

CHAMBERLINES

Leadership Anson Kicks Off With Overnight Retreat!

The Leadership Anson Oversight Committee has selected 12 participants for the Class of 2011.

The 15th developmental program began the weekend of Jan. 7 and Jan. 8 with a Lake Tillery overnight retreat. An orientation to prepare participants for the weekend retreat and the upcoming sessions was held on Jan. 3.

The Leadership Anson Class of 2011 participants are: Andrea Cash, Pee Dee Electric; Lakeisha Tillman, Anson County Partnership for Children; Kelly Gaddy, Carolinas Primary Care; Brenda Huntley, Anson Community Hospital; Vivian Wallace, Lillie Bennett Nursing Facility; Ginger Phillips, Anson County 911 Communications; Susan Poe, Carolina By-Products; Traquita Little, Britt Insurance Agency; Scott Rivers and Toby Carpenter, both of South Piedmont Community College; Sam Jones, Wadesboro Police Department; and Bret Blalock, Anson County EMS.

Classes will begin with "Team-Build-



LA class 2011 pictured randomly: Vivian Wallace, Brenda Huntley, Toby Carpenter, Scott Rivers, Andrea Cash, Lakeisha Tillman, Ginger Phillips, Kelly Gaddy, Sam Jones, Traquita Little, Bret Blalock and Susan Poe. Class affiliates Lynn Edwards, Scott Collier and Jilla Gathings.

ing Activities" and visits to the Anson County Arts Council, Ansonia Theater and Anson County Historical Society museums on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Other topics for the program will be

"Local Government Day" on Feb. 8; "Health Care Day" on Feb. 22; "Education Day" on March 8; "Local Leaders Panel Day" on March 22; "Chamber Golf Tournament Day" on April 8; "Water and Environment Day" on April 19; "Industry Day" on May 3; "Agribusiness Day" on May 17; and "State Government Day" on May 31. Graduation has been set for June 14 at a site to be announced.

The Leadership Anson program was implemented in 1997 by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce and, in 14 years, has graduated 229 participants. The program, with assistance from South Piedmont Community College and Hornwood, is designed to develop a commitment to community through leadership.

For more information, call 704.694.4181.

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The Anson County Chamber of Commerce board of directors elected officers for 2011 at the January 18, 2011 annual meeting. From left are Lewis Evans, Anson County Farm Bureau, chairman; Ashlie Jones, Anson County Partnership for Children, vice chairman; and Sam K. Turner Jr., CPA, treasurer. Photo courtesy of Anson Biz-Zine

Upcoming February



Events!



Lots to do in the month of February! There are lots of other activities going on in the community as well. Everything from a Literacy Festival, Arts Council's Sunday Reception, Soup Luncheons, Art and Soul Dinner, Writers' Club Poetry Awards to a fundraising 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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CY 2011 Renewals Thank You!

Following renewed their Calendar Year 2011 membership in January:

Anderson Real Estate
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A. C. Economic Development
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Anson Crisis Ministry
Anson Farm Home & Garden
Anson Pediatrics, P.C.
B&B Pest Control (*)
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Captain D's Seafood
CMC-Union
C&C Tool & Machine
CMH Space Flooring
County of Anson
Covington Eye Clinic
Thomas Cureton
Jeff & Lisa Davis
Ed Emory
Estridge Lock & Key
Executive Inn
Fancy Crafts
First Baptist Church
First Presbyterian Church
Beverley & Rufus Getzen
Betsy Haskell
JB Watson & Co.
James Printing
Barry D. James
Johnson Insurance Mgmt.
Kiker Resource Mgmt.



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McCollum Trucking & Grading
McDonald's
Medical Specialties
Morven, Town of
NC Electric Membership Corp.
Nelson Land & Livestock
New Ventures Business Dev. Inc.
The Old Store
Emmett Patterson
Perdue Farms
Piedmont Natural Gas
Poisson-Poisson-Bower
Pre-Paid Legal
Sen. William Purcell (*)
Robert O' Helms Co.
Janine Rywak (*)
Sam K. Turner Jr., CPA
The Shady Oaks Plantation B&B
Southeast Poultry Health Services
State Employees Credit Union
Tebo Stephens
Sullivan Place Bed & Breakfast
Terminix
Union County Community Action
Wadesboro IGA (*)
Gene Ward
WJSG 104.3 FM
Xcel Hermetic Motor Rewinding

(*)Indicates a contribution above and beyond normal dues.

Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to **Valentine's Day**, is an annual commemoration held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 500 AD. It was deleted from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI, but its religious observance is still permitted. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid.



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SPCC names Derek James as New Ventures interim director!

Derek James has been named interim director of New Ventures Business Development Inc., replacing Dr. Don Altieri, founder and executive director, who retired in December. James currently is the director of workforce development for South Piedmont Community College — a position he will retain while serving in his New Ventures post. New Ventures, which is housed in SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center in

Wadesboro, maintains the Olde Mill Art Gallery, Anson Women's Center and the Anson Community Kitchen; and offers a myriad of printing services for businesses through the college's printshop in the Lockhart-Taylor Center.



Derek James

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Lois Crumpler, New Ventures' business outreach coordinator, will continue in that position, providing services to entrepreneurs — especially in business planning. James, a Wadesboro native, has served on the Wadesboro Town Council and is a member of the Anson Economic Development Corp. Board of Directors, where he serves as chairman of the Business Retention and Expansion Committee. For more information, call 704.272.5457.

SPCC Invites Public To Attend Forums With Six Candidates For President

The South Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees has announced six finalists in the search for the next college president, and hopes to announce a new president in April. Since Dr. John McKay, president of South Piedmont Community College, announced his retirement effective June 30, 2011, the SPCC Board of Trustees has been conducting a search for a new president.

All of the candidates will be visiting SPCC for campus tours, forums with college personnel and public receptions with members of communities in Anson and Union Counties. The names of the candidates are listed on the college's website at www.spcc.edu with short biography for each. Receptions will be held in Monroe Feb. 14, 16, 21, 23 and March 7 and 9 at 5:15 p.m. in the Conference Center, Sa-

lon B, Old Charlotte Highway Campus, 4209 Old Charlotte Highway. Receptions will be held in Wadesboro February 15, 17, 22, 24 and March 8 and 10 at 5 p.m. in the Ingram Room of the Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 N. Washington Street. If you plan to attend one of the receptions, please contact Rita Adams at SPCC at 704-272-5352 or e-mail her at r-adams@spcc.edu.

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CALENDAR

- The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 11.
- The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15.
- The AEDC will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 17.
- Uptown Wadesboro Inc. will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17.

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

Upcoming Calendar Events

- February 2** - Groundhog Day
- February 12** - Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14** - **St. Valentine's Day**
- February 17** - Horace Mann Insurance Companies, DBA Robin Gilmore Insurance Agency will celebrate with a grand opening at 2 p.m.
- February 18** - Full Moon
- February 21** - Presidents' Day
- February 22** - Washington's Birthday



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New Member Sketches

*The following have joined the Chamber
for Calendar Year 2011*

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www.applieddatatech.com

**Horace Mann Insurance Companies/
Robin Gilmore Insurance Agency**,
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- **STEALING**—Taking your purse, wallet, mail, pre-approved credit cards, new checks, personnel files from work, or tax information.

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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