



Monthly NewsGram

"Charting Our Course To Prosperity"
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Reflections on our accomplishments of 2005.....

We've had a busy year at the Chamber, and would like to recap some of the more important accomplishments we have made.

- Hired an Executive Secretary
- Published the monthly NewsGram
- Held a successful Business Fair
- Held a successful Pamlico Paddle
- Co-sponsored Administrative Professionals Day at Camp Seafarer
- State of the County - Public Service Program
- Tidelands EMC Ribbon Cutting
- Pamlico Family Eye Care Ribbon Cutting
- Visitors Booth at Blessing of the Fleet
- State of Education – public service program
- Visitors Booth at Croaker Festival
- Visitors Booth at Community Festival
- Conducted a Pamlico Pride Campaign
 - Patty Rosencrantz of Oriental was awarded \$100 first prize for the Logo Design contest
 - Printed T-Shirts and Decals
- Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory
- Formation of Chamber Membership Committee
- Created a new Chamber Membership Directory Website www.pamlicodirectory.com
- Charlotte Garrett Gallery and Studio Ribbon Cutting
- Conducted Small Business Appearance Quarterly Award program-\$100
- Conducted a survey of our membership
- Moved into our new office at the Visitor's Center in Grantsboro
- Coordinated HWY 55 Gateway meeting with mayors, local officials, and DOT representatives
- Co-sponsored numerous seminars with PCC
- Worked with NC Cooperative Extension on "Coastal Treasure Chest" homegrownhandmade.com tourism website
- Sponsored a Golf Tournament with Proceeds to the 4-H Camping Program
- Co-sponsored Administrative Professionals Day at Camp Seafarer
- Held a very successful "Toys for Pamlico Kids" Campaign

.... And some of our meeting and event plans for 2006.

The surveys that were returned by our members during the fall of 2005 indicated that many of you would like more programs that had to do with "marketing". Therefore, we are busily planning many programs that address various phases of marketing. We are still busily working on the programs and are soliciting suggestions that you might have.

- January 26 – Chamber Monthly Meeting
- February 23 – Marketing ... Your Course to Prosperity – a multi-faceted seminar at Don Lee Center
- March 4 – The Pamlico County Business Showcase
- March 23 – Chamber Monthly Meeting
- April 20 – Chamber Monthly Meeting – Before Hours at Britthaven

- April 26 – Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon and Seminar
- April 29 & 30– Pamlico Paddle and Pedal
- May 25 – Chamber Monthly Meeting
- *May – “State of the County”
- June 22 – Chamber Monthly Meeting
- *June – “State of Education”
- July 27 -- Chamber Monthly Meeting
- July – Booth at Croakerfest
- August 24 – Chamber Monthly Meeting
- September 28 – Chamber Monthly Meeting
- October 26 – Chamber Monthly Meeting
- *November – Golf Tournament benefit for 4-H
- November 16 – Chamber Monthly Meeting
- December – “Toys for Pamlico Kids”
- December 12 – Chamber Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

*tentative dates

We look forward to serving you in 2006 and sincerely hope that you will be able to join with us for these events.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SPEC FEVER GUIDE SERVICE, Oriental – CAPT. GARY DUBIEL

ORIENTAL THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, Oriental – REGINA DUBIEL, RN, LMBT

WAYFARERS COVE, Arapahoe – TOM W. McCARY

A DIFFERENT TWIST, Oriental – KATHI ELLERS

ADVENTURES LIMOUSINE SERVICE, Oriental – DONNA BRYANT

2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your new Board of Directors was elected at the Annual Meeting on December 13. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Small Business Center.

Officers

President - Bill Schmidt

Secretary - Barbara Ransom

Treasurer - Almira Dallas

Board of Directors

Joel Mele, Pamlico Tower Leasing

Carla Byrnes, B&B Yacht Design

Sherwood Crawford, River Dunes Corp.

Martha Goldfinch, Camp Seafarer

Dawn Keller, Pirate Queen Paddling

Jerry Prescott, PCC Small Business Center

Hubert Pollitt, Bay River Campground & Marina

Patie McAbee

Judy Marco, Mariner Realty

Flo Daniels, Pamlico Historical Association

RETIRING DIRECTORS

The Chamber would like to thank Hazel Alcock and Ann Holton who have completed their terms on the Board of Directors. Both have given much of their time and expertise to the Chamber and to Pamlico County and we are sincerely grateful for their leadership.

SECOND ANNUAL TOYS FOR PAMLICO KIDS

A sincere **Thank You** to all of you who contributed to help make the 2005 "Toys for Pamlico Kids" a resounding success.

The Chamber would also like to recognize those who worked so hard to help with this program: Martha Goldfinch, Leigh Longino, and Becky Schmidt of Camps Seafarer and Sea Gull, Debbie Green and Betsy Strag of the Department of Social Services, and Hazel Alcock of Pamlico County Schools.

We would also like to thank the businesses and organizations that so graciously agreed to be collection points for all of the contributions:

- Pamlico County Board Of Education Office
- The Department of Social Services
- The Pamlico News
- Odie's Discount Store
- Pamlico County Public Library
- Tideland EMC
- Camp Sea Gull & Camp Seafarer
- Arapahoe Charter School

And finally, to Freida Hudson, Jeff Aydelette, Tony Tharp and the rest of the staff at **The Pamlico News** who did such an outstanding job of helping us to publicize the event through many news stories and pictures ... **Thank You So Very Much!**

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

We are in the process of tallying members' responses to the 2005 Membership Survey. It is still not too late to make your opinions count. Any surveys received by December 27 will be included in the report to the Board of Directors. Members who responded to the survey will also receive a copy of the report. If you did not receive your survey, or if you lost it, please notify Mim and another will be sent to you.

2006 PAMLICO PADDLE and PEDAL

The annual PAMLICO PADDLE has been expanded to include a venue for bicycling in Pamlico County. Oriental Express, the Oriental biking club, has agreed to coordinate the "Pedal" portion of the event. The Paddle will take place on Spring Creek. Lots of volunteers are needed to help with this April 29-30 event. Bill Schmidt is the coordinator of this event and he would be delighted to hear that you would like to help. Call Bill at 249-2165.

New this year, the Chamber will be printing coupons from businesses throughout the county to give to participants in the Paddle/Pedal. Our intent is to encourage participants to visit, stay, shop, eat, and perhaps return to Pamlico County as a tourist.

If you would like to include a coupon for your business, please send Mim the particulars via email or regular mail. (P.O. Box 23, Bayboro, NC 28515 or pamlicochamber@pamlico.net)

SBC SEMINAR – EASY ONLINE WEB DESIGN

The October seminar presented by the Small Business Center titled "Easy Online Web Design" was a great success, and several folks who missed it have asked for a repeat. Jerry has scheduled another session for Thursday February 2 6:00-9:00 pm. To register for this seminar, contact Jerry Prescott at the Small Business Center 745-7348 or jprescot@pamlico.cc.nc.us Seating will be limited.

2006 DUES

You may have received your 2006 dues invoice with this NewsGram. Please be sure to correct any incorrect information. This information will be used for the 2006 Membership Directory, which will be published in April. Please make any corrections and return the form with your 2006 dues.
