

# CHAMBERLINES

## 2015 Chamber Open "Presenter" is Carolinas HealthCare System

The 15th annual Anson County Chamber Open will be Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Twin Valley Country Club. Deadline for entering the Captains Choice Tournament is April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wonderful weather and great food has been requested for the Premiere Golf Event of Anson County.

Golfers will have a choice of morning or afternoon tee times - teeing off in a shotgun start at either 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. Afternoon players will enjoy a lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the morning golfers will eat at 1:00 p.m. Teams are already calling in to book their tee time, so make your plans now to join us on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The tournament's presenting sponsor is **Carolinas HealthCare System**. We appreciate their support for this event.

**Sponsorship levels are Corporate-\$1000, Platinum-\$500, Gold-\$320 and Silver-\$150. Individual entries are available at the cost of \$65 which includes lunch, golf and a mulligan.**

Prizes will be awarded for both morning and afternoon golfers and a split the pot will be available again this year. On course prizes include Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt, Longest Drive, and a \$10,000.00 Hole-in-One prize. Goody bags will be given out to each player.

**We will have the "Ball Drop" game again this year. Numbered golf balls are now available for purchase, 1 ball for \$5 or 5 balls for \$20.**

**At the end of the tournament we will have our "Ball Drop" from a Pee Dee Electric bucket truck on**

**the course at a designated hole. The ball closest to the hole will win a cash prize of \$200. You do not have to be present or a player in the tournament to participate in this event. We will also have a raffle this year. See insert for details!**

This Premiere golf event will host 40 teams, 20 in the a.m. and 20 in the p.m. If you are looking to have a great day golfing, chances to win some prizes and enjoy a great lunch, this is the event for you.

The Chamber Open is one of the Chamber's two annual fundraisers. The second is the Big Game Hunt Tournament which is held in November. Please call the Chamber for more information or to book your team today, 704-694-4181.

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# Pee Dee becomes first electric cooperative in state with solar power

Pee Dee Electric Membership Cooperative became the first electric cooperative in North Carolina to begin using solar power on Friday, March 6, with the symbolic ribbon cutting on its Community Solar Farm.

“This is a tremendous milestone for Pee Dee Electric,” said Joe Branning, CEO of the North Carolina Electric Membership Cooperative. “They are the first electric cooperative in the state to commit to this type of energy. I congratulate the board and staff for their commitment, but also for their leadership.”

Pee Dee EMC has always tried to be on the cutting edge of power production, said Pee Dee CEO Donnie Spivey. “We’ve promoted the idea of an ‘all of the above’ strategy for energy generation,” he said. “The one piece missing for Pee Dee was renewable energy, plus we had a lot of interest from our members in solar energy.”

At the same time, Spivey said, the NC EMC, from which Pee Dee buys its power, was “thinking along the same lines,” and so, Pee Dee began its plans for a community solar farm.

“From this, we’re able to produce what you see behind us,” Spivey said, gesturing to the 360 individual panels, which will produce approximately 150,000 kWhs of energy per year.

According to a press release from Pee Dee Electric, what makes the solar farm a “community solar farm” is this: “Members of Pee Dee Electric can purchase the rights to the output from up to 15 panels. Participants of the project will receive a credit on their electric bill for their pro rata share of the output of the solar farm. In addition, Pee Dee Electric will maintain the panels and insurance requirements for the solar farm, eliminating a costly burden for the member.”

In addition to receiving the credits on their energy bills, the cooperative members also received signs they can post in their yards, which read, “We’ve Got Panel Power.”

Wadesboro Mayor Bill Thacker, County Commissioners Ross Streater and Vancine Sturdivant, and Anson County Chamber of Commerce members were present at Friday’s ribbon cutting.

“It’s always a pleasure to stand behind a ribbon because it means good things are coming,” Mayor Thacker said. “Thank you for making Wadesboro a part of this.”

“It is very exciting to have solar energy here,” said Chamber of Commerce executive director Lynn Edwards.

Construction on the solar farm began in December 2014, and Pee Dee members

were given the option to purchase panels on Jan. 2.

Details of the project can be found on Pee Dee’s website at [www.PDEMC.com](http://www.PDEMC.com). Members of Pee Dee Electric who are interested in learning more about the Community Solar Farm are encouraged to visit the cooperative’s website at [www.PDEMC.com](http://www.PDEMC.com), or to contact project coordinator Todd Moore at 704-694-7607. Members can also email their questions and interest to [solar@pdemc.com](mailto:solar@pdemc.com).



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D.G. Martin, host of North Carolina Bookwatch, will be the keynote speaker

at the seventh annual Carolinas Writers Conference, to be held April 18 at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. His topic will be "Looking Back at North Carolina Bookwatch: What I have learned from conversations with more than 250 Carolina authors."

Martin is a graduate of Davidson College and Yale Law School and is a former Green Beret. He practiced law for 20 years before joining the University of North Carolina as vice president for public affairs. Now retired, he writes a weekly newspaper column and has written numerous book reviews and feature articles for newspapers, journals, and magazines.

Scheduled workshop presenters for the conference are Joseph Bathanti, N.C. Poet Laureate 2012-2014, "Where You Live: Writing about Yourself and Your Family"; storyteller Martha Reed Johnson, "From Page to Performance"; novelist and poet Ruth Moose, "Flash Fiction"; strategist Susan Sloate, "Screenwriter's Tricks for Killer Novel Structure (morning) and Marketing on Amazon" (afternoon); and L. Diane Wolfe, owner of Dancing Lemur Press, "Publishing and Printing 101" (morning) and "Publishing and Promoting 102" (afternoon). Sloate will hear pitches in the afternoon.

A complete description of workshop topics, workshop leader bios, and a schedule can be found at [www.carolinaswritersconference.org](http://www.carolinaswritersconference.org).


Cost for the conference is \$25 pre-registration and \$30 at the door. A catered lunch is included in the fee. Deadline for registration is April 10. A limited number of lunches will be available for walk-ins,

but it is strongly urged that participants register early by using PayPal on the web page; sending a check or money order made out to Anson County Writers Club (ACWC), P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, NC 28170; emailing [info@ansoncountywritersclub.org](mailto:info@ansoncountywritersclub.org); or by calling Sandy Bruney at 704-694-5211.

For those who would like to attend Martin's lunchtime address only, the cost is \$15. Registration is the same as for the workshops.

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## CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 2.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21.

■ The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 16.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14.

All of the above meetings will be held at the Chamber of Commerce.

## Upcoming Calendar Events

April 5 — Easter Sunday

April 16 ♂ The Old Store in Lilesville will hold their **Cruise In** starting at 5:00 pm. For more information call 704-848-8385.

April 24 ♂ First Presbyterian Church will hold their Salad Luncheon. For more details call 704-694-3818.



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