

CHAMBERLINES

Chamber's 51st Annual Membership Meeting

Jennifer Tarlton of Sam K. Turner, CPA and Richard Allen, API Security were unanimously elected as directors of the Chamber board at the 51st Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet.

Chamber Vice Chair Lewis Evans presented the outgoing chair plaque to Jeff Rodgers, Anson Community Hospital. Chamber Chair Jeff Rodgers presented outgoing directors Tommy Allen, Anson County Sheriff and Sam Turner, Sam K. Turner, CPA with appreciation plaques.

Lynn Edwards, the Chamber's Executive Director, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Edwards thanked the thirteen corporate sponsors for this year, Anson Community Hospital, Anson County Tourism Development, BB & T, Brown Creek Animal Hospital, Columbus-McKinnon, Duke Energy, Leavitt Funeral Home, NCEMC, Pee Dee Electric, Plank

Road Realty, Sandhills Office Systems, SPCC and Uwharrie Bank. She also thanked the annual dinner committee members for their assistance in planning the annual membership meeting and



Sheriff Tommy Allen & Sam Turner

from ACEC, AHS & ANTS); and assistance from Freda Buchanan.

Edwards recognized members of the following committees: Big-Game Hunt, Golf Tournament, Leadership Anson and

Marketing/Bike Ride. She also thanked Jenny Prevatte with Twilite Computer Service for her help in making the Ansonian Adventures Board Game possible.

It was great to have Senator Gene McLaurin and Representative Mark Brody attend the banquet this year as well. The Chamber has a board of 18 Directors in which 15 were able to attend this year; Jeff Rodgers, Dr. Don Altieri, Dr. Stan Sidor, Lewis Evans, Derek James, Brandis Chewning, Carly Little, Phyllis Dawkins, Don Scarborough, Chuck Horne, Michael Freeman, Sheriff Tommy Allen, Sam Turner, Jeremy Wilson and Josh Bricker.

Everyone enjoyed the evening, especially the food and the Christmas Story game that was played at the end. How great it was to see snow falling as everyone left for the night.

Community Awards at Chamber's Annual Meeting

The 51st Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet was held on November 12 at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Lawrence Gatewood presented the 2013 Henry W. Little III Award for Community Leadership. Gatewood



Anna Baucom

stated, "The person receiving this award has lived in Anson County for 44 years." Gatewood stated that this person is active in the community, retired from SPCC in 2005 where she served as the Executive Director of Information Services and appointed to the Anson County Board of

Commissioners in 1993 and served until 1998 and returned to the board in 2006, where she has served as chairman since that time. She is also active in the NC Association of County Commissioners as a trustee of the association's risk management program.

Gatewood presented this year's H.W. Little Award to Anna Baucom, Anson County Board of Commissioners Chair. Baucom thanked everyone and said she was honored. "It is a thank you to the entire County Commissioner Board," Baucom stated.

Jilla Gathings, the 2012 W. Dunlap Covington Award winner, presented this year's W. Dunlap Covington Award. Gathings stated, "This year's winner is a non-profit organization that was established in 1978 by local Anson County citizens." She stated that this group has brought together the talents of local and regional folks in the visual and performing arts, including painting, pottery, woodworking, textile art,

sculpture, photography, decorative art, folk art, jewelry, music, dance, drama, creative writing and poetry. She further stated that their mission is to enrich the cultural lives of the people of Anson County by nurturing and supporting excellence in the arts, promoting, presenting and encouraging educational activities, and increasing the community's awareness and appreciation of the arts. Gathings presented this year's "Dunnie" award to the Anson County Arts Council.



Johnnie Pettiford

Johnnie Pettiford accepted the award on behalf of the Anson County Arts Council.

8th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride!

On Saturday morning, November 2nd, nearly 50 bicycling enthusiasts from around the state converged on Ansonville bright and early for the eighth annual Discover Anson Bike Ride.

The ride started promptly at 9 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary School with the waving of the green flag from Ansonville Mayor Lyndell Ingram, and headed south with a 30-, 50- or 75-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 three rest stops, which provided rest rooms, water, Gatorade and snacks.

Anson County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lynn Edwards stated that 12 cyclists pre-registered before Saturday morning, but nearly 40 registered the morning of the ride. Edwards stated that the cyclist that traveled the farthest was from Germany.



He was visiting family and decided to participate in the bike ride.

The Discover Anson Bike Ride is part of Ansonville's Homecoming Celebration, which concluded with a parade later in the afternoon and also featured the Ansonville Vol. Fire Department's annual barbecue sale.

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.



It's Time for Your Chamber to Update Your Information!

The New Year will be here before you know it and the Chamber wants to make sure all of our information is correct for its members. If your business has created or changed a website, email address, physical address or phone number, we need to hear from you. Please take a moment and go to our website, www.ansoncounty.org and verify

your information. If it is not correct, please contact the Chamber at ansonchamber@windstream.net or call 704-694-4181 so that we may update your information.

Keep in mind that if you are planning an event or activity, the Chamber needs information as soon as possible so that it can be placed on the web calendar. The Chamber promotes this

as the Community Web Calendar and it has become a great tool for many organizations, groups and individuals looking to plan or just attend an event, as well as avoid any conflict when setting a date. We look forward to hearing from you in the New Year.



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Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Southern Medley Wine Cellar



It was a beautiful afternoon on October 24th for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Southern Medley Wine Cellar located at 118 N. Rutherford Street, Wadesboro. The Executive Director of the Anson County Chamber, Lynn Edwards, welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for coming.

Chamber Chair, Jeff Rodgers, welcomed Southern Medley Wine Cellar on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Rodgers stated that it is exciting to have them here.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Usrey also welcomed Southern Medley on behalf of Mayor Bill Thacker. Usrey commented on the positive changes and hard work to restore Rutherford Street. He stated that he was glad to have the wine cellar and thanked the Criders for their help.

Anna Baucom, Anson County Commissioner Chair, thanked them on behalf of the County Commissioners. She commented that she is pleased they chose Anson County.

Elizabeth Schaffer, Souther Medley Wine Cellar Owner, thanked everyone for coming. She commented that two years ago she was impulsive and purchased a home in Anson County formerly known as the Medley Home. She stated she decided to get creative and came up with the idea of the wine cellar. She thanked Cathy Crider for everything she has done to help. Schaffer also thanked Jeff Oliver for making not only the best wine but the only wine in Anson County.

Southern Medley Wine Cellar is open Thursday - Saturday from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Sundays from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.



Pictured l to r: Bobby Usrey, Mayor Pro Tem; Anna Baucom, County Commissioner Chair; Jeff Oliver; Elizabeth Schaffer; Lynn Edwards, Chamber Executive Director; Jeff Rodgers, Chamber Chair



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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10.

■ The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 19.

■ Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

December 3 — UWI Bluegrass Christmas at the Ansonia Theatre. Local band performs bluegrass and holiday music in uptown Wadesboro. For more information call 704-695-1644.

December 5 — The Wadesboro Christmas Parade will be held in Uptown Wadesboro at 4:00pm. For more information call 704-694-4181.

December 5 — Free visit with Santa and receive a free book at the Anson County Partnership for Children following the Wadesboro Christmas Parade.

December 8 — UWI Christmastime Tour of Homes in Wadesboro. Tour local homes beautifully decorated for the holidays.

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Tickets: \$10. Before tour purchase tickets at Lacy's, Chamber of Commerce office, Buff Monkey Fitness and Wadesboro Town Hall. On day of tour, starting at 3:30 pm, you may purchase tickets at Wadesboro Town Hall. For more information at 704-695-1644.

December 19 — 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.



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