

# CHAMBERLINES

## Meet & Greet with Congressman Richard Hudson

Dozens of Anson County leaders turned out on Thursday morning January 10 for a meet and greet with newly-sworn in 8th District Congressman Richard Hudson at the Chamber of Commerce office in Wadesboro.

Hudson said he'd been a member of Congress for exactly seven days on that very day and his visit to Anson County was part of a "Listening Tour" he's doing this month to meet with community leaders in every county in the 8th District.

"I've always had such a great relationship with this community," Hudson said. "This county is the most beautiful in the state, and there are great people here."

He joked that there have been three main issues everywhere he's been so far: "and that's jobs, jobs and jobs."

"Even when the economy was booming, there were still areas of this district that were struggling," Hudson said. Hudson said he wanted to know what's going on within the district, and what issues the community is dealing with. "One thing about me, we may not agree but you'll know where I stand," he said. "I won't say something here and then go to Washington and vote differently."

The first week in Congress has been exciting, but also sobering, Hudson said. He frequently mentioned the government's "out-of-control spending," and repeatedly stated that he plans to work on both sides of the aisle to affect real change in the nation's capitol.

"We have a divided government," he said. "So I've spent my time trying to build relationships, particularly with Democratic freshmen. We've got to work together. There are so many issues that one party can't solve."

He pointed to the relationship between late senators, Jesse Helms from North Carolina and Ted Kennedy from Massachusetts. The Republican and

Democrat could not have been more different, but worked together often for the good of the country, Hudson explained. He's trying to create a similar relationship with Joe Kennedy III of Massachusetts. "Our votes will probably cancel each other out, but we'll work together," he said. "I think that's going to get some attention."

He's also aware of the importance of agriculture in the 8th District. "Agriculture is our best place to grow jobs, in my opinion," he said. Anson County farmer Dale Nelson asked Hudson about the Farm Bill and what could be done for small farmers. "That's my concern, especially with young farmers just starting out," Hudson responded. "We are looking at things to help as we put this Farm Bill together. We know how important agriculture is in this district."

Don Scarborough said, "I think you know the level of frustration here. We're not sure there's anybody up there who can fix it. I think a bad decision is better than no decision. I just don't want our country to end up like Greece."



**Congressman Hudson**

Hudson agreed, pointing again to the government's national debt and spending. "If your credit card debt is maxed out and you're behind on your mortgage and your car breaks down, there's not much you can do," he said. "If our country is broke and war breaks out, what are we going to do?"

He said President Obama doesn't believe the country has a spending problem, but in his opinion, there is one. "We're going to reach our debt ceiling Feb. 15. We will stand firm and will not raise that debt ceiling unless we get spending cuts."

Chuck Horne told Hudson that previous Congressman Larry Kissell had made a commitment to support the textile industry, and he hopes Hudson will do the same. Hudson said that he would, and that he feels frustrated Obama has cut the military budget, and has not required the military to use U.S. textile companies for uniforms.

Derek James pointed out that the 2012 presidential election showed that the majority of Americans want the country to continue as is. Hudson admitted that conservatives didn't get the right message across in the campaign. "Exit polls showed people that Mitt Romney doesn't care about me," he said. "Obama ran a better campaign. I need to show as a conservative that I do care about people, not ideas. I need to do a better job of why we believe what we do and how it applies to you. We live in the greatest country in the world. You can do anything in this country that you want to do through hard work."

Hudson's office can be reached at 202-225-375 in Washington, DC and 704-786-1612 in Concord.

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**Shelby Emrich, Chamber Office Manager, Congressman Hudson & Lynn Edwards, Chamber Executive Director**



**Local leaders in attendance**

## Overnight Retreat

The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee has selected 13 participants for the Class of 2013.

The 17th developmental program began the weekend of January 11th and January 12th with a Lake Tillery overnight retreat at the Uwharrie Lodge and Retreat Center.

An orientation to prepare participants for the weekend retreat and the upcoming sessions was held on January 7th.

The Leadership Anson Class of 2013 participants are: Damer Chapman, Anson County Sheriff's Office; Catherine Crandell, Anson County Arts Council; Sharon Dawkins, Carolinas Primary Care; Rosezetta McCray, Anson County Partnership for Children;

Holly Mullis, Anson County Sheriff's Office; Brian Nance, Anson County EMS; Cindi Pope, Town of Wadesboro; Alex Sewell, Town of Wadesboro; Wes Steagall, Anson County EMS; Ashley Steele, Anson Community Hospital; Truman Teal, API Security; Jennifer Treadaway, Anson Community Hospital; Lindsay Wallace, CMH Space Flooring Products, Inc.



Pictured is the 2013 Leadership Anson Class along with Scott Collier of SPCC and Lynn Edwards, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

Classes will begin with Art/History/Volunteerism on January 29. Other topics for the program will be Local Government Day on February 12; Health Care Day on February 26; Education Day on March 12; Local Leaders Panel Day on March 26; Agri-Business Day on April 9; Chamber Golf Tournament on April 19; Water Resources Day on April 30; Industry Day on May 14 and Legislative Day on May 28. Graduation has been set for June 11.

The Leadership Anson program was implemented in 1997 by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce and, in 16 years, has graduated 254 participants. The program, with assistance from South Piedmont Community College and Hornwood, is designed to develop a commitment to community through leadership.



## SPCC's Small Business Center hosted a Lunch & Learn with Toiya Evans on "Record Keeping & Taxes"



On January 15<sup>th</sup> the Anson County Chamber of Commerce held a Lunch & Learn sponsored by South Piedmont Community College's Small Business Center with Director Dan Merle. The presentation was given by Toiya Evans, of SPCC on Record Keeping & Taxes.

The attendees learned about financial statement formulas and the four principal characteristics. Evans explained those characteristics are understandability, relevance, reliability and comparability. Evans also talked about self employment and the increase in FICA for 2013. FICA went from 10.4% in 2012 to 12.4% starting January 2013.

The lunch for this event was provided by Wadesboro IGA and cupcakes for dessert from Soowet Treats. Door prizes were given out and all enjoyed networking and sharing information with each other after the event.

The Chamber and SPCC's Small Business Center has planned another Lunch & Learn for February 19<sup>th</sup> on Excel. If there is a topic you would like to learn more about, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 and we will bring it to you in the near future.



Attendees of the Lunch & Learn

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## CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 7.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19.

■ The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 21.

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

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

## Upcoming Calendar Events

**February 3 — “Frosty Feet 5k Run/Walk”** to be held in uptown Wadesboro on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Entry forms are available at Vac and Dash in Albemarle, Buff Monkey Fitness Company or Lacy’s. Register early by February 1, and pay only \$20. Entry fee is \$25 the day of the race. For more information contact Anne Hyatt at 704-694-0593 or [lahyatt@windstream.net](mailto:lahyatt@windstream.net) or Melanie Lyon at 704-695-2247. **All proceeds will go toward the Anson High School Majorettes and their upcoming performance trip to Walt Disney World.**

**February 10 — HOPE Resource Pregnancy Center** is holding a **Baby Bottle Drive**. The

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HOPE Center is asking businesses, churches & individuals to fill baby bottles with checks, coins or currency from now until February 10. This is a fundraiser in observance of Sanctity of Human Life. You may drop your bottles off at the Anson Baptist Association, Chamber of Commerce or call 704-690-6689 to schedule a pick-up time.

**February 12 — The annual AWL Soup Luncheon** will be held at First Baptist Church from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM. The cost is \$6.00. For tickets contact [ansonwomensleague@gmail.com](mailto:ansonwomensleague@gmail.com) or contact Beverley Getzen at (704) 694-7022

or [bbgetzen@gmail.com](mailto:bbgetzen@gmail.com). The funds raised provide scholarships for Anson County graduates .

**February 16 — The Anson County Arts Council** will host Art & Soul, A Celebration of Culture and Art from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. Entertainment will be performed by Plair All-Stars and food provided by Jammin’ Collards & Company. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the Arts Council, Lacy’s and any Arts Council Board Member. For more information call 704-694-4950.

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