

## Chamber Chronicles

Monthly Newsletter

May 2010



# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR'S CENTER, INC.

## Chamber News

**LAST CALL FOR 2010 MEMBER DUES!!! DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO BE LISTED IN THE UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY, KIOSK, FIREWORKS BOOKLET, WEBSITE AND MORE!** Partial payments and credit card payments on the website are still available for current members. We are going to be very busy this year encouraging business growth and development and promoting the quality of life at our wonderful lake. Make sure you are included!

Hampton Inn of Roanoke Rapids and First Media Radio hosted a Business After Hours for Chamber members and their guests on April 13. Special thanks to Hampton Inn manager Percilla West, who set up this fantastic event, complete with delicious food and drink and personal tours of their new facility. Thanks also to our door prize donors and to First Media for donating \$500 in free advertising. Sarah Raible from the Meherrin Regional Library was thrilled to win that. Thank you also to our sponsors: Platinum—LakeGaston.com and RCS Construction; Gold—Citizens Community Bank, Lake Gaston Pit Stop and South Shore Realty; and our sponsor—RE/MAX on the Lake. Our next Business After Hours will be "Meet the Cookers" on Friday, May 28 at the Chamber grounds. Everyone will have the opportunity to watch cooks set up for the Barbecue and relax before the big event. And don't forget the **BIG EVENT—THE 2010 BATTLE OF THE BARBECUE** on Saturday, May 29. Bring the family and guests and enjoy. Eat in, take out and drive through plates and pints will all be available, along with Dan Preston's famous Live Remote.

Scholarship applications are now available for High School Juniors and Seniors who are employees or children of Chamber member businesses. For more information or to get an application stop by or call the office at 252-586-5711 or email [lgcc@earthlink.net](mailto:lgcc@earthlink.net). Applications can also be downloaded from the website.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!** Please join me in welcoming Lake Gaston Flower Shop, Becker Village Mall, realtor Linda Hedgepeth, WEZU 95.9 FM, WakeSurfNC and Aunt Ruby's Peanuts to the Chamber. Glad to have you aboard!

**KIOSK AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ADS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!** On April 30 the kiosk ads were opened to members of other area Chambers, so make sure to reserve yours now!



**Percilla West, manager of the Hampton Inn in Roanoke Rapids**



**Members enjoyed the delicious food and hospitality at the Hampton Inn Business After Hours.**

## OUR MISSION



The Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center is committed to promoting and advancing the industrial, commercial, civic, and general business interests on Lake Gaston and its surrounding States, Counties and Municipalities for the benefit of our members and our community.

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## UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS—Save the Dates!

**May 25—Member lunch. Our speaker will be from Citizens Bank & Trust. Location TBA.**

**May 28—Business After Hours. 6:00-8:00 pm at the Chamber**

**May 29—BATTLE OF THE BARBECUE!!! COME ONE, COME ALL!**

### NEWS UPDATES



### UPCOMING MEMBER EVENTS

**Lakeland Theatre: Godspell. April 30-May 1,7,8,14,15,16. Lakeland Singers Spring Concert. June 26. For tickets or information call 252-586-3124 or 877-330-0574.**

**Golf Tournament—John 3:16. May 20. For information call Shannon Smiley at 252-586-1800.**

**RWVFD Auxiliary Ham Dinner : Saturday, May 22, 2010. Eat-IN or Take OUT - Served 5 – 7PM**

#### MENU:

**HAM - Raisin Sauce**

**Boiled Potatoes – Green Beans**

**Hot Apples – Rolls**

**Dessert – Beverage**

**For Tickets: 586-4663 519-1880 308-6893**

**ADULTS - \$7.50 CHILD - \$3.50**

**RWVFD – Corner of Quail Ridge Rd & River Rd, Littleton, NC (Near Wildwood Nursery)**

### AFFORDABLE SPAY/NEUTER FOR YOUR PET

(Available to Warren County residents, including anyone with a Littleton address)

Tuesday, June 29 at the Lowe's parking lot in Warrenton

The fee of \$40 per cat and \$60-85 per dog (depending on weight) includes Rabies, Distemper/Parvo vaccine & pain injection. Limit of 2 pets per family. For more information and/or appointment, call 919-783-7627 prior to the day of surgery.

Sponsored by Citizens for Animal Protection of Warren County.

### MEMBER LUNCHES

Bonnie Caudle of Edward Jones presented guest speaker Brian Ivey, Sr. Account Executive with Hartford, at the April Member Lunch. Mr. Ivey talked about policy reviews, wealth transfer, and offered some valuable advice to attending members. We would like to thank them for providing us with such a great event!

Please plan to join us for an interesting and informative meal every month. Don't forget to RSVP to the Chamber so we can plan on how many to serve. Call 252-586-5711 or email lgcc@earthlink.net.

Our next lunch will be Tuesday, May 25 with a speaker from Citizens Bank and Trust. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

### New Directory Coming Soon...

**Make sure your dues are paid to be included!**

**Ad Space is almost gone!!!!**

Please contact the office if you are interested. Call 252-586-5711 or email lgcc@earthlink.net

Bold Listing	\$25.00
Business Card	\$35.00
¼ page	\$95.00
½ page	\$175.00
Full page	\$325.00

**New offer—Inside Back Page—\$350.00**



## WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!



**Aunt Ruby's Peanuts** is a local business providing gourmet peanut products at our retail office in Enfield, NC. We also ship our products per phone request, mail or website orders. In shells, shelled goods, chocolate, honey roasted, cashews, gifts and packages. We are open 7:30am to 5:00pm Monday thru Friday, 7:30am to 12 noon on Saturdays and closed on Sundays. You can visit our retail store located at 200 Halifax St., Enfield, NC 27823, send an email to [bob@auntrubyspeanuts.com](mailto:bob@auntrubyspeanuts.com) or visit our website at [www.auntrubyspeanuts.com](http://www.auntrubyspeanuts.com).

**Halifax County Convention and Visitor's Bureau** offers many kinds of tourism services and information on events and attractions in Halifax County. They are located near at 260 Premier Blvd. in Roanoke Rapids. For more information call Susan Wilhelm at 252-535-1687, email her at [swilhelm@visithalifax.com](mailto:swilhelm@visithalifax.com) or check out the website at [www.visithalifax.com](http://www.visithalifax.com).

**WEZU 95.9 FM** radio provides a diverse programming schedule that respects the listener's intelligence and to use the best available resources to educate, encourage and empower everyone in our service area regardless of race, gender, color, religion, age, national origin, or physical or mental challenges. WEZU is licensed by the FCC as a non profit community service radio station broadcasting twenty four hours each day at 95.9fm. For more information you can contact George Campbell, Manager at 252-537-9999 or write to him at WEZU 95.9FM, P.O. Box 717, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870 or send George an email at [wezufm@gmail.com](mailto:wezufm@gmail.com). Check out their website at [www.wezu.org](http://www.wezu.org).

**Lake Gaston Flower Shop** is Lake Gaston's premiere florist and gift shop! Located in beautiful downtown Gasburg, Virginia next door to the post office. For artistry and excellence in floral design with top notch customer service go to Lake Gaston Flower Shop for all of your gift giving need! We are a full service florist that will deliver your gifts all around Lake Gaston and we can send flowers and gifts worldwide! For weddings and events on or around Lake Gaston call us for a free consultation! 434-577-9989.

**Linda Darden Hedgepeth**, Realtor is available to assist you in locating the best possible property at the best price and location. Many years of customer service and sales experience await you. As a short sales and foreclosure expert and a buyers' agent in REBAC, Linda can be your best contact. Rental experience is also her forte' so please ask about placing your new property in a program to bring return on investment. Showing you what works is an available service. Owners have shown faith in Linda's marketing abilities as her listings prove. Linda Darden Hedgepeth is located at 2345 River Rd., Henrico, NC 27842 or you can reach her by telephone at 757-635-7388 or 1-866-274-5154. You can also send Linda an email at [liveonlakegaston@embarqmail.com](mailto:liveonlakegaston@embarqmail.com) or visit her websites at [www.lindaonlakegaston.com](http://www.lindaonlakegaston.com) or [www.lakegastoncelebrations.com](http://www.lakegastoncelebrations.com).

**Riverside Mill** is a wonderful place to shop. We have a very large Antique Mall filled with treasures, a huge gallery of pottery, jewelry, and art, and specialty shops featuring fine foods, collectibles, Christmas items, and outlets for pewter, candles, brass, and a QVC liquidator. We are located in an historic cotton mill on the river near downtown Weldon. Follow the billboards to Riverside Mill for specialty shopping at its best. We are open seven days a week 10- 7. So stop by and say "Hi" to Steve Swan at 200 Mill St., Weldon, NC 27890 or give him a call at 252-536-3100, send him an email at [steve@riversidemill.net](mailto:steve@riversidemill.net) or visit their website at [www.riversidemill.net](http://www.riversidemill.net).

**Children's Support Services, Inc.** is a on-to-one and family mentoring agency. They provide a community-based intervention service whose main purpose is to stabilize the family as a unit, preserve the child in the least restrictive environment and assist their transitions from more restrictive environments.

For more information contact Felicia Cegelski at 434-247-1434 or 434-247-1592 or visit the website at [www.childrensupportservices.com](http://www.childrensupportservices.com). They are located at 876 North Mecklenburg Avenue in South Hill, VA.

**Congratulations to our Coldwell Banker members!**

Attached Picture is from Coldwell Banker Advantage's Awards Luncheon at the Northridge Country Club in Raleigh. From Left to Right is Randall Robinson, Jim Gillespie (President and CEO of Coldwell Banker, regularly appears on CNBC, CNN...etc) Crystal Dickens, and Mary Oliver.

**Crystal Dickens- Top Listing Under Contract and Top Producer**  
**Mary Oliver- Listing Associate of the Year**  
**Randall Robinson- Sales Associate of the Year**

All three Agents achieved Gold Club Status with Coldwell Banker Advantage. (14 offices and over 300+ Agents) Which is pretty impressive that agents covering Lake Gaston and the Roanoke Valley can compete with Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, and Fayetteville Markets.



**COMING SOON !!!**

**PAWFEST – Wine Tasting Festival**  
**Sunday, May 16; 1:00 – 5:00 pm**  
**Magnolia Manor Bed & Breakfast –**  
**Warrenton**  
**Sponsored by Citizens for Animal**  
**Protection of Warren County**



**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Open Tuesday through Saturday from  
10:00 until 4:00.**

**CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAY**

**PLATINUM MEMBERS**

Many thanks to our Platinum members, who have demonstrated the highest level of Chamber support.

**LakeGaston.com**  
**RCS Construction, Inc.**

**2010 Board of Directors**

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Please visit our web page at  
[www.LakeGastonChamber.com](http://www.LakeGastonChamber.com)

**Check out our updated Home Page!**

Get links directly to your e-mail or home page...  
Contact the office for more info.

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