

CHAMBERLINES



Congratulations Leadership Anson Class of 2014!



The Leadership Anson (LA) program enjoyed its 18th graduation ceremony on June 17th at Welika Lake Fish House. Leadership Anson was created to develop a commitment to community through leadership. This graduating class totals 278 participants that have completed the program. A number of family, friends, and sponsors of the program attended this special event.



The speaker for the evening was Deborah Davis, Principal of Anson County Early College. She shared with us pieces of her own personal leadership journey so far covering over 30 years in public education - and how her strong faith is at the core of all she does. Among the many pearls of wisdom she imparted to us is that true leaders can't stay in the place where they are comfortable so they must continue to take the next step. She shared several of her next step realizations coming to understand that though she was effective in her current role, she could make things better for more of Anson County's children by taking on the next role. Though it was not what she spent years in college preparing to do, at the urging of her mentors, including Mr. Michael Freeman, she moved into administrative roles over the years that took her from health and PE teacher, to assistant principal, to principal, and now on to a position at the central office where again, she believes she can do more good for more people. She congratulated the class on their

Front Row (l-r): Megan Sellers, Anson County Partnership for Children; Jennifer Ricketts, SPCC; Tammy Henry, Anson Community Hospital; Dawn McElroy, Anson Community Hospital; Ginger McLain, SPCC; Emily Trexler, SPCC; Kari Eudy, Carolina Title Company, Inc.; Sarah Hutchinson, Anson County EMS; Burnelle Sturdivant, Anson County Jail.
Back Row (l-r): O'Brian Willoughby, Hornwood, Inc.; Jason Miller, SPCC; Jeremy Taylor, Plank Road Realty; Steven Kelly, Wadesboro Police Dept.

accomplishments and issued a challenge to the class to take those next steps and continue to lead Anson County forward.

Testimonials were given from a couple of class members that touched all in attendance. They each thanked Mrs. Davis for being their speaker as well. Chamber Director Lynn Edwards also thanked Mrs. Davis and stated that all of the class members learned so much more about their county, their community and themselves. The goal of this program is for those who participate to take what they have learned and use it in a way that will not only better themselves but the community as well.

A presentation was made to Becky Wilson, Anson County Animal Shelter

Director, from the class for \$1,292. This money was raised by the class from a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale back in April and they chose the shelter to receive their donation. This was the largest single donation that has been made to the shelter so far. Mrs. Wilson was very appreciative of such a gracious contribution.

Director Edwards is very appreciative of two organizations for their special contribution to Leadership Anson. Uwharrie Bank and Wadesboro Rotary Club each gave a scholarship which is used for class members that may not be able to participate if this was not provided. Edwards went on to say that this program is a unique one and that is due to the help of many special people and organizations in Anson County that give their support and time throughout the year to help it succeed.

Each Class member earned a Continuing Education certificate from South Piedmont Community College and received a Leadership Plaque from the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. These were presented to them by Lynn Edwards, Chamber Director and Scott Collier, SPCC. Jilla Gathings, LA Oversight Committee Chair, (class of 2006) assisted throughout the year and with the organization of the graduation ceremony for the evening. They each also received certificates for special recognition of their character, personality or humorous spirit. What a great night for all that attended.

ANSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION LUNCH

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce staff and Board of Directors hosted a Membership Appreciation Lunch on June 6th at noon just outside the Chamber office at the gazebo. It was a nice sunny day with a little breeze that was just right for hotdogs with all the trimmings, chips, drinks and cookies.



Sen. Gene McLaurin with Chamber staff & directors

We served just over 150 hotdogs but more importantly, we served up some smiles and laughter and great fellowship with all those that stopped by. It truly was a "Feel Good Friday" event.

If you missed it don't worry, we are already talking about another Membership Appreciate Lunch in the next few months. It was a great way for Chamber members to get to know each other as well as our Board Members. Thank you so much to everyone that helped make this event happen as well as all those that came out to enjoy lunch on us!

Community Calendar ...

Don't forget to post your events on the Chamber of Commerce web calendar at www.ansoncounty.org. E-mail the event, date, time, details and flyer, if one available, to ansonchamber@windstream.net.

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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 10.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15.

■ The AEDC will not meet the month of July.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

July 3 ♂ The **Summer Jam 4th of July Celebration** will be held on East Wade Street in the Plank Road Parking Lot starting at 6:30 pm. There will be a Live Band and Fireworks Show! For more information call Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. at 704-695-1644.

July 4 ♂ **Independence Day!**

July 11 ♂ **22nd Circle G Arena I.P.R.A. & S.R.A. Rodeo. FIREWORKS, GREAT FOOD & DANCING & BAND TOO.** For more information call 704-848-8583.

July 12 ♂ **Carolinas HealthCare System – Anson Community Celebration** will be held at the hospital's new location from 10:00 am - 2:00pm | Join us at the new facility

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for a community celebration with tours, food, community partners and give-a-ways of all kinds.

July 12 ♂ **Broadway star David Burnham** will be in concert at the **Ansonia Theatre** starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$15 and available at the Anson County Arts Council and Lacy's in Wadesboro and online at www.ansoniatheatre.com using Paypal.

July 13 ♂ **Stanly County Singing Americans** will be at the **Ansonia Theatre** starting at 3:00 pm. This event is FREE. For more information call 704-694-4950.

July 16 ♂ The **Anson County Arts Council** will hold their second **Bach's Lunch** of the

summer at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall from Noon to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each. Entertainment will be Leon Smith and his 5-string banjo. Tickets may be purchased at the Anson County Arts Council or Lacy's. For more information call 704-694-4950.

July 17 ♂ **The Old Store in Lilesville** will hold their **Cruise In** starting at 5:00 pm. For more information call 704-848-8385.

July 19 ♂ The **Big Bang Boom Band** (kids concert) will be at the **Ansonia Theatre** starting at 3:00 pm. For more information call 704-694-4950.

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