

## Chamber Board Members, Volunteers Are On The Go

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South Brunswick Islands Chamber Of Commerce

Here we go again, yes the chamber is off to the capital city twice in two weeks. Last week Annette Odom, Terry Barbee, Allan Dameron and yours truly attended North Carolina's Travel and Tourism mid-year marketing update. I went to Raleigh a day early to attend a workshop on *Organizing Events for Fun and Profit*. For my three cohorts who are pros at putting on events, I think that they probably could have taught the course. As for me, the Oyster Festival rookie, the workshop was extremely entertaining and informative. Personally, I was pleased that three of our chamber's volunteers attended this workshop that is so important to the economy of the South Brunswick Islands.



RICHARDS

This week I'll be attending the 1991 Public Policy Forum—Driving North Carolina's Highways. Annette Odom, Terry Barbee and Jody Simmons will also attend. This is sponsored by North Carolina State University's Emerging Issues Forum. It is quite an honor to be invited to attend this forum, as it brings together mature thinkers from both the public and private sectors to focus on crucial issues...to question, to probe, to test ideas, and then to translate those ideas into actions that will help shape the future of our state and nation. Sound heavy? It is!

The speakers are drawn from the ranks of the state's leading decision-makers and analysts. They direct corporations, institutions and governments. What sets them apart is their forward-thinking approach. That is why your chamber was invited to attend this forum. What sets us apart is our forward-thinking approach. Better translated to movin' and shakin'.

Also this week I'll be in Wilmington for the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry's (NCCBI) area meeting. Board members David Batten, Percy Woodard and Ed Jones will be attending with me. NCCBI is conducting six regional meetings across the state and will be addressing several important legislative, economic and educational issues during this meeting.

Again, I'm pleased to see that our board members are interested in several important affairs that affect the South Brunswick Islands as well as our state.

Something else that is important to our area is the South Brunswick Islands Visitors Guide. Our Visitors Guide is the most important advertising tool that you can have. We're printing 60,000 guides this year. When attending shows, meetings, etc., we always have Visitors Guides in hand to give out. Not to mention that we send them to all inquirers, AAA, welcome centers, travel agencies, airports, convention and visitors bureaus and have them in all members establishments.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Small Business Seminars Offered During Month Of October

Small business seminars on computerized accounting and legal issues will be offered during October by the Brunswick Community College Small Business Center.

On Oct. 17, computer consultant Rachel C. Dodge will discuss accounting software used by small- to medium-sized businesses for tasks ranging from ledger-keeping to inventory control, with computer

demonstrations.

An Oct. 29 seminar will focus on legal issues and trends affecting small businesses in the 1990s, including the role and impact of government regulation. Specifically, Tim Whitener, a practitioner, consultant and training specialist, will look at the Americans with Disabilities Act, Parental Leave, COBRA, EEO/Affirmative Action and

other regulations.

Both seminars will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register or for more information, contact the Small Business Center, 754-6900, 457-6329 or 343-0203.

#### Joins Sand Dollar

Doug Vogel has joined Sand Dollar Realty at Ocean Isle Beach as a part-time broker.

A former employee of United Carolina Bank in Shallotte, the Ocean Isle resident also serves as volunteer youth minister with Shallotte Church of Christ. He is a tutor with the Brunswick County Literacy Council and coaches soccer in the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Soccer League.

#### Director Hired

Sea Trail Corporation has announced the hiring of Deborah D. Lennon as the first director of marketing for Sea Trail Plantation and Golf Links at Sunset Beach.

Ms. Lennon recently graduated from Bryant College in Rhode Island with a bachelor's degree in business administration, specializing in marketing and computers. At Sea Trail she will coordinate advertising and marketing activities for real estate, golf operations and accommodations.

#### Attends Medical Meet

Dr. Charles J. Savarese Jr. of Shallotte attended the annual Scientific Assembly of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Sept. 25-29 in Washington, D.C.

He heard well-known speakers

discuss the latest in health care topics and had an opportunity to attend clinical seminars and visit scientific and technical exhibits. Topics included asthma, environmental and occupational hazards, posttraumatic stress disorder, reimbursement and socioeconomic issues, depression and medical issues relating to the Persian Gulf War.

AAFP members must complete 150 hours of continuing study every three years.

#### Set Safety Record

Employees at Carolina Power & Light's Brunswick Nuclear Plant set a safety record Saturday.

The approximately 130 employees in the instrumentation and control electrical maintenance safety council topped the two million mark in consecutive safe working hours, said Kay Smith, CP&L spokesperson.

This is the highest number of continuous safe working hours ever achieved by a group of employees in the company's 80-plus year history. Russ Starkey, vice president at the plant, praised the group's performance and dedication as an example to all CP&L workers.

CP&L safety councils are groups of employees who work together and meet regularly to discuss and stress on-the-job safety.

The instrumentation and control electrical maintenance safety council perform testing, calibrations and repairs on all electrical equipment at the plant.

The last on-the-job injury recorded by a member of this council happened in May 1984.

### ATMC Planning New Services

Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. members will be able to choose alternate long-distance carriers by the end of 1992, President Carol Danford announced during the cooperative's annual meeting last Friday night.

Presently AT&T is the only long-distance carrier available in the ATMC service area.

Members enjoyed an evening of homespun humor from keynote speaker Wayne Ates, along with news of forthcoming services and the past year's performance.

By 1992, caller ID and distinctive ring services will be available. Mrs. Danford told members gathered in the West Brunswick High School gymnasium. She also announced that the FOX network will be available in November to cable subscribers.

Mrs. Danford noted improvements in customer service achieved during the past year. Service representatives can now handle 947 incoming customer assistance calls each day without giving a busy or hold signal.

Re-elected to the board of directors by acclamation were Marion Davis of Supply, District 5; Charles Mills of Town Creek, District 7 and P.R. Hankins of Bolivia, at-large.

In his annual report, General Manager Russell Price said the telephone operation showed growth of 5.6 percent last year and now reaches 22,277 homes in the county.



PRELOW WILSON OF SUPPLY took home the \$500 grand prize from ATMC's annual meeting Friday.

ATMC cable television has 90 penetration in Brunswick County homes where it is available, growing by 11.5 percent last year to reach 7,744 homes.

Price said 1991 was the sixth consecutive year in which ATMC has not had to increase its customer rates, with no rate increase foreseen for the future.

In the financial report, auditor J. Michael Chandler CPA noted that the cooperative spent and took in \$45,775,383 during the past year.

### ON A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK

## County Construction Activity Grows During September

Construction activity increased during September, with the Brunswick County Building Inspection Department issuing permits for construction valued at more than \$1.8 million.

Permits were issued for construction valued at \$1,839,800, compared to \$1,091,456 during August.

Building inspectors issued 320 permits last month, up from 305 in August, according to the monthly permit report. Of those permits for September, 148 were building, 120 electrical, 11 plumbing and 41 mechanical.

Seventeen permits were issued for single-family home construction valued at \$1,071,586, six permits for commercial projects valued at \$478,126. Also, 63 mobile home permits were issued.

Other permits recorded included these: remodeling, two; additions, nine; garages, 10; decks/porches, three; and signs, two.

For the year to date the county has issued 3,109 permits, including 119 for single-family homes valued at \$7.7 million and 43 commercial permits for projects valued at \$9.4 million.

The year-to-date total valuation of new construction in Brunswick County is \$19.6 million.

### Legal Notices

#### ESTATE NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Doris L. Barton, deceased, late of Brunswick County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of March, 1992, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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