

CHAMBERLINES

Chamber's 48th Annual Membership Meeting

Director's Sam Turner, of Sam K. Turner, Jr., CPA and Bobby Talton, Progress Energy were re-elected to a



Carly Little
Outgoing
Chairwoman

second term on the Chamber's board. Brandis Chewning, Anson Bank & Trust, and Mary Little, Columbus McKinnon, were unanimously elected as Chamber directors on the board at the 48th annual Membership Meeting and Banquet held Nov. 16 at the Ingram Room at

SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Chamber Chair Carly Little presented outgoing directors Dana Maness, Anson Bank & Trust and Harvey Leavitt, Leavitt Funeral Home with an appreciation plaque. Maness and Leavitt will have completed two terms as a board member as of Dec. 31. Chamber Vice Chair Lewis Evans honored Carly Little as the outgoing chairman, thanking her for her leadership as chairwoman in 2010.

Lynn Edwards, the Chamber's executive director, opened the 48th annual meeting by thanking the corporate sponsors and said, "I want to give a big thank-you to Ms. Dusty Moser, office manager of the Chamber, for all the hard work she does, I appreciate what you do and I thank you."

Edwards thanked the annual dinner committee members for their assistance in planning the annual membership meeting and dinner; the banquet's caterers, Beth Rogers and Cathy Thompson, and the volunteer servers; and the social's bartenders, Freda Buchanan and Cayce Buchanan.

Chair Little recognized Chamber board members, and members of the Big-Game Hunt, Leadership Anson and Marketing/Bike Ride committees.

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Dana Maness
Outgoing
Director



Community Awards at Chamber's Annual Meeting:

Two people who attended the Anson County Chamber of Commerce's 48th annual Membership meeting on Nov. 16 were surprised when their names were called to step to the podium to receive the Henry W. Little III Community Leadership Award and the W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service, respectively.

Don Altieri, the 2009 "Henry" winner, presented the fifth award to Jim Strayhorn; and Elaine Scarborough, the 2009 "Dunnie" recipient, gave the 18th award to Todd Moore.

In presenting the "Dunnie" to Moore, Scarborough said, "... the recipient is very dedicated to family, married for many years, a parent and a grandparent. The recipient is also an animal lover who treats the family pet like a child. The recipient is involved in church, Rotary, the Chamber and many other organizations in our community.

"The recipient always is willing to give a helping hand to those in need, going above and beyond the call of duty. In fact, this recipient's personal goal is to make a positive difference in Anson County by supporting the local community ... (his) hobbies are spending time

with family and friends, golfing, hunting, riding Harley motorcycles and growing chickens," she said.

In announcing Moore as the 2010 recipient, Scarborough invited Todd and his wife, Vanessa, to the podium.



Jim Strayhorn, Henry W. Little III Community Leadership Award; Todd Moore, W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service

In making his "Henry" presentation, Altieri began by asking audience members some questions:

Who in here is a Hillsborough native? Who has a BA in Marketing from UNC - Chapel Hill? Who was a U.S. fighter pilot? Who is an avid fisherman, cook and carpenter? Who attends the First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro? Who is a member of the Yost Trust board of direc-

tors? Who was an active member of the Central North Carolina Council of Boy Scouts of America? Who is the current chair of the Anson County Educational Foundation? Who is a member of the Wadesboro Rotary Club and has served as president, secretary and treasurer, and is a Paul Harris Fellow? Who is a former Anson Community College Board of Trustee member and a current member of the South Piedmont Community College Foundation Board of Directors? Who has served for nine years as an active member of the Anson Community Hospital Board of Directors, lending his skills which were critical to the financial health of the hospital? and who has had a very successful banking career that spanned 40 years?

"Have you figured it out? Well just in case you have been sleeping or out of the country - I am talking about Jim Strayhorn, this award is presented to Strayhorn for his service to the community and commitment and dedication to the education of the children and adults of Anson County. This award is not only about leadership but also about Henry Little's passion for education.

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Serving Anson County Since 1963

Brown Creek Animal and Equine Hospitals held a Grand Opening

A Grand Opening ceremony and Open House hosted by the Brown Creek Animal and Equine Hospitals drew approximately 400 well-wishers who toured the new facility in Polkton Nov. 13.

Brown Creek Animal Hospital, just down the road from the new building on U.S. Hwy. 74, had outgrown its original home. The practice draws pet owners from a 100-mile area and has 16,000 clients — some of whom have more than one pet.

The practice is owned by Danny Wright, DVM, a native of Polkton. Wright is a small animal veterinarian, as is Jay Rutledge, DVM. Skip Severt, DVM, joined the practice as a mobile equine veterinarian. With the addition of his wife, Marsha Severt, DVM, the practice expanded to include the equine hospital.

Twenty part- and full-time staff members assist the four veterinarians. The facility was open to visitors who toured the pet hospital area, examina-



Brown Creek Animal and Equine Hospitals held a Grand Opening and Open House on Nov. 13. Shown are the staff and family members as veterinarians Skip Severt and Danny Wright cut the red ribbon.

tion rooms and the barn-like equine hospital. Everyone received gifts and many lucky visitors won gift baskets donated by area businesses. Hot dogs, drinks and popcorn were a hit, as were the red balloons given to smaller guests. Lynn Edwards, director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, commented in the opening remarks that "It is good to see somebody home grown in the Brown Creek area to come back to Anson County."

Carly Little, chairman of the Cham-

ber board of directors, said, "I congratulate you on your expansion on behalf of the Chamber Board and the businesses in Anson County, and for making an investment here."

Representing the Anson County Commissioners, Dr. Jim Sims said, "Dr. Wright and his staff have built a great stepping stone for Anson County. People come from over 100 miles to this facility for the people they have, the treatment they get and the kindness they receive."

Sims added that his two poodles give the hospital "two paws up." Henry Furr, Mayor of Polkton, also thanked the staff on behalf of the town and the town board. "I thank you all for coming out," Wright said. "We are proud of the building, so take time to look at it. The Lord has blessed us and everything is working out real good." Brown Creek Animal and Equine Hospitals are located at 7453 Hwy. 74-East in Polkton. For more information call 704.272.5500

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

The New Year will be here before we know it and we want to make sure we have all of our information correct on all of our members. If your business has a created or changed a website, email address physical address or phone number then 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 or we need to add something then please contact us at ansonchamber@windstream.net or call us at 704-694-4181 so that we may get your contact info updated.

Keep in mind that if you are planning an event or activity to get us your information as soon as possible so that we may place it on the Chamber's web

calendar. We promote 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 your date. We look forward to hearing from you and enjoying the New Year with all of you.



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Great turn out for 5th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride!

Despite the chilly temperatures on Saturday morning, Nov. 6th, 66 bicycling enthusiasts from around the state converged on Ansonville bright and early for the fifth annual Discover Anson Bike Ride.

The ride started promptly at 9 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary, and headed south, with 30-, 50- or 70-mile routes winding through some of Anson County's most spectacular scenery. Along the way are SAG wagons that ride along with the cyclists and provide support if someone gets stranded or injured. There are also three rest stops, which provide rest rooms, water, Gatorade and snacks.

About 40 riders had pre-registered before Saturday morning, which is double what the ride has attracted in the past, said Don Altieri, one of the organizers of the event. "We're expecting a good number of riders today," he said. "It's a little chilly but this is the kind of weather a lot of the riders are used to."

William McLeod, who came from Wilmington to ride the 70-mile route, said that although he'd rather ride in warmer weather, it's "fairly normal" to ride in the winter, as well. "But it's not as fun,"

looking forward to this. It's beautiful country, and also a chance to catch up with some friends."

Chamber of Commerce executive director Lynn Edwards got the ride off to a fast start, along with Ansonville Mayor Walter Edwards, who waved the green flag to start the 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 barbe-



Riders ready for the Fifth Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride on Nov. 5, 2010.



he admitted. Congressman Larry Kissell also participated in the bike ride for the third time, although he said he missed last year's event. When asked if he was a cyclist, he responded with a laugh, "That's yet to be determined. I used to be anyway." Kissell added that he's been looking forward to the ride for weeks, and that it would be a good stress relief after the election earlier in the week. "Win, lose or draw, I've been

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New Member Sketches

The following have joined the Chamber for calendar year 2011

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CALENDAR

■ The Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 10.

■ The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 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 16.

Upcoming Calendar Events

December 4 — Historic uptown Wadesboro will be the site for **SANTA on the SQUARE** from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

December 5 — Uptown Wadesboro Inc.'s annual Christmastime **TOUR of HOMES** For more information call UWI at 704.695.1644; e-mail uptownwadesboro@windstream.net; or visit www.uptownwadesboro.com.

December 5 — The Anson County Arts Council's **ARTISTS RECEPTION** will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. For more information, call 704.694.4950.

December 6 — SPCC's "MORNING CONVERSATIONS SERIES" from 7:15-8:30 a.m. will feature Dr. David

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Brigman, president of EntoGenetics Inc. For more information, call Sandy Huntley at 704.272.5436.

December 11 — Outlaw **STREET DRAGS** are scheduled at Rockingham Dragway. For more visit

www.rockinghamdragway.com.

December 12 — The Anson County Arts Council's free **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** will be held at 5:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro. For more information, call 704.694.4950.

December 18 — Anson Community Hospice will hold a **SATURDAY DROP-IN**. For more information, call 704.695.1595.

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Beautiful Jewelry is as Exciting to Give as it is to Receive

As 2010 draws to a close, Eric and Melissa Forbes are celebrating their 17th Christmas in the fine jewelry and gift business. Along with this, they have added *the Southern Gates Collection*, which is sterling silver jewelry line inspired by the intricate scroll work taken from the many gates and balconies of the Deep South. "It's a great way to show your Southern pride" noted Melissa. Also new this year is the addition of a new showcase to house even more of their popular line of *Elle*.

As Christmas draws near, Eric "The Diamond Doctor" is ap-

propriately 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 gemstone, gold and sterling silver jewelry.

With gold prices hitting all time highs, 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" noted 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 are happy to welcome back Caroline Traywick to the sales floor. New to Forbes Jewelers this year is the additional of Sarah Headley, who brings a fresh eye to the store. 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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