

## DIVISION FOCUS

The Membership Division will begin its Annual Chamber Membership Drive in October and November. Chairman Tom Archie is joined by new Vice-Chair Mike Calfee in pulling together the plans to add new members to our Chamber. Membership dues account for almost one-half of the Chamber's annual budget, so this will be a critical event for the year. We currently have 278 members. You'll read and hear more about the Drive, but each member is encouraged to ask a non-member business to join the Chamber. You can find a list of current members on the website at [www.wbcchamber.com](http://www.wbcchamber.com) on the Home Page, click on "Org Chart", then click on "general membership" and finally "View Member List". Since January of this year, more than 30 members have joined but we have lost many for a variety of reasons. Let's rebuild ourselves this year. Be proud to be a Chamber Member, especially in 2004, our 100th Year!!!

## New Officers & Board

At the Installation Dinner held September 25th at the Washington Yacht and Country Club, incoming Chairman **Bill Bedsole (BC Hospital)** officially began the Chamber's new fiscal year at the helm. Aably assisting him with Executive Committee duties will be **Lewis Sloan (Sloan Insurance)** as Chairman-elect and **Anne Corey (First South Bank)** as Treasurer. Remaining on as the Board of Directors will be **Tom Archie, Jim Chesnutt, Richard Hodges, Walker Lynch, Carol Price, Ross Smith, Terry Smithwick, Sam Snow, Mitchell St. Clair, and Oscar Woolard.** The ex-officio members of the Board are Past Chair **Grace Bonner, Stewart Rumley, and Earl Tetterton.**



Chocowinity Major Jimmy Mobley cuts the ribbon at the Chocowinity Pharmacy Grand Opening

### Business Brief

#### *First South Bank*

Now offering Business Free Checking! No minimum balance requirements, no monthly service charges. There's Nothing Better!! 4 locations in Beaufort County. Call 940-4945

## Three Chambers Meet

In an unprecedented move to strengthen the overall Chamber presence across the entire County, Executive Committee members of the Aurora-Richlands Township Chamber, the Belhaven Community Chamber and the Washington-Beaufort County Chamber sat down to discuss the matter recently. Such a combined meeting had never occurred prior to September 15th. Details of the meeting included looking for opportunities to work together to provide Chamber services in a more united fashion to all the people of Beaufort County. You will be hearing and seeing much more about this excellent example of "working together" for community betterment.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

- Oct 2 Executive Committee
- Oct 9 Community Division
- Oct 14 Board of Directors
- Oct 17 Annual Golf Tournament Fund Raiser @ Cypress Landing Golf Club
- Oct 21 Business After Hours @ Estuarium
- Oct 24 Music In The Streets (Main St. Washington)
- Oct 25 Smoke On The Water (Downtown Washington and Waterfront)
- Oct 28 Education Division
- Nov 4 Executive Committee
- Nov 11 Board of Directors
- Nov 13 Community Division
- Nov 18 Business After Hours @ The Purser's Chest
- Nov 25 Education Division
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving (Chamber Offices Closed)
- Nov 28 Day After Thanksgiving (Chamber Offices Closed)

\* (please call 946-9168 for details as to times, locations, etc)

## Chamber TV Schedule

The times may be adjusted slightly later due to programming changes.

Cox Communications Cable Channel 7 will air the same show on both the following evenings.

Wed 8:30pm Mon 7:00pm

Tri-County Communications Cable Channel 13 will air the same show on both the following evenings.

Thur 6:30pm Sat 6:30pm

## Welcome to our New Members

### TRW- Cartwright

Sally Cartwright  
PO Box 1666  
Washington, NC 27889  
974-0153

### ASAP Party & Tent Rentals

Vicky Born  
1769 Stokes Elem. School Road  
Stokes, NC 27884  
830-0597

### Tarheel Medical Transport

Steve & Dara Williams  
4571 Hwy 264 West  
Washington, NC 27889  
975-2722

### AFLAC (Supplemental Insurance)

Tom Madson  
102 Appomatox Lane  
Chocowinity, NC 27817  
975-6156

## Director's Notes

If your home or business was affected by "Isabel", we hope things are looking more positive today as you take a moment to read this Newsletter. We have heard of so much damage to the east and north-east of us that we just ache from the memory of where so many of us were just a few short years ago with all the flooding. We have also heard of many wonderful stories of people working together to achieve great things, despite the loss of so much property and lost dreams. But, we have not heard of much injury or loss of life in this disaster. And for that we are most thankful. If you or someone you know needs assistance, they should contact FEMA at 1-800-621-3362. That is the only way that someone can get into the FEMA "system" is through that phone number. If there is anything you think the Chamber might do to help, please give us a call, 946-9168.

## Business After Hours at Pirates Den B&B



Edward "Blackbeard" Teach



Tom Madson, Fred Fletcher & Edmond "Buck" Buckman



Jo Lewis at the harp with Helen Sommerkamp at Business After Hours hosted by the Arts Council

## Membership Renewals August 12 - September 23, 2003

The Chamber is appreciative of the following members for their support and renewal in membership

1st Choice

A & A Beadery  
Alligood- Owens  
Aurora Fossil Museum  
B.E. Singleton & Sons  
Beaufort Co. Farm Bureau  
Beaufort Comm. College  
Beaufort County Hospital  
Beaufort Equipment  
Belk - Store # 130  
Big Bargain Supply  
Buckman Auto Supply  
Carowan - Allen Ins. Co.  
Coca Cola  
Cooperative Savings & Loan  
County Electric Supply  
Curves for Women  
David C. Mays, D.D.S.

Eastern Optical  
Farmers Furniture  
First Citizens Bank  
Helen Sommercamp  
Lowe's, Inc.  
Nobles & Keech  
P & G Manufacturing  
Page Management Group  
Pamlico Internal Medicine  
Pamlico Screen Printing  
Pizza Hut  
Pizza Inn  
Robert B. Cayton  
Roy Parker  
Royster Clark  
Seaboard Radiology Assoc.  
Seaboard Surgical Assoc.

Southern Bank & Trust  
Sparrow & Associates  
St. Clair Trucking  
Stanadyne, Inc.  
Tar Heel Medical Transport  
Tayloe Drug & Hospital Pharmacy  
Taylor Oil & Gas Co.  
Tiles Plus  
TRW  
United States Cellular  
Washington Daily News  
Washington Eye Clinic  
Weyerhaeuser Real Estate  
Whichard's Beach, Inc.  
William A. Oden, Jr., P.A.  
WIMCO Corp.  
WITN - TV

## Greetings From Iraq

The postcard seen here is from Army SPC Tara Major who is currently stationed in Iraq with the 143rd MP Company. She and her Platoon are living in tents in one of the bombed-out palaces as they work to rebuild Iraq. Her note on the card talks about 150 degree days and wanting to be home. Most of us can only imagine what it must be like for a 21 year old woman being there under such circumstances. The Chamber sent her a "care package" a couple of months ago to show that people do, in fact, support our troops. Tara is the cousin of our Executive Director, Lee Hemink.

