

# CHAMBERLINES

## Chamber's 52nd Annual Membership Meeting

Jeremy Taylor, Plank Road Realty; Kari Eudy, Carolina Title Co. and Gary Henderson, Carolinas Healthcare System - Anson were unanimously elected as directors of the Chamber board at the 52nd Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet.



Lewis Evans

Chamber Past Chair Carly Little presented the outgoing chair plaque to Lewis Evans. Chamber Chair Lewis Evans presented outgoing directors Don Scarborough, Plank Road

appreciation plaques.

Lynn Edwards, the Chamber's Executive Director, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Edwards thanked the twelve corporate sponsors for this year: Anson Health & Rehabilitation, BB & T, Brown Creek Animal Hospital, CHS-Anson, Columbus-McKinnon, Crider & Crider Properties, Duke Energy Progress, Leavitt Funeral Home, NCEMC, Pee Dee Electric, SPCC and Uwharrie Bank.

She also thanked Terri Martin, Derek James, Scott Rivers, Lisa Rolan and Wendi McCarn for their help decorating and setting up; the banquet's caterers, Beth Rogers and Cathy Thompson; the volunteer servers (students from ACEC, AHS, ANTS & YCC); and assistance from Kim of Oliver's Restaurant for bartending.

Realty; Phyllis Dawkins, Branch Banking & Trust and Jeremy Wilson, CMH Space Flooring (who was unable to attend) with

It was great to have Senator Gene McLaurin and Neva Helms with Representative Mark Brody's office

attend the banquet again this year. The

Chamber has a board of 18 Directors, of which 10 were able to attend this year; Dr. Don Altieri, Dr. Stan Sidor,



Phyllis Dawkins & Don Scarborough

Lewis Evans, Brandis Chewning, Carly Little, Phyllis Dawkins, Don Scarborough, Chuck Horne, Richard Allen and Jennifer Tarlton.

Lewis Evans recognized all veterans in attendance and thanked them for their service.

Everyone enjoyed the evening, especially the food, fun and fellowship.



## Community Awards at Chamber's Annual Meeting

The 52nd Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet was held on November 11th at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Anna Baucom presented the 2014 Henry W. Little III Award for Community Leadership. Baucom stated, "This award goes to those who lead." She commented that this person leads by giving through events like Toys for Tots and the Back to School Supplies Drive, she leads by teaching, by nurturing, by mentoring and by spreading love wherever she goes. Baucom presented this year's Henry W. Little III Award to Vancine Sturdivant.

Vancine Sturdivant commented that she told Anna she was coming tonight because she loves Anson County and had no idea she would be receiving an award. Sturdivant stated that she does not do it

on her own but with the help of the Lord. She told everyone that it is not about getting an award but about being there for each other. Sturdivant thanked everyone for their assistance.

Phyllis Dunlap with the Anson County Arts Council, recipient of the 2013 W. Dunlap Covington Award, presented this year's award. Dunlap stated that this year's recipient is an organization that spends its time giving back to the needy in Anson County.

"This organization is open five days a week on filling the needs of this county," Dunlap stated. The ministry's main purpose is to provide food to those in need. The amount of food provided depends upon the number in the family and the amount of food that is available on hand. 90% of the food comes from the Metrolina Food Bank. There is also a clothing closet available and they are able

to assist families and individuals in crisis situations.

This organization has a director and fifteen volunteers that help with its daily operations. Dunlap presented this year's "Dunnie" award to Ann James and the Anson Crisis Ministry.

Reva Evans, board member, accepted the award on behalf of Ann James and the Anson Crisis Ministry.



Vancine Sturdivant & Reva Evans

## 9th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride!

On Saturday morning, October 11th, nearly 40 bicycling enthusiasts from around the state converged on Wadesboro bright and early for the ninth annual Discover Anson Bike Ride.

The ride started promptly at 9 a.m. at First Baptist Church Wadesboro with the waving of the green flag. Cyclists headed out with a 26-, 43- or 62-mile route winding through some of Anson County's most spectacular scenery. Along the way were SAG wagons that rode along with the cyclists and provided support if any riders became stranded or injured. There were also four rest stops, which provided rest rooms, water, Gatorade and snacks.



Anson County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lynn Edwards stated that 16 cyclists pre-registered before Saturday morning and 25 registered the morning of the ride.

The Discover Anson Bike Ride was in conjunction with the Taste of the Pee

Dee Festival held in uptown Wadesboro.

For more information on future bike rides or other Anson County events, contact the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or visit our website, [www.ansoncounty.org](http://www.ansoncounty.org).



### Sheriff Tommy Allen Receives

### Prestigious Award from Governor McCrory



At the Chamber of Commerce's 52nd Annual Dinner, Sheriff Tommy Allen was presented with the distinguished Long Leaf Pine Award. Governor Pat McCrory awarded Sheriff Allen for his exemplary service to our state.

Senator Gene McLaurin made the presentation to Sheriff Allen on behalf of Governor McCrory. McLaurin said, "I am honored and proud to present the distinguished Long Leaf Pine Award to my friend, Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen. Tommy Allen has dedicated his life to public service and to law enforcement for the last 40 years. Throughout his law enforcement career Sheriff Allen has been a leader, earning the respect of our community and many others across our state. As he transitions into retirement I wish him the very best."

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is among the most prestigious awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina. The award is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Contributions to their communities, extra effort in their careers, and many years of service to their organizations are some of the guidelines in which recipients are selected for this award.

Pictured from left are Senator Gene McLaurin, Lewis Evans Chamber Chair, Sheriff Tommy Allen and Richard Allen



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# Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Auto Star of Wadesboro

Auto Star of Wadesboro celebrated a Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, October 16.

Lynn Edwards, Chamber Executive Director, welcomed everyone and introduced Lewis Evans, Chamber Chair. Evans stated that it is a pleasure to have Auto Star of Wadesboro in Anson County. He thanked them on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and wished them nothing but success.

Mayor Bill Thacker welcomed them on behalf of the Town of Wadesboro. Mayor Thacker commented that he appreciates their business and that it is obvious to see that the business is doing well.

Anna Baucom welcomed Auto Star of Wadesboro on behalf of the Anson County Board of Commissioners. She commented that it is wonderful to see a lot that is full of product. She wished them and their business the best of luck.

Mike Bilton, Manager of Auto Star of Wadesboro introduced his employees and team. He stated that since they have opened they have sold 120 vehicles. Bilton commented that they are proud to be in Anson County and thanked everyone for their support.

Auto Star of Wadesboro is located on Hwy. 74 in the former Huntley Chevrolet Building. For more information you can contact them at 704-694-2105 or visit their website at [www.autostarusa.com](http://www.autostarusa.com).

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*Pictured from left: Mayor Bill Thacker, Lynn Edwards, Anna Baucom, Ron Heller, Frankie Cranford, Shirley Hinson, Mike Bilton, Lewis Evans, Tony Cuffie and Terrence Smith.*

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## CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 4.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9.

■ The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 18.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9.

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

### Upcoming Calendar Events

**December 4** — The Wadesboro Christmas Parade will be held in Uptown Wadesboro at 4:00pm. For more information call 704-694-4181.

**December 4** — Free visit with Santa and receive a free book at the Anson County Partnership for Children following the Wadesboro Christmas Parade.

**December 7** — UWI Christmastime Tour of Homes in Wadesboro. Tour local homes and businesses beautifully decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$10. For more information at 704-695-1644.

**December 13** — Ansonia Theatre will present Sweet Potato Pie at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15. For more information call 704-694-4950.

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**December 18** — The Old Store in Lilesville will hold their Cruise In starting at 5:00 pm.

For more information call 704-848-8385.

**December** — To donate to Toys for Tots or to pick up an application, contact Vancine Sturdivant (704-848-4412), Jennifer Tarlton (704-694-3115), Dr. Bernice Bennett (704-694-6616) or Winnie Brown (704-475-0755). Toys for Tots, 121-C Wortham St., Wadesboro

**December 25** — Christmas Day.

**December 31** — New Year's Eve.



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