with you each day.



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MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT SCHEDULE

TYPE	SEE
1.5 or less employees	\$235
6-10 employees	\$255
11-20 employees	\$320
21-30 employees	\$380
31-40 employees	\$445
41-50 employees	\$500
51-100 employees	\$565 + \$2 for every employee over 50
101-200 employees	\$630 + \$1 for every employee over 100
201 & over	\$820 + \$1 for every employee over 200

II. Financial Institutions (Banks, \$30 per million dollars of deposit S&Ls, Credit Union)

III. Professional (accountants, \$280 for first professional, + \$90 architects, attorneys, doctors, etc) per each additional professional

IV. Hotels, Motels, Apartments \$200 + \$2 per room or unit

V. Associate-Individual \$75 (retirees, government employees, elected officials & individuals not otherwise eligible)

Associate-Churches & Schools \$90
Associate-Organization \$150 (Non-profits)

VI. Negotiable (Utilities, Health Care Facilities, Others not classified)

VII. Additional secondary representatives may be added for \$75

VIII. Multiple locations - \$75 additional fee, plus employee count, for same or related businesses. Each additional location will receive a separate listing in publications and will be allotted a secondary representative. Non-related business will be treated as separate and may join at the appropriate Schedule for each business.

THERE IS A ONE TIME APPLICATION FEE OF \$25.00

FIRM NAME _____

CONTACT NAME _____

TITLE _____

LOCATION ADDRESS _____

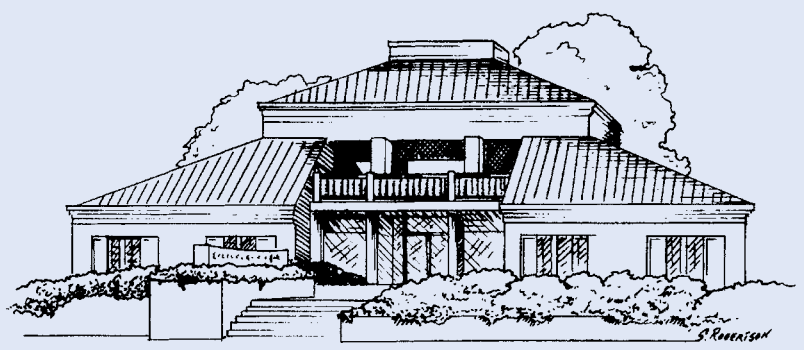
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____



REASONS TO JOIN THE CHAMBER

- If you are a business located in Calhoun County, you depend on this community for transportation, utilities, a work force, materials, etc. The Chamber works toward providing a healthy climate in which to do business.
- The support of all business and professional men and women is needed to improve the quality of life and economic well being of Calhoun County. In turn, this means more customers, clients, and patients.
- Joining the Chamber means getting involved and staying involved. It means speaking your mind on important issues that affect your business and all businesses. Membership means meeting other business people and working collectively to accomplish whatever is necessary for business to prosper in Calhoun County.
- Joining the Chamber means being a leader in the business community. The Chamber is also committed to maximize your impact by speaking and acting through the strength in numbers, and through listening to your needs and ideas.
- The opportunities available to you as a Chamber member are challenging and profitable. The individual as well as the community is benefited by joining the Chamber.
- When the county prospers, you prosper. By helping to build a thriving community, your investment is strengthened and your opportunities are broadened. You have personal interest in these objectives.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Is a volunteer organization composed of individuals, businesses, industries and professionals who have joined together to accomplish collectively what they cannot do individually;
- Serves as a watchdog and spokesman for business in local and state affairs;
- Acts as a business agent and sales manager in promoting Calhoun County, your firm, your products and services;
- Works as the information bureau to promote tourism and provide statistical data to meet most business needs;
- Publicizes and promotes Calhoun County to people considering moving into or establishing a business here and to expand the tourism industry;
- Strives for a healthy and sound economy by promoting and encouraging new businesses and expansion of existing businesses;
- Enriches the quality of life in Calhoun County through support of community activities, cultural events and enrichment programs.

WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW MEMBERS

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MEMBERS FLOCK TO ANNUAL MEETING

A large contingent of Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce members attended the Annual Meeting January 25, which was held at the Anniston Meeting Center.

Individuals were recognized for their service to the community and an Economic Forum, under the direction of Dr. Mark Hearn of Jacksonville State University, was held.



Potts, Mackey Earn Chairman's Cup Award

Mr. Greg Potts (l), and Dr. Eric Mackey were co-recipients of the prestigious Brenda Dozier Hollis Chairman's Cup at the recent Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. Potts, who serves as the Education Division Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Mackey, who serves as Chairman of the Education Committee, were recognized for their outstanding service and contribution to the Chamber in 2006.



LAKCEVIC JOINS CHAMBER AS INTERN

Gordana Lakcevic, who was born and raised in Montenegro, formerly Yugoslavia, is a graduating senior at Jacksonville State University and is completing an internship with the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce this semester.

She came to United States because she felt she was capable of learning and interacting with people from different cultures. As well, she wanted to improve her English language skills.

Gordana's time and commitment to finish her undergraduate studies has certainly been a big accomplishment. During her years at Jacksonville State University, She has been involved in different organizations and programs such as: Rotaract club, International Student Organization (ISO), Student Government Association (SGA), and the International House. She was president of the International Student Organization (2003-2004). As the president of ISO, she helped create a scholarship for a merit international student and promoted the interaction between international and American students through different activities. At

the same time she was also a vice-president of the Rotaract club. In 2004 she became a senator for the Student Government Association. The experiences she obtained through those programs helped her intellectual and social growth.

Currently She is working on an internship with the Chamber of Commerce. She feels that this internship is an opportunity to explore and experience the real business environment. Being surrounded by people that are experts at their profession and learning from them at first hand will help her prepare for her future career.



JOB SHADOWING

Shadows were seen all over Calhoun County as juniors and seniors from Jacksonville City Schools and the Calhoun County School Systems shadowed their preferred careers for the day.

Job shadowing is an academically motivating activity designed to give students the unique opportunity of an up-close look at the world of work and to provide the answer to the commonly asked question, "Why do I have to learn this?" Students "shadow" workplace mentors as they go through a normal day on the job. The program invites students to see firsthand how the skills learned in school relate to the workplace.

If you would like to participate in future Job Shadow Days, please contact Linda Hearn at the Chamber of Commerce 237-3536. Special Thanks to all the businesses that participated and opened their doors to opportunity.

AL Safety Products
 AlaCare
 AmSouth Bank-Jacksonville
 Anniston Museum of Natural History
 Anniston Star
 Berry Animal Clinic
 Bonny Brook Veterinary Clinic
 Brown Funeral & Crematory
 C.A.R.E.S
 Cable One
 Calhoun/Cleburne Children's Center
 Camp Lee
 Classic Customs
 Classic on Noble
 Commissioner of Licenses
 Dept of Rehab
 Donoho School
 East Central United Cerebr Palsy, Inc.
 Emergency Management Agency
 Faith Christian School
 FUMC - Anniston

Gadsden State - McClellan Branch
 Ghee & Draper
 Gold Star Realty-Kelli Sewell
 Homeland Security
 Jacksonville City Schools
 Jacksonville Medical Center
 Jenkins Monroe Jenkins Architecture
 Jerry Klug, Phys Therapist
 JSU-Psych Dept
 KSE-Robin Boyles
 Mayer Electric
 NE Ala Regional Med Center
 NHC Healthcare
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 Parker Hannifin
 Southern Co.
 TV 24
 Tyler Center
 Valley Machines
 Wilhoite & Associates, P.C.
 Wilson, Avery, Kimbrough and Marino

Celebrating another year as Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce members...

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| Alabama Gas Corporation | Martin's Pharmacy |
| Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind | McClellan Inn |
| Alabama Power Company | McNaron Group, Inc. |
| Alamed Health Care Services, Inc. | Mid-South Distributor |
| Angela's | Miller's Office Furniture & Steel Division |
| Anniston Army Depot | Murrell, Svensen & Ellis |
| Anniston Community Education Foundation | Natec, LLC |
| Anniston Concrete & Asphalt Co. | Noble Bank & Trust |
| Anniston Receptionist Service | Noble Signs |
| The Anniston Star | North American Bus Industries, Inc. |
| Anniston Urologic Associates, P. C. | Norton, Leonard & Virginia |
| BAE Systems Steel Products Div. | Opportunity Center – Easter Seal |
| Bama Budweiser | Overhead Door Company |
| Bankson, Mannon G. | Oxford Family Practice |
| Bell Advertising Specialties | Patient First Healthcare |
| BellSouth | The Peerless Saloon |
| Clifford Black, Jr., M. D. PC | Quality Trophies and Awards |
| Carnaby Street | Ray, Gary M. Dr. |
| Casson and Company | Ready Mix USA |
| Charter Media | Regional Medical Center |
| Classic Customs | Remodeler's Outlet |
| Classic on Noble | The Salvation Army Thrift Store |
| Coldwell Banker/First Anniston-Oxford Realty | Service Realty Company, Inc. |
| Communication Associates, Inc. | Shadowood Apartments |
| Costner Auto Sales | Shorty's Truck & RR Car Parts, Inc. |
| Dawson's Vision Center | Southern Custom Exhibits |
| Denney, Fred | Spa Lillie |
| Department of Rehabilitation Services | State Farm Insurance |
| Dillard's | State Farm Insurance |
| Dormon & Reynolds Insurance, Inc. | STEM International, Inc. |
| Leslie M. Edwards | Sunny King Ford |
| Family & Occupational Medicine | Superior Hyundai Jeep Chrysler & Superior Tire |
| Farmers & Merchants Bank | SuperValu |
| First Educators Credit Union | TFAB Manufacturing, LLC |
| Flannagan, Roy T., Jr. DMD, PC | The Cardiovascular Clinics P. C. |
| Fuji Japanese Cuisine | Think Toys |
| Gentiva Health Services | Thompson Tractor Company |
| Gold Star Realty | Tri-Co Supply Co of Alabama, Inc. |
| Hager Companies | Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church |
| Hale Building Company, Inc. | Tyson Art & Frame |
| Darlene Forsyth Harris, O. D. | University Inn |
| Harris McKay Realty Company | Verizon Wireless |
| Hill's Moving & Storage Co., Inc. | Wakefield's Inc. |
| Industrial Plating Company, Inc. | Waldron Automation LLC |
| Isom & Stanko, LLC | Walker, Joseph A. Jr. |
| The Jacksonville Bookstore, Inc. | WalMart |
| Jacksonville Medical Center | Wheeler, John P. |
| The Jacksonville News | White Oak Vineyards |
| Jenkins Munroe Jenkins Architecture | Wilhoite & Associates of Oxford |
| WVOK-FM and WVOK AM Radio | Wood Valley Apartments |
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