

CHAMBERLINES

Leadership Anson Class of 2009 Connects

Leadership Anson 2009 is off to a great start. The Sixteen members of Leadership Anson spent January 9-10 at the Beth Haltiwanger Retreat Center in Montgomery County.

Jennifer Horne, LAOC co-chairman accompanied the group, who spent the overnight session getting to know each other through activities and exercises. Scott Collier, South Piedmont Community College's Director of Student Recruitment and Lynn Edwards, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director were the overseers for the weekend. "We are very grateful for all of the sponsors of Leadership Anson who help to make each LA Day a success," said Edwards.

Horne said "The 2009 LA class is off to a great start. They are a very ener-



The 2009 Leadership Anson Class members.

getic group and work well together in achieving goals that are set. I look forward to another great year with another great group. I feel it is a great privilege to be a part of this organization."

The class members were blown away by the absolute beauty of the Haltiwanger Retreat Center and its surroundings. Class member Dusty Moser,

said, "I enjoyed the team building activities, you get to know one another and have fun all at the same time."

The L A class of 2009 seem very excited about the the upcoming challenges and learning experiences that await them in the near future.

On January 27th the class enjoyed a tour of the Rotary Planetarium and Science Center and then visited the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge for a brisk walk

on a few trails and then a visit to the Gaddy Covered Bridge.

Class schedule for February is, the 10th Local Government Day and 24th is Health Care Day.

Leadership Anson is sponsored by South Piedmont Community College, the Chamber of Commerce and Hornwood, Inc.



FEBRUARY, LOADED WITH LUNCH & LEARNS



February is the month for Lunch & Learns. We have three L & L sessions scheduled this month. Don't miss your opportunity to learn how to protect your data, hear the latest info on Medicare and how shipping can be made easier and less expensive for your business. Please R.S.V.P. of your attendance as soon as possible.

February 3rd L & L will be sponsored by New Ventures Business Development Inc., "Avoid Data Disaster", and it will begin at 11:45am with a \$10 fee for Chamber members and

\$15 for future Chamber members including lunch. It will be held at Lockhart-Taylor Center in the Olde Mill Gallery.

The second Lunch & Learn sponsored by Total Care-Gentiva, "Medicare - The Basics", will be held on February 17th here at the Chamber at 11:45. This event is free to all who attend and lunch will be provided. R.S.V.P. by February 13th.

The last session for the month will be sponsored by Advanced Shipping Technologies, "Technology that makes Shipping Easier and Cost

Effective for your Business". It will be held here at the Chamber on February 27th at 11:45am. R.S.V.P. by February 23rd. This event is also free to all who wish to attend and lunch will be provided.

When you attend these events be sure to bring your business cards for door prizes and to share with others. We look forward to seeing you soon.

You can reach us at 704-694-4181 or by email at ansonchamber@windstream.net

Chamber: Doing our best to serve our community.

Coggin; Elected COC Board Member, Active in the Community!

In November of 2008, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce added two new directors to its support team: Carly Little, who was also named vice-chair of the Chamber Board, and Stephen Coggin, Jr. While many in the community are already well acquainted with Ms. Little, of H.W. Little & Co., the Chamber would like to use this opportunity to introduce you to Mr. Coggin.

Coggin, CEO of Selectronics, Inc, is the great grandson of one of Anson County's eldest living matriarchs, Ruth "Nonnie" Morton, the grandson of Joyce Morton Coggin and the late Baxter Coggin, and the great nephew of one of Anson County's favorite sons, the late Henry "Punky" Morton. Though Coggin has deep familial roots in the county, he only recently arrived in Wadesboro via a pipeline of large metropolitan areas.


When asked how he thinks he will adjust to life in Wadesboro he responded, "I am overwhelmed by the general level of caring that Ansonians show for one another and for the

community itself. Wadesboro has opened its arms to me and welcomed me into its fold like nowhere else I have lived. So too, have local organizations allowed me to participate—and have an active voice—in community service projects, which is something that is very important to me. I am proud to be a fellow Ansonian."

In the six months since Coggin arrived in Wadesboro, he has joined multiple organizations and boards. "It is no secret that the county's future hinges on strong, capable leaders; that is, leaders who have the energy, experience, communication skills, vision, and competitive spirit necessary to carry the county through another millennium," says Coggin. "Now, whether or not all of these descriptors fully apply in my case can only truly be known if I exercise and test my skills through active participation. I do know, however, that I would like to see more of Anson County's younger generations 'exercising'."

Upcoming February Events!

Lots to do in the month of February! We are certainly on our toes here at the Chamber with three Lunch & Learns. But there are lots of other activities going on in the community as well. Everything from Water Color classes, to a Literacy Festival, a Grief Workshop, a Soup Lunch, Writers' Club Awards, a Valentine Ball, to a BBQ for domestic violence.

You can find out more details for each of these events and more by going to our web site, www.ansoncounty.org and click on the calendar. Don't forget February is the month for love. Be sure to remember your sweetheart on February 14th.  Valentines Day.

Warm wishes for a fantastic February from the Chamber.

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CALENDAR

- The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 13.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17.
- The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 19.
- Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19.

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

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2009 "ECONOMIC STORM"

Everyone has their eyes on the economy right now. If it hasn't hit you personally, I'm sure you know of someone that it has. If you watch the news it seems even worse than what we have imagined. They will certainly not have any good news for us. I have chosen not to watch it all. What we really need to do is find a way to focus on the fact that we will get through it. Think of it as a longer than normal storm, one of those where you wonder when it will be

over. We've known it was coming and to get prepared and now it is upon us. We need to make adjustments, stay focused, support each other and we just might make it through the storm.

The Chamber is here and ready to assist you any way that we can to encourage, uplift and help you weather the storm.

Heartfelt thoughts,
Lynn Edwards



Happy Valentine's!

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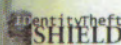
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- **CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS**—Completing a change of address form to get your mail and personal statements.
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TIPS TO AVOID IDENTITY THEFT:

1. Shred Financial Documents
2. Never Click on Links in Unsolicited E-mails
3. Do Not Use Obvious Passwords
4. Do Not Give Out Personal Information
5. Protect Your Social Security Number
6. Keep Your Personal Information in a Secure Place
7. Be Alert to Bills that Do Not Arrive when They Should
8. Be Proactive about Unexpected Credit Cards or Account Statements
9. Be Alert for Credit Being Denied Unexpectedly
10. Respond Immediately to Calls or Letters about Purchases You Never Made
11. Check Your Credit Report
12. Regularly Review Your Financial Statements
13. Close Any Accounts that have been Tampered With or Established Fraudulently
14. Go Paperless
15. Store Your Financial and Personal Information in a Storage Box by Year
16. Be Alert when Responding to E-mails
17. When Contacted by an Institution by Phone, Tell Them You will Call Them Right Back
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