

The Chamber NewsGram

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NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

The nominating committee has submitted three nominations to fill the Directors seats that will be expiring at the end of 2007 and who have agreed, if elected, to serve on the board from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010. These are:

Tom Braaten—Craven Regional Airport
Fred Brown—Faith Works Ministries
Flo Daniels—Habitat for Humanity

Additional nominations may be made by members of the Chamber. Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 pm on October 5. Candidates must be a member of the Chamber, in good standing at the time of nomination.

Nominations must be in writing, signed and dated, and will be accepted via email, snail mail, or by dropping off your nomination at the chamber office. Mail: P.O. Box 23, Bayboro, 28515. Email: PamlicoChamber@Pamlico.net with a copy to Curtis (cormond@PCSPHosphate.com) Once nominated, we will contact nominees to notify them that they have been nominated, to explain the responsibilities, to answer any questions, and to verify acceptance.

According to the Chamber By-laws, if there are no additional nominations, the nominations will be closed and the slate of three candidates shall be declared elected by the Board at it's October meeting. If there are additional candidates, the names of all candidates will be placed on a ballot and mailed to all members on or before October 29; one voting member from each membership may then mark and return the ballot by November 7. The Board of Directors, at it's November meeting will declare the three candidates with the greatest number of votes elected.

Elected directors will be sworn in at the Annual Meeting which will be held on December 11 at Taylor Lodge.

Committees Announced

Toys for Pamlico Kids Committee— The Toys for Pamlico Kids is gearing up for another successful year. If you would like to volunteer your help, please call Sallie Ransom. Chair: Sallie Ransom, Camps Seafarer & Seagull (249-1111); Kathy Enzerink, Metagraphic Trends; Joe Brant, Keller Williams Realty; Vickie Courtney, Courtney Realty; and Robyn Fidler, The Gardens of Pamlico.

Holiday Party and Annual Meeting Committee - Plans are beginning for our big December event. Cathie Hopkins (474-1965) has agreed to chair this committee. Call the Chamber if you would like to help with this event. Other committee members so far are Courtney Daniels (After Hours Plumbing Repairs), Candy Bohmert (Clancy's Marina), Vennie Himbry (All-N-1-Fashions), Mary Beth Neill (Tar Heel Home Health.)

Chamber Growth & Membership Development—Cathie Hopkins has been appointed by the Board of Directors to chair this committee. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact either the Chamber office or Curtis Ormond.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mary Jane Westphal , Individual, Oriental	249-1147
Elliott Home Services , Craig Elliott, Oriental	249-4130
George Pfannenstiel , Realtor/Broker Weichert Realtors	670-4195
Kathy Guzzo , Individual, Oriental.....	249-2347
Trent Cadillac Buick Pontiac GMC , Pete Deichmann, New Bern	633-2213
SIA Stallings , Phillip Prescott, New Bern	633-3111
Boy Scouts of America/Neuse Basin District , Larry Gracie, Oriental	665-0687

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At it's August meeting, the Board of Directors of the Chamber

- Approved a motion to award Almira Dallas a lifetime honorary membership for her long service to the Chamber.
- Accepted a letter of retirement from Mim Miller
- Approved a motion to sell the remaining maps of Pamlico County to members for a reduced price of 50 cents for quantities of 100 or more.
- Approved a Nominating Committee.- This committee is responsible for nominating three board members to fill the 2008 through 2010 term. Chair: Curtis Ormond . Members: Nancy Schwarzer . Body Balance; Fred Brown, Faith Works World Ministries; Cathie Hopkins , Individual Member, Joel Mele, Pamlico Tower Leasing.

At the September meeting, the Board of Directors,

- Approved the appointment of Cathie Hopkins as Chamber Growth and Membership Development committee chair.
- Received and approved the Nominating Committee slate of proposed directors for the 2008-2010 term.
- Appointed Barbara Ransom as the Board liaison to the Chamber's Non-Profit Council. Barbara will also take the lead in helping to organize this group until a chair is appointed.
- Appointed Mim Miller as Chamber Treasurer. Mim has agreed to serve as Treasurer until December 31, 2008.

The minutes of the Board meetings are available on the Chamber's website.

Non-Profit Council

Fourteen non-profit members of the Chamber met on August 15 for an informational and organizational meeting for a Chamber Non-Profit Council. Several topics came out as being of interest, including "working with volunteers", "recruiting volunteers", and "fund raising." It was decided to go ahead with forming a non-profit council. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on Wednesday October 15 at the Grantsboro Town Hall. Although membership in the Council is for Chamber members only, it was decided to invite representatives from all non-profits in Pamlico County to this next meeting.

It's That Time Again – Toys for Pamlico Kids

The Toys for Pamlico Kids is gearing up for another successful year. The members who have agreed to take on this year's effort are Sallie Ransom. Chair: Sallie Ransom, Camps Seafarer & Seagull (249-1111); Bill Schmidt, Chamber Past President; Kathy Enzerink, Metagraphic Trends; Joe Brant, Keller Williams Realty; Vickie Courtney, Courtney Realty; Robyn Fidler, The Gardens of Pamlico; and Debbie Green, Pamlico County Social Services.



The schedule for this year's effort will begin with promotion and posters going up in October. The toy drive will begin November 10 and continue through December 10. Additional donations will be accepted at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on December 11.

There will be Toys for Pamlico Kids elves once again participating in Oriental's Spirit of Christmas Parade on Saturday December 8.

DSS will once again be distributing the donations. As with last year, gift wrapping services will also be provided.

Cash donations are used primarily to purchase clothing gifts for the children, however, some toys are also purchased to fill in when we have not received enough age-appropriate gifts in a given category.

All donations of cash and gifts are distributed only in Pamlico County, to Pamlico County children.

If you would like to donate a monetary gift this year, you may mail it to the chamber. Please make checks payable to the Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce, and indicate that it is for the Toys for Pamlico Kids. Please note: cash donations to this fund are not tax deductible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6 (Thursday) **Business Growth & Development Committee**, 8:00 am at Small Business Center.

September 11 (Tuesday) **Board of Directors** at Small Business Center, 8:00 am,

September 13 - (Thursday) Chamber of Commerce Business **After Hours at The Gardens of Pamlico**. 5:30pm.

September 27—(Thursday) Small Business Center and Chamber Seminar **“Easy Steps to eBay for the Novice”**
Presenter: David Williams. No charge, but reservations required. 745-7348.

October 4 — (Thursday) **Business Growth & Development Committee**, 8:00 am at Small Business Center

October 5—**Deadline** for nominations for Directors

October 6—(Saturday) **PCHA Heritage Day** 10am-3pm at the Visitors Center.

October 7—(Sunday) **Artist of the Month Reception** at Circle 10. 2-4pm.

October 9—(Tuesday) **Board of Directors** at Small Business Center, 8:00 am.

October 17—(Wednesday) **Chamber Non-Profit Council**, 8:30am—Grantsboro Town Hall

October 18—(Thursday) Small Business Center Seminar **“Blogging to Enhance Business”** 6-8pm. Presenter: Ron Rasmussen.. No charge, but reservations requested. 745-7348.

October 25— (Thursday) After Hours Networking at Circle 10 Art Gallery, Oriental. 5:30pm

November 5—December 10 — **Toys for Pamlico Kids Toy Drive**.

— November 8—(Thursday) Before Hours networking at Tar Heel Home Health, Bayboro, 7:30am —

November 8 — (Thursday) **Business Growth & Development Committee**, 8:00 am at Small Business Center

November 13—(Tuesday) October 9—(Tuesday) **Board of Directors** at Small Business Center, 8:00 am

November 15—(Thursday) Small Business Center Seminar **“Winning Customer Service”** 6-8pm. Presenter: Pat Sordill.. No charge, but reservations requested. 745-7348.

November 22 — Thanksgiving Day.

December 8—(Saturday) **Toys for Pamlico Kids elves at Oriental’s Spirit of Christmas Parade**, collecting loose coins and donations.

December 11—(Tuesday) **Annual Meeting and Holiday Party**, Taylor Lodge, Camp Seafarer. 6:30pm. Reservations required.

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Call the Chamber office for details

Inserts: \$25 per issue

Display Advertising:

Business Card, \$10 per issue

Quarter Page, \$15 per issue

Issue	Display Ads Due	Inserts Due
November 2007	11/9/2007	11/12/2007
January 2008	1/4/2008	1/7/2008
March 2008	3/7/2008	3/10/2008

ANNUAL MEETING PARTY FAVORS REQUESTED

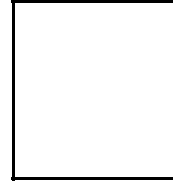
This year’s annual Holiday Party and Annual Meeting will feature a “Bag of Goodies” as party favors. If your company would like to donate something to go into the “Party Favors” bag at the Annual Holiday Party, please contact Mim.

Before and After Hours Networking

All 2007 dates are now filled. If you would like to host a Before or After Hours for 2008, please contact the Chamber.



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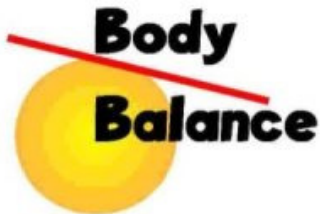


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SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

BODY BALANCE FITNESS STUDIO

Body Balance is a facility that provides a safe, non-competitive, compassionate environment for healthy lifestyle practices and general wellness. We offer group classes in



fitness, traditional Hatha Yoga, and Tai Chi/Qigong. Massage Therapy and private yoga sessions are offered by appointment. In addition, to all scheduled classes, Body Balance hosts a variety of health and fitness related workshops as well as specialty Yoga Classes

that are open to the general public. Body Balance is a non-membership studio, one can chose to pay for a single class or to purchase a pass to attend classes. Drop-ins are welcome.

Susan Koepp provides Yoga instruction at the studio. She is registered with Yoga Alliance and a member of the Kripalu Teachers Association. Her teaching style is traditional Hatha

Yoga with an emphasis on alignment and safety. As a Nurse Practitioner , Susan's goal is encourage good health practices through yoga. Yoga can help people reduce stress, strengthen and stretch their bodies and bring balance into their lives. Susan is available for consultation on issues related to the effects of stress in the work place.

Nancy Schwarzer is a Nationally Certified, State Licensed Massage and Bodywork Therapist. She is trained in the following modalities: relaxation/stress reduction, deep tissue/myofascial release, sports massage and AI Stretching She offers therapeutic massage based on what the client is experiencing on that day. Sometimes this means that a client would benefit from deeper work or need to escape the daily grind have it be purely relaxing. Nancy states, "I do my absolute best each session to provide a safe, compassionate atmosphere where healing can take place."

Additionally, office space is available not only in Pamlico County the county but also in New Bern.

The Body Balance Studio is at 705 Broad Street in Oriental. Find more information on the Body Balance website www.bodybalancefitnessstudio.com or call 670-7535

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY – TOURISM BUSINESSES

The North Carolina Correctional Association will be having their 28th Annual Training Conference in Greenville, .C. Nov. 14-16 . There will be 400+ people in attendance. The meeting planners are planning to have a "goody bag" for each attendee – focused on promoting NC destinations.

The Chamber will serve as a drop off point for items that Pamlico County businesses might like to include. Suggested items are cups, mugs, pens, pencils, key chains, discount coupons on hotels & tourist attractions and information on tourism that could be put in goody bags for attendees.

This is a great opportunity to promote your tourism related business. If you would like to include something in the bag, please bring up to 400 of the item to the Chamber Office on any Thursday between now and October 25. Items should be pre-counted, and put into a bag or box with the name of the business.