

CHAMBERLINES

Presentation of Community Awards at the Annual Chamber Meeting

The 47th Annual Membership meeting of the Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce, attendees found themselves in new environs — the Ingram Room at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Dr. Don Altieri, executive director of New Ventures Business Development Inc., was presented the Henry W. Little III Community Leadership plaque. Carly Little presented the award to Dr. Altieri because he works so hard for education



Dr. Don Altieri, Henry W. Little, III
Community Leadership Award

and the betterment of the place we call home. A surprised Altieri said, "As for his accomplishments, Altieri said, 'It took a lot of work by wonderful people to bring about success. I humbly accept this award.'"

The Anson County Partnership for Children was awarded the 16th W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service. The 17th award was presented to Elaine Scarborough, executive director of the Partnership since 1997.

Lynn Edwards, the 2008 "Dunnie" recipient, told the audience that she was breaking the tradition of the previous year's winner making the presentation, and introduced Elbert Marshall, an original member of the ad hoc committee that laid the groundwork to form a Smart Start program in Anson Co.

Marshall listed professional accomplishments by the Partnership. Marshall recognized the Partnership's commitment to taking on the issue of preventing teen pregnancies,



Elaine Scarborough, director, and A. C. Partnership for Children, Co-Winners, W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community service.

saying the Partnership "has forged a strong collaboration with the Healthy Ansonians Task Force and HOLLA! (Helping Our Loved ones to Learn and Achieve)."

In closing, Marshall said, "If Mr. Dunlap Covington, who was instrumental in starting a chamber of commerce back in 1963 and for whom this award is named, was with us tonight, he would be proud to hear me say ... the 2009 W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service goes to the Anson County Partnership for Children."

47th Annual Membership Meeting:

Board directors were elected for 2010-12 and awards given.

Director's Jay Wright, State Farm Ins., Carly Little, H.W. Little & Co. and Jeff Rodgers, Anson Community Hospital were re-elected to a second term on the Chamber's board. Ashlie Jones, Anson Co. Partnership for Children, was unanimously elected as a Chamber director on the board at the 47th annual Membership Meeting and Banquet held Nov. 17 at the Ingram

Room at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Chamber Chair Todd Moore presented Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen with an appreciation plaque. Allen will complete two terms as a board member as of Dec. 31. Chamber Vice Chair Carly Little honored Moore as the outgoing chairman, thanking him for his leadership as chairman in 2008 and 2009.

The gala affair attracted 153 people

— a modern-day attendance record — out of the 167 who registered. And, the annual meeting was a trial run (a successful one) for the new community kitchen located adjacent to the Ingram Room, where caterers Kathy Thompson and Beth Rogers had full on-site access to their catering needs.

The evening's entertainment was provided by guitarist Thomas Cureton. We would like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers!



Todd Moore, Outgoing Chairman Award



Tommy Allen, Outgoing Director



Thomas Cureton

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4th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride!

Clear blue skies and crisp fall weather greeted 41 cyclists in Ansonville on Nov. 7 for the fourth annual Discover Anson Bike Ride, held in conjunction with Ansonville's Homecoming Celebration and Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department's barbecue fundraiser. Registration began at 8 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary School. Sandy Huntley of the Chamber bike ride committee said that 21 riders had preregistered for the 30-, 50- or 70-mile ride. Twenty of these were new riders, she said.

Harvey Leavitt, an avid cyclist sidelined this year by an injury sustained in a fall, said that it was difficult to tell how many riders were on each route.



Riders line up for the 9:00 a.m. start of the 4th annual Discover Anson Bike Ride Nov. 7.

"Some get to the turnoff from the 50-mile ride to the 70-mile ride and decide to turn back," he said.

Among returning riders were biking buddies Jessie Blackwater of Mt. Pleasant and Kim Coyle of Norwood. Both expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming ride. The 2008 ride was "great," said

Blackwood, mentioning the beautiful scenery along the routes. "And I love when you get back there's all this great food," she added.

Prior to lining up for the "green flag" — in this case, an orange sweatshirt — to drop, riders collected goody bags and bottled water. More water and snacks were available at rest stops along the route. Diane McLaughlin, Ansonville town clerk, gave the signal for the ride to begin.

The Discover Anson Bike Ride is co-sponsored by the Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce and the Anson Co. Tourism Development Authority; and is overseen by the chamber's marketing and bike ride committees.

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2010 Census "In Our Hands"

With the 2010 Census less than four months away, the news is quickly spreading that indeed, it is important that each of us in the U.S.A is counted. As a Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, I (Susan Webster) have the pleasure of speaking to people throughout Anson County about the **2010 Census being "In our Hands."** Many organizations, both business related and service motivated, local and tribal governments, as well as faith based groups have partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to help:

- Ensure that every person in the U.S. is counted.
- Inform their clients, family and friends of the importance of the Census and the more than \$400 billion which is allocated annually based, in part, on census data.
- Encourage others to answer the 2010 Census questionnaire which will be

consist of just 10 questions and will arrive in the mail in March 2010.

- Assure the community that their personal information will not be shared with anyone else.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Census Bureau and you may want to do so as well. There are dozens of ways that you and your organization can help make your community aware of the importance of being counted in 2010. For example, you may want to invite the Partnership Specialist to speak to your staff, clients, or group; you might announce the 2010 Census in your newsletter, or you might decide to organize a 2010 Census event. Undoubtedly, you will have many more ideas of how to creatively share the news that the **2010 Census is In our Hands.**

Remember:

- 2010 Census will be **easy**: only 10

questions that can be answered in 10 minutes.

- 2010 Census will be **safe**: your responses cannot be shared with anyone.
- 2010 Census **counts on your participation.**

An accurate count in 2010 is In Our Hands.

New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for calendar year 2010

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Second to Nature celebrates relocation with Ribbon Cutting ceremony!



Second to Nature Home Medical Equipment and Supplies celebrated its relocation to Anson Station Shopping Center with a grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 28. Todd Moore, Anson Co. Chamber of Commerce board chair, "I am glad that you chose to relocate in Anson County and Wadesboro."

Anna Baucom, Anson Co. Commissioners board chair, congratulated Second Nature's owners and staff members on their new store layout and choice of supplies and equipment.

Tracy Jones, Second Nature's operations manager, thanked everyone for coming. "I want to thank you for your support," she added.

Owner Robbie Carpenter told the gathering that he was "glad to help the people of Anson County." Staff members in attendance included Jones; Melissa Johnson, public relations manager; Kristy Poplin, customer services supervisor; and Colton Sutton, equipment technician.

Second to Nature provides aids for daily



Pictured is Co-Owners Jennifer Johnson and Robbie Carpenter with employees and family.

living — to include braces and supports, lift chairs, orthopedic devices, wheelchairs and scooters, hospital beds and accessories, ambulation aids, bariatric equipment, diabetic testing equipment, and diabetic shoes, foot supports and shoe inserts.

Second Nature is in its fourth year of service to the community; and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care. The store, located at 1035 E. Caswell St., is open from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Mon-Fri. and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sat. For more information, call 704.694.0179 or toll-free 877.694.0179.

Substation dedication ceremony honors Emmett Patterson



Emmett Patterson, whose 39-year career with Pee Dee Electric Membership Corp. included 18 years as general manager, was honored in a dedication ceremony on Nov. 16. During Patterson's tenure as general manager, Pee Dee Electric made many technological advancements and established itself as an electric cooperative capable of competing in a deregulated industry.

Patterson closed by saying, "I am honored for this substation to have my name."



Pictured from left to right are Mark Rhyne, director of engineering operations; Richard Johnson, chairman of the Pee Dee Electric Membership Corp. Board of Directors; Donnie Spivey, executive vice president and CEO; Patterson; his wife, Emily; and his daughter, Lara Autry.

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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 11.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15 at the Sullivan Place.

■ The AEDC will not meet in December.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17.

Upcoming Calendar Events

December 5 - Our Place Cafe will have Breakfast with SANTA from 8-11:00 a.m.

December 5 - The annual Anson Idol talent competition will be held at Wadesboro Elem. School gymnasium.

December 6 - Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will hold its annual Christmastime Tour of Homes from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

December 6 - The Anson Co. Arts Council will present an Open House from 2:00-6:00 p.m. in the arts council's gallery

December 8 - The annual Anson Co. Christmas Luncheon for senior citizens will be held at 11:00 a.m. at SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center,

December 8 - Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will sponsor a Bluegrass Christmas.

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December 12 - The Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium and Science Center will present "Constellations of the Winter Sky" at 4:00 p.m.

December 14 - The annual Lilesville Christmas Parade.

December 14 - The Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium and Science Center will hold an Ornament Party from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

December 17 - Grace Senior Center will sponsor a trip to the Tanglewood Festival of Lights.

December 23,24,25 - The Chamber is closed for the Christmas Holiday!



Your Chamber would like to wish each of you a

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Nothing Beats Jewelry for Christmas!

As 2009 draws to a close, Eric and Melissa Forbes are celebrating their 16th Christmas in the fine jewelry and gift business. Along with this, they have added *Seiko* watches to their already popular *Citizen*, *Fossil* and *Forbes* signature series watches. Also, new this year is the addition of the *Personality Jewelry* which is a popular line of Italian glass and sterling silver beads. "With such a large selection and variety of beads the *Personality Jewelry* seems to be the new charm bracelet" noted Melissa.

As Christmas draws near, Eric "The Diamond Doctor" is appropriately prescribing diamond

jewelry for Christmas. "From diamond earrings to diamond engagement rings we have what you want in diamond jewelry. It seems that diamonds have taken over our store this year," Eric stated. Forbes Jewelers also carries a wide range of beautiful colored gemstones, gold and sterling silver jewelry.

With the increase in the price of gold, Forbes Jewelers is able to trade customers' old gold for the full market price towards new jewelry. "Many people have old and/or broken gold jewelry just stuck in a drawer. They are very happy when they can walk in with their old gold jewelry and walk out with something new," remarked Eric. If trading your gold does not appeal to you, Forbes Jewelers also provides custom and repair work on site.

Along with Linda Wyand, Forbes Jewelers full-time manager, they have an all experienced sales staff

lined up for the holiday season. They are happy to welcome back Eryn Edwards, Mallory Hildreth and Lenelle White to the sales floor.

With a selection of all occasion cards and free gift wrapping service, this store should be on your list for your holiday shopping needs.



Melissa and Eric Forbes are ready for Christmas sales.



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