



WASHINGTON BEAUFORT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*Celebrating 102 years of service
to the people and businesses of the
Beaufort County Area.*

1904 - 2006

May - June 2006

The Chamber of 1949-50



This photo, provided by Dr. Fred Howdy, shows the members of the 1949-50 Washington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. (Seated L-R), Adrian Bowen, William Duncan, C. Ott Jordan, Miss Barbara Ramsey-Secretary (later, Mrs. Fred Howdy), Harold Lane, Fred Arthur, Jarl Bowers, Heber Winfield, Jr., A.S. Roberts (Standing, L-R), Ralph Hodges, Jr., Clyde Harrison, Jim Hackney, Jr., Max Roebuck-President, Dick Jackson, Jesse Spruill, Bobby Keys, and Harvey Elliott. Dr. Howdy believes that his bride-to-be was the first woman Secretary of the Chamber. Thanks for sharing the photo, Fred.

Take a good look at this picture of the Board of Directors of more than 56 years ago. All the men are wearing ties and some sort of jacket or coat. Not seen is the fact that most of the men probably wore a hat, but only outside and never indoors!! Miss Ramsey (later to be Mrs. Fred Howdy) is wearing a dress; the only woman, and the first-ever Secretary for the group. Today's Chamber Board has several women, including its second-ever Chairwoman, and has its first minority Chairman-Elect (next year's Chair). Hard to see, is an old standard telephone on the desk, along with an "IN" and "OUT" basket, and an ashtray. Absent from the photo are today's seemingly-necessary computer, cell phone, fax machine, copy machine, television/VCR, DVD player, and digital camera. How did they manage to run the business?

2006 Annual Banquet



Lewis Sloan (rt), Immediate Past-Chair, accepts his award as the Business Leader of the Year for 2006 at the Annual Chamber Membership Banquet. Presenting the award to Lewis is Victor Rodgers, Chairman-elect for 2007. Lewis' hard work as Summer Festival Chairman, and his dedication to serving the Chamber as a long-time Board member, and then Chairman, all the while balancing his responsibilities running the family business, Sloan Insurance, are excellent examples of why he was chosen for this award. Congratulations, Lewis!!

Ponder These Thoughts

- *It's amazing what ordinary people can do if they set out without preconceived notions.*

— Charles Kettering

- *Change your thoughts and you change your world.*

— Norman Vincent Peale

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Membership Renewals

February 2006

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Sans Souci Plantation, Inc

March 2006

Frank's Pizza
Sloan Insurance Agency
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April 2006

Play Date
Carolyn Harding
Russell's Men's Store
Tayloe's Hospital Pharmacy
Pamlico Internal Medicine
Tideland Electric Membership Corp.
Pools Unlimited
Carolina Pregnancy Center
Pamlico Medical Equipment
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Mecca Grill & Billards
McCotter's Marina
Big Bargain Supply
Wal-Mart of Washington
Fountain Powerboats
Tri-County Telephone
Captain D's Seafood
Twin Lakes Campground
NC Div.of Vocational Rehabilitation
Moss/Builders First Source
Crisp RV Center

Small Business Classes At BCCC

The following valuable courses will be available in May and June with SCORE instructors:

Financing a Small Business
May 22 6-9pm BCCC Bldg 8

Marketing for the Small Business
June 12 6-9pm BCCC Bldg 8

How to Start a Small Business
June 26 6-9pm BCCC Bldg 8

Chamber Members are encouraged to take advantage of these valuable course offerings to help improve business.

Congratulations to Stitchworks

Tony Cannon of Stitchworks says, "I read every inch of the Chamber's Newsletter each month" and for doing so, he found that "free advertising for 3 months for the first member to email the Chamber" ad on the back page in the last issue. His attention to detail saved his company \$150 in advertising costs. Congratulations to you and to Stitchworks. Thanks for being a member. Your support means a great deal!

Recent Ribbon Cuttings



Grand Opening of the Coldwell Banker/Coastal Rivers Realty offices as Rick Stevens prepares to cut the ribbon. Realtors and staff, along with Chamber Ambassadors, look on and brave the cool breezes.



Gennia Winslow and Glenn Weatherington, owners of Down-On-Main Street Restaurant cut the ribbon on one year of successful business, as business employees, Chamber staff and Ambassadors, and Washington City Councilman Richard Brooks offer encouragement.

**23rd Annual Washington
SUMMER FESTIVAL
"Down By The Riverside"
JUNE 9-10**

Calendar of Events

May

9	Tue	8:30am	Full Board of Directors Meeting
10	Wed	9am	2006 Summer Festival T-shirts <u>On Sale</u>
14	Sun	----	<u>Mother's Day</u>
15	Mon	4pm	DWOW- Economic Restructuring Committee
16	Tue	4pm	Ambassador/Community Division Quarterly Meeting
17	Wed	5:30pm	<u>B.A.H.</u> - Coldwell Banker/Coastal Rivers Realty
18	Thu	8:30am	Business & Industry Division
23	Tue	12noon	Full Summer Festival Planning Meeting
25	Thu	8:30am	Maritime Education Days Planning (Tentative)
29	Mon	----	<u>Memorial Day (Chamber closed)</u>

June

6	Tue	8:30am	Executive Committee Meeting
9-10	Fr-Sa	----	<u>Summer Festival</u> (see info on www.wbcchamber.com)
14	Wed	----	<u>Flag Day</u>
15	Thu	8:30am	Business & Industry Division
15	Thu	5:30pm	<u>B.A.H.</u> - Century 21 Realty
18	Sun	----	<u>Father's Day</u>



Elaine Porter Clare (3rd from rt) prepares to cut the ribbon on her new business, String of Pearls, while friends, Ambassadors, and customers share in the celebration!



The ribbon is cut by Fred Fletcher (3rd from right) of Progress Partners as the new Progress Building and Moss Landing Welcome Center opens its doors. Mayor Judy Jennette, left, Chamber Ambassadors, Progress Realty staff, and guests also share in the celebration and the Grand Opening.

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