

Volunteer Appreciation Day Is To Say, 'Thanks'

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Chamber volunteers are like ducks...on the surface they are calm and unruffled, but underneath they paddle like the devil!
We have many, many persons in our community who are paddling underneath the surface to do good things for all of us. And we need to say thank you.
Thank yous, prizes, great food and fun are in store for all chamber volunteers Tuesday, Sept. 18, during Volunteer Appreciation Day. This day will be the wrap-up for our membership drive, "Blitz Day," and membership drive volunteers, and everyone who has worked on any chamber project during the year will be honored.



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All chamber members are encouraged to attend. The excitement will be at Village Pines Office Park, beginning at 5:30 that day. Not only will membership drive winners be awarded their prizes, but drawings will be held for a number of other prizes. Here's the catch: you have to be present to win!

Chamber volunteers seem to work the hardest during the fall of the year. This is the time when not only the membership drive takes place, but also our annual membership meeting, the South Brunswick Islands King Classic and the Oyster Festival. What a busy time!

And we couldn't make it through without our dedicated workers. Some of those committed people were honored last week at the annual meeting. Congratulations to all award recipients—you are all very deserving.

By the way, if you missed the annual meeting, you missed an outstanding meal and the funniest speaker ever heard.

It's not too late to get involved. Come to the Volunteer Appreciation Day...everyone is invited, and find out how to join forces with other chamber members.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Financing Focus Of Seminar

Ways to secure financing to start up or expand a small business will be the focus of the first seminar offered this fall by the Small Business Center at Brunswick Community College.

Brian Hamilton, a financial consultant, will present the program Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The seminar will be held on BCC's main campus near Supply in the multipurpose room of the ALS building.

Not knowing how, when and where to secure funds is one of the principal factors separating the successful business from the unsuccessful, according to Hamilton.

The seminar will provide participants with the essential tools they need to locate the 20 sources of funds available. It will also help them find the right lender and to get their business loans approved.

Hamilton has a master's degree in business administration from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. He has been a financial consultant to small businesses since 1988. Previously he managed a residential property development firm and was a bank corporate credit analyst.

Pre-registration is recommended by calling the center at 754-6961, 457-6329 or 343-0203.

There is no charge to participants for the seminar, which is funded by a state grant.

To Dedicate Terminal

Dedication ceremonies will be held Sept. 15 and 16 by the New Hanover County Airport Authority and New Hanover County Board of Commissioners for a new \$24.7 million terminal complex.

In honor of the completion of the 88,000-plus square foot building, a weekend of special events is planned. The formal dedication ceremony will be Sept. 15 at 1:30 p.m., with Gov. James Martin and Sen. Jesse Helms expected to participate. Afterward the facility will be open for public tours until 5 p.m. Official tour guides, volunteers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, will be giving away free gifts bearing the terminal logo and slogan, "The Gateway to the Future."

An open house is also planned Sunday, Sept. 16, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with refreshments and live entertainment.

Airline service from the new terminal will begin Monday, Sept. 17.

Native Gains Post

Ernie K. Burney, a native of Supply, has been elected banking officer in the Winston-Salem office of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. He is branch operations manager of the Reynolda Road office.



BURNEY

Burney is the son of Eva M. Burney of Supply and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Methodist College in Fayetteville.

Wins National Award

The Parson's Table in Little River has been recognized by members of the Gourmet Diners Club of America for the restaurant's contribution to fine dining.

The restaurant is owned by Ed and Nancy Murray of Little River, who purchased it two years ago.

Ed Murray said he didn't know the restaurant was being considered

for the Silver Spoon Award until the certificate came in the mail his summer.

"It's an honor," he said. "We're going to frame it and put it in the most conspicuous place we can find."

Besides the food, prepared by chef Randy Tankersley, Murray said the atmosphere of the restaurant attracts a lot of attention.

The 135-seat restaurant is housed in the former Little River Methodist Church, which was built in 1885.

To Mend Teddy Bears

Local families can have their broken teddy bears and dolls mended at Grand Strand General Hospital in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Tuesday, Sept. 18.

From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. emergency medical specialists from the hospital and Horry County EMS will "treat" the toys—splinting broken arms and legs and suturing tears.

Youngsters and their parents will have an opportunity to tour the emergency department and receive safety information, said spokeswoman Sydney Smith-Rikard.

The event coincides with National Emergency Services Week and is aimed at alleviating fears children may have when visiting a hospital emergency room.

Workforce Is Topic

Preparing workers for the jobs of the future will be the focus of a Employment and Training Partnership Conference Oct. 10-12 in Greensboro.

Sponsored by the Department of Economic and Community Development, the three-day event will include workshops and presentations on collaborative strategies for "workforce investment." Topics include accessing the media, family and workplace literacy, job creation, labor market trends, and client assessment and retention. Speakers will include the department's secretary, James T. Broyhill, as well as Marion Pines, a senior fellow at Johns Hopkins University; Juan Williams of *The Washington Post*; and John Kasarda of the Kenan Institute.

Information on the conference is available from Karen Cafferty, coordinator, 919-733-6383.

Loans Targeted

One hundred percent of funds targeted for minorities under the N.C. Farmers Home Administration's farm loan program was used by June 30, although the fiscal year doesn't end until Sept. 30, according to Ted C. Rivenbark Jr., FmHA County Supervisor for Brunswick County.

As a result of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, 21 percent of North Carolina's FmHA farm ownership funds and farm inventory properties are reserved for minority farmers. Rivenbark said it was a successful year in utilizing the funds for this program.

"We are continuing to encourage the participation of minorities in the agency's farm loan program," Rivenbark said.

Persons interested in the program should contact the Brunswick County FmHA office in Bolivia, 253-4435.

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ANNETTE ODOM, (center), new president of the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce, presents outgoing president Dean Walters an "I'm Outta Here" t-shirt. Susanne Sartelle, executive vice president of the chamber (left) participates in the presentation.

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AT ANNUAL MEETING

Chamber Gavel Passes From Walters To Odom

The gavel of the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce changed hands last week when Annette Odom succeeded Dean Walters as president.

The transfer took place at the 14th annual membership meeting of the chamber when Odom, of Yarbrough-Farr Construction Co. of Sunset Beach, became the second female to hold the office. The first was Virginia Craig of Holden Beach, who was president in 1982.

A record number of members gathered at the new Jones/Byrd Clubhouse at Sea Trail Plantation Thursday for dinner and to watch as annual awards were presented and new directors took office.

Awards were presented by Walters as part of his final duties as chamber president. The President's Award went to Al Laughinghouse of United Carolina Bank. "He never said no," Walters said of Laughinghouse, who was not at the meeting.

The new president was named Volunteer of the Year. Her efforts on behalf of the chamber have been "way beyond the normal commitment," Walters said of Odom.

Brunswick Community College is Member of the Year for "outstanding service," Walters said as he presented the award to Mike Reeves, college president.

Jay Houston, chairman of this year's Oyster Festival, was presented the Oyster Festival Award.



Mike Reeves
BCC
Member of Year



Nick Newton
Sand Dollar Realty
Community Service



Allen Dameron
Holden Beach Gen. Store
Retiring Director



John Marshall
The Brunswick Hospital
Community Service

Community Service Awards were presented to six "who promote the area in a positive way." They went to:

- Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp., accepted by Percy Woodard;
- The Brunswick Hospital, accepted by John Marshall;
- Brunswick Electric Membership Corp., accepted by Bobby Gore;
- Sand Dollar Realty, accepted by Nick Newton;
- The Brunswick Beacon, accepted by Eddie Sweatt;
- Sea Trail Corp., accepted by John Williams on behalf of Paul and Connie Dennis, Ed and Dinah Gore, Miller and Helen Pope, and Frances Williams.

Retiring directors were presented plaques of appreciation for their ser-

vice. Those leaving the board are Russell Price, Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp.; Scott Irby, NC-NB; Roy Mintz, Security Savings & Loan; Allen Dameron, Holden Beach General Store; and Al Laughinghouse, UCB.

New directors who took the oath of office at the annual meeting are Percy Woodard, Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp.; Terry Barbee, Island Realty; Jay Houston, Houston & Associates; Don Warren, Southern National Bank; and Joe Stanley, Joe and Moe's Auto Service.

While outgoing president Walters took a lot of good-natured ribbing, he was highly praised by the incoming president and by Susanne Sartelle, executive vice president of the

chamber, for the job he has done during the past year.

He was presented an "I'm Outta Here" t-shirt by Odom and Sartelle, who said "I'm outta here" has been Walters' favorite expression for the past few weeks.

Walters said his most exciting project was working on the Shallotte by-pass and welcome center.

He said he is confident that next year will be another successful one for the chamber with Odom at the helm. "She has a proven track record," Walters said of the new president.

In recapping the previous year and outlining the new one, Executive Vice President Sartelle noted that membership in the chamber has reached a record 425.



NEW DIRECTORS taking the oath of office are, from left, Percy Woodard, Terry Barbee, Jay Houston, Don Warren and Joe Stanley.

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