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Chairman's Corner

Chip Cherry, CCE
President
Greater Macon Chamber

I am always looking for cost effective ways to secure high quality training on timely topics, and I found the perfect opportunity with the 2010 Staff Clinic. Kali Boatright and her team have done an excellent job of designing a program that addresses the foundation of our business – Membership, and a fresh topic which is evolving daily – Social Media. They have enhanced the Staff Clinic experience with panel discussions on golf tournaments, annual banquets, business expos, and outside the box events..

Remember what they say about all work and no play? Well, the Staff Clinic has been designed to provide you with opportunities to network with your fellow Chamber professionals. Oh, and did I mention that this event has a “Go Green” aspect to it? Yep – we are going green with a special Saint Patrick’s Day Celebration at the Irish Bred Pub in downtown Douglasville.

I encourage you to make plans to join us for the



Pike County – The Chamber recently received a new awning thanks to an Operation Round-Up Grant.

2010 Staff Clinic in Douglasville, March 16–18. I promise that you will learn a lot and have a wonderful time getting to know your colleagues in the Chamber business.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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EVENTS CALENDAR



GACCE Staff Clinic

March 16-18, 2010
Douglasville, GA

Don't miss this great training opportunity for your staff! Registration material will be sent in January.

January 6

Shrimp, Grits & Politics in McIntosh County, Darien-McIntosh Chamber

January 7

CEO Burrell Ellis State of the County Address, DeKalb Chamber

January 8

7th Annual Twilight Stroll by the Granite Bowl, Elbert County Chamber

January 26

Annual Dinner & 100th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration, Albany Area

January 28

72nd Annual Meeting
DeKalb Chamber

January 28

Annual Banquet
Hart County Chamber

CHAMBER NEWS

Georgia Locations Named as Southern Retirement Hotspots

Athens, Thomasville, Valdosta and Savannah have all been named as Southern Retirement Hotspots to be featured in the upcoming Jan. / Feb. / March, 2010 quarterly edition of *Retirement Lifestyles*, a 10-year-old award winning magazine that highlights locations, communities and lifestyles for prospective retirees across the United States.

The magazine often highlights smaller towns that are "under the radar" in the national media.

PAST CHAIR ARTICLE

Christmas Blessings & 2010

Bill Mitchell, *GCCE, President Toombs-Montgomery Chamber 2007 - 2008 GACCE Chair*



It is Christmas Eve as I complete this article. Cathy and I will be hosting family from all parts of Georgia, including three children, two spouses, one sister and friend, one mother, six grandchildren (6 months to 7 years), three dogs and Izzy our dog-hating cat. With exception of the tree crashing to the ground (last year) I am actually looking forward to the family gathering that will be a part of our Christmas this year.

I had the opportunity to visit with several cousins during a return visit to Kentucky this year, which provided the setting for reminiscing our childhood, especially the Christmas' when we all got together as family at grandmother's house. I am not certain that the times were really as good as we remember, but I do know this visit was much anticipated by children and adults alike. The stockings were full and always included a special surprise. I can only hope that our children will have these same good thoughts of their Christmas with us.

Like New Years past, I am anticipating the start of a new year filled with promise and hope. As a matter of fact, this request is on my wish list to Santa!

By many accounts it does seem to indicate that the worst is behind us and that 2010 will see a slow but steady improvement in the economy. Actually, our chamber has managed to finish ahead of budget while

breaking even on membership this year. We were also able to announce a new port related business, Chicken of the Sea, locating in Toombs County and bringing in an anticipated 300 jobs. Existing businesses in certain segments have struggled but are suggesting that improvement is evident, looking forward.

We have been fortunate to work with so many folks throughout Georgia and are so thankful to have these friends to call on for help, especially those in GACCE. The learning sessions and networking have helped us prepare for the challenges and opportunities that have come as a result of the downturn during 2009. It is so reassuring to be able to pick up the phone to share or ask advice from the chamber executives throughout the state. Thanks to all of the chamber employees who work to make Georgia the very special state that we proudly call home.

I especially want to thank my chamber staff, Debbie Evans, Michele Johnson and Becky Moon for their dedication and extra, extra effort this year.

P.S. Fast forward to December 28, 2009: We had a wonderful Christmas! I hope your Christmas stocking was also filled with something special and that your new year will be the best ever!

■ CEO PROFILE



Winston A. Oxford

Executive Director

Lee County Chamber

The Lee County Chamber has a staff of four serving 462 members.

How did you get into the Chamber business?

My brother-in-law had been in economic development for over 30 years encouraged me to take a look at this type work after I sold my GM Dealership at 40 years old.

What do you like best about your job?

Throughout my life, I always enjoyed civic work. "The Chamber/Economic Development profession is like doing civic work, but getting paid to do it." (Although one gets paid in 'warm fuzzy' feelings instead of currency.)

What's the biggest challenge you face in your community?

1. Expanding our local tax base and membership retention. Lee County is a fast growing bedroom community to Albany thus the demand for local government services has placed tremendous pressure on our resources.
2. Although we have managed to maintain 84% of our members over the past year, it is becoming more challenging to retain membership.

Who has helped you the most in becoming a successful Chamber Executive?

Networking with numerous Chamber & Development Authority execs throughout the years has helped me to design programs and initiatives appropriate for each community in which I have served.

What piece of advice would you give to a new Chamber Executive?

"Learn your product, learn your target market, figure out how to reach that target market, and continually try and improve your product." After all, Chamber Work is nothing but selling

■ CHAMBER UPDATES

Albany Area Chamber

Catherine Glover, President/CEO

Dougherty County has a high poverty rate of over 26%, which directly impacts all aspects of our economy and our society. Strive2Thrive is an initiative sponsored by the Chamber being planned and implemented to eradicate poverty. The kick-off seminar was held to a crowd of more than 200 interested stakeholders in December.

Strive2Thrive brings together best practices to help Albany-Dougherty County funnel its energy and resources toward those that need assistance to become productive citizens.

December marked the final Member Orientation for 2009. Dozens of members were given the opportunity to tout their business and hand out information to others who gathered for lunch to learn more about how the Chamber can help their business grow.

The Military Affairs Committee held their annual holiday party in December at the Officers Club at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany. Emerge Albany also held its Tacky Christmas Party in December with a tacky dress code being the style for the night.

Chamber volunteers and staff stepped up to the plate and sold hundreds of "Christmas Cash Drawing" tickets to benefit the Chamber Foundation. Ben Roberts, master of ceremonies for the evening, won the drawing, which was held immediately after Peppermint Pops. Roberts won \$3,000, which was half of all funds raised. The other half went back into the Chamber Foundation, which is a not-for-profit arm of the Chamber providing grant assistance to education and workforce development, the arts, and cultural venues in the area.

The Chamber's Annual Dinner and 100th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration will take place January 26 at the James H. Gray Sr. Civic Center.

Augusta Metro Chamber

Sue Parr, President & CEO

The Chamber held its annual Pre-Session Legislative Breakfast in December. Approximately 160 members gathered to focus on the activity of state government and its impact on the



Barrow— Ronda Rich spoke at the Chamber's Women of the Year Event.

Augusta Metro Chamber (continued)

business environment. The guest speaker for the event was Alan Essig, executive director of the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute. Essig spoke about the current condition of the state budget and gave predictions about what is ahead for our state's budget for the coming fiscal year.

Cobb Chamber

Don Beaver, Interim President

Twenty-one community and business leaders recently were selected to participate in the Chamber's 2010 Honorary Commanders Association. The civilians are paired with officers assigned to Dobbins Air Reserve Base (ARB), the General Lucius D. Clay National Guard Center, Navy and Marine Corps. The yearlong program is designed to give the civilians an opportunity to learn more about the activities of the military at Dobbins ARB and the Clay National Guard Center. The association meets monthly for activities including luncheons, tours, orientation flights and special on and off-base events. The program fosters community support for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Air National Guard, Army Guard, and Coast Guard. The association also educates the local business community about the role of the guard and reserve in national defense and encourages employers to support employees who are members of the guard and reserve.

In December, the Chamber recognized nine businesses for their community service contributions. The annual *Georgia Trend*/Cobb Chamber Business Community Service Recognition Awards were presented at the Chamber's First Monday Breakfast. These awards recognize

■ CEO PROFILE

Winston A. Oxford

*Executive Director
Lee County Chamber*

as are most professions.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up and why?

Always wanted to go into the auto business with my Dad which I did. After 20 years of being a GM Dealer, I sold my store and sought a different direction in life. Needless to say, I am hooked on my Chamber Profession.

■ GEORGIA CHAMBER

Tickets Still Available to the Annual Meeting and Eggs & Issues Breakfast

There's still time to get your tickets to the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Eggs & Issues Breakfast on **January 11 and 12** at the **Georgia World Congress Center!** Former governor, best-selling author and number one rated weekend television host Mike Huckabee will be the featured speaker at the Annual Meeting Dinner, and Georgia's top elected officials will provide key insights into the coming legislative session at the Eggs & Issues Breakfast. For tickets visit, www.gachamber.com/januaryevents or call Ginger McNeight at 404.223.2269.

Stay Connected to the Georgia Chamber

The Chamber has several new ways for our members to stay informed about news and events. Be sure to sign up for all three to ensure you are receiving the legislative news you need to know quickly!

Follow us on **Twitter:**
@gachamber.com. Tweets will come directly from the floor of the Gold Dome!

Find the Chamber on **Facebook** and see pictures of our latest events.

Join the **Georgia Business Action Network** at www.gachamber.com/gban.

■ CHAMBER UPDATES

Cobb Chamber (continued)

deserving Cobb businesses for service to the community through support of not-for-profit organizations.

The Chamber in partnership with Junior Achievement of Georgia ushered students into local businesses. Each business involved hosted a class from one of six Cobb County or Marietta City Middle Schools. More than 195 students visited ten companies and learned about different jobs. The program was created to open the eyes and minds of middle school students to the career possibilities awaiting them while developing the critical link between the skills they are learning and career success.

Dalton-Whitfield Chamber

Brian Anderson, President & CEO

The Greater Dalton community launched a public-private capital campaign, Grow Greater Dalton, a little over eleven months ago in order to accelerate the resources available for economic development. A goal of \$4.5 million was set. The increased resources would be targeted at the following: 1. dramatically accelerate job creation, 2. obtain, develop, and market job growth sites, 3. create a vision of a new greater Dalton and make that vision real through the Archway Partnership, 4. increase community and targeted industry marketing. The Greater Dalton community concluded the formal Grow Greater Dalton campaign in December announcing the pledged investments equaled over \$6 million or 135% of goal. "The Grow Greater Dalton campaign will enable our community to create 1900 new jobs, 1321 indirect jobs, add over \$190 million in new investment, and benefit from over \$128 million in new payroll," said Brian Anderson.



Cobb – The Chamber recognized 9 businesses for community service.

Dalton-Whitfield Chamber (continued)

The Greater Dalton community landed a large economic development project in September. The IVC Company, headquartered in Belgium will invest \$70 million in capital and create 115 new jobs. Its new 490,000 square foot facility will produce high-end vinyl flooring for the North American market. It will have the longest continuous vinyl flooring line in the world.

Darien-McIntosh County Chamber

Wally Orrel, President

The Chamber will hold its Shrimp, Grits & Politics in McIntosh County event on January 6. The event will feature State Representative Roger Lane, Senator Jeff Chapman, and House Majority Leader Jerry Keen.

DeKalb Chamber

Leonardo McClarty, President

The Chamber has two major events planned for January. The first will be the CEO Burrell Ellis State of the County Address which will take place January 7. The next event will be the 72nd DeKalb Chamber Annual Meeting scheduled for January 28.

Douglas County Chamber

Kali Boatright, President & CEO

The Chamber is pleased to announce that their 65th Annual Awards Banquet will feature a special one and a half hour concert from Edwin McCain thanks to their Presenting Sponsor Metro Bank. The event will be held February 6 at The Centre at Arbor Connection.

The Chamber recently graduated its 5th Youth Leadership Douglas Class in December at the Georgia Power Coffee Card Exchange. Youth Leadership Douglas (YLD) is a 6- month long community leadership program designed to identify, educate and develop leadership skills in Douglas County High School students. This year's YLD class chose to work with The Pantry, a Chamber member and local food bank. The students raffled a laptop and raised over \$3,000 in monetary donations and canned goods.

Elbert County Chamber

Phyllis Brooks, President

The 7th Annual 5K Twilight Stroll by the Granite Bowl will be held January 8. The race will begin by the "ROC" and will finish by Elbert Theatre. Awards will be presented.

■ GEORGIA CHAMBER

Water Contingency Planning Task Force Works Toward Final Recommendations

Earlier this year, Governor Sonny Perdue put together a task force in response to a U.S. District Court ruling that Lake Lanier should not be used as a water supply source for Georgia, and that water use from the lake would cease in 2012. With this ruling, the 3.5 million Georgians who currently depend on Lake Lanier as a water source would be short an estimated 251 million gallons of water each day.

The Governor's Water Contingency Planning Task Force, led by Georgia Chamber members Tim Lowe (Lowe Engineers) and John Brock (Coca-Cola Enterprises), focused on three main categories of solutions: enhancing current conservation efforts, increasing ability to capture rain and ground water and reviewing current control and management policies.

To review the Water Task Force's three presentations, visit www.gachamber.com/watertaskforce.

■ CHAMBER UPDATES

Greater Columbus Chamber

Mike Gaymon, GCCE, President & CEO
Nash-Finch Company, a Minneapolis-based food distributor, recently announced the acquisition of a 400,000 sq. ft. warehouse distribution facility in Columbus for its distribution business serving military commissaries and exchanges, representing a \$20 million investment in the first three years of operation.

Columbus ranks Number 1 in nation according to Manpower Employment Outlook Survey. U.S. employers anticipate a moderate increase in their hiring plans for Quarter 1 2010, according to the seasonally adjusted results of the latest Manpower Employment Outlook Survey, conducted quarterly by Manpower Inc.

Columbus Gourmet, Inc., a multi-channel food manufacturing and marketing company, plans to hire as many as 50 additional employees at its new facility in Corporate Ridge Business Park in Columbus. The 30,000 square foot plant is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2009 and will feature an operational focus on lean, high-output manufacturing coupled with eco-conscious production.

Partners In Education (PIE) was spotlighted at the Chamber's Eye Opener Breakfast in December. The focus of the program was to increase awareness of PIE which is the Chamber's oldest and largest volunteer initiative. Currently, more than 200 partnerships exist amongst 88 schools in five school districts.

The Chamber's Young Professionals (YP) held their first holiday party in December. More than 180 Young Professionals gathered at the "It's a Wonderful Life" themed event to celebrate the season and meet with Young Professionals in the Columbus region.

The Drugs Don't Work Chamber Statewide Coordinators held a meeting at the Chamber in December. The items discussed were the latest updates in the Rules and Guidelines for Certification & Annual Recertification requirements of a Certified Drug Free Workplace.



Douglas County – The Chamber recently graduated its 5th Youth Leadership Class.

Greater Hall Chamber

Kit Dunlap, President

The Chamber held the 30th Annual Eggs & Issues Breakfast in December. Lt. Governor Casey Cagle was the featured speaker, along with the Hall County Legislative Delegation. Some 330 Chamber members and local citizens attended the event. Issues discussed were: State budget, transportation, water, healthcare, education. The annual event was sponsored by Jackson EMC.

The South Hall Business Coalition met in December at the Village of Deaton Creek, the fastest growing residential community in Metro Atlanta. The program topic was: "Retirement Trends & Active Adult Communities."

The Chamber's Small Business Seminar featured Andrew Oxley of Vision Point. The program consisted of an introduction to concepts and skills for increased employer productivity. Participants completed an assessment to identify their personal behavioral style and received individual report. Small business seminars are held monthly at the Chamber.

Leadership Hall County partnered with United Way and local U.S. Marine Corps League to lead the efforts for TOYS FOR TOTS. Leadership Hall had a big push the last week and made the goal of collecting and distributing over 6,000 toys.

Greater Macon Chamber

Chip Cherry, CCE, President

The Chamber held its annual Chairman's Club breakfast and lunch to thank the members who go above and beyond in their financial contributions to the Chamber. This is a time for the Chairman's

■ February 2010 Newsletter

The deadline for the **FEBRUARY**

GACCE newsletter will be **Friday, January 22, 2010.**

Send updates to Tiffany Fulmer at tfulmer@gacce.org.



■ CHAMBER UPDATES

Greater Macon Chamber (continued)

Club Members to meet with the current Chairman, the Chair elect, and the President of the Chamber to express their praises and concerns and what they wish to see happen in the coming year.

The GACCE Membership Meeting, held at the Chamber, drew a great crowd. Guest Speaker Jack Corcoran educated the attendees on the best ways to promote their Chamber on the web, and how these practices can lead to increased membership.

The Family to Family Food Drive is the Chamber's annual food drive to support the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base. The donated food is placed in care packages that go to families in need of assistance within the Wing, and also to identified families in need living outside the Wing. This year, the membership raised over \$2,000 in monetary donations, along with a truckload of food and toys.

Gwinnett Chamber

Jim Maran, President & CEO

Gwinnett County announces its county-wide designation as a recovery zone, standing ready to provide a tax exempt financing opportunity for \$62 million in bonds to qualified businesses. Created by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the new Recovery Zone Bonds (RZBs) are designed to help local governments finance public economic development projects and private development activities. Gwinnett County received the largest allocation of RZBs in Georgia totaling \$103 million. This fund allocation will help Gwinnett County and Partnership Gwinnett attract quality new businesses to the area and assist existing companies with expansion plans.



Liberty County – The Chamber's Low Country Boil was a success!

Gwinnett Chamber (continued)

Partnership Gwinnett and Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development will present their first-ever Gwinnett Global Business Mission to China, April 11 – 20. The trip offers businesses seeking global B2B opportunities to join with them as they visit with business, government and tourism organizations in five cities over nine days. The trip cost per person is \$5,250 which includes all transportation, hotel fares, most meals and a visa to enter the country. Interested parties should go to <http://gwinnettglobal.com> today.

Harris County Chamber

Lynda Dawson, President

The Chamber's Annual Banquet has been set for February 4 at Menaboni Ballroom inside Mountain Creek Inn. A silent auction will be featured during the event.

Hart County Chamber

Michele Dipert, President

The Chamber will have a booth at the Atlanta Boat Show, January 13–17. The event will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center – come see them promoting Hart County at Booth #248.

The Chamber's Annual Banquet will be held January 28 at the Cateechee Golf Club. The 2009 Chamber Community Awards will be announced.

Liberty County Chamber

Kenny Smiley, GCCE, Executive Director

The Chamber recently held its Annual Membership Appreciation Low Country Boil & Oyster Roast. The event featured the sounds of "Bucky & Barry."

Christmas in the Park was held in Downtown Hinesville in Bradwell Park. The community enjoyed live choral performances, a live reindeer display, pictures with Santa, free hot chocolate, cider and popcorn, cookie decorating, inflatable rides and a re-creation of silent night during the Christmas tree lighting.

The Chamber hosted its last *Progress through People Luncheon* for 2009. The luncheon featured Superintendent Dr. Judy Scherer of the Liberty County School System who presented their partnership with Savannah Technical College to bring a charter school called Liberty College and Career Academy after receiving word that they received a \$3 million grant to support the effort.

Pike County Chamber

Karen Brown, IOM, President

The Chamber recently held their Annual Meeting Banquet. Ryan Edge (United Bank), 2009 Chairman of the Board reviewed the accomplishments of the Chamber over the past year including the community receiving the Certified Work Ready designation; producing the first ever community magazine; the development of a Vision Statement to go along with the Mission Statement for the Chamber; and a successful EXPO 2009 event. Awards presented included Small Business of the Year, Turner Tech Services and Large Business of the Year, Upson Regional Medical Center. Charles Burden, Past Chairman of the Chamber received the Kiwanis Citizen of the Year Award for his involvement in a number of community organizations as well as his dedication in helping others. David Duncan, Georgia Power, was installed as the 2010 Chairman of the Board.

The Chamber recently got a "new look" thanks to an Operation Round-up Grant from Southern Rivers Energy to add an awning to the front of the Chamber Office. This awning helps improve the quality of the square, makes the Chamber an easy location to find, and will help with energy costs.



Macon – These soldiers helped with the Family to Family Food Drive to support the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins AFB.

■ GUEST ARTICLE

The Ideal Member

Bob Harris, CAE

Every association has a star member; someone who stands out because of their contributions to the association. Someone who understands and advances the mission, serves on committees, visits the capitol and recruits members.

How do you communicate these desired traits among members? Start by identifying what your organization believes is the ideal member. Then communicate the description (or pledge) in new member packets and the newsletter.

CAE's Bob Harris and Bob Hall offer this template for communicating the ideal member.

Preamble

I take pride in my membership in this organization. Its achievements and goals can impact my career, life and personal gain. It has been successful because of thousands of members and volunteer leaders before me.

I understand that through the association we create a dynamic force that one individual cannot achieve alone.

Thus, as a member I understand the need to invest myself and work together for our mutual interests -- and that the vast majority of accomplishments are the result of teamwork, not individual action.

Traits

I pledge that I will be an ideal member by:

- Investing time to help fulfill the mission.
- Taking advantage of the opportunities and programs to better my organization and myself.
- Staying informed about available resources and by reading the association's materials.
- Volunteering my unique knowledge, resources and experience to the organization; and knowing when I'm too busy to be a volunteer.
- Promoting the association to others in my industry/profession, so as to expand the power of unity.
- Keeping contact information current to enable the association to fully utilize my membership for the common good.
- Treating staff with professional respect; recognizing that paying dues does not make them my employee.

The Ideal Member

I pledge that I will be an ideal member by:

- Investing time to help fulfill the mission
- Taking advantage of the opportunities and programs to better my organization and myself
- Staying informed about available resources and reading the association's materials.
- Volunteering my unique knowledge, resources and experience to the organization; and knowing when I'm too busy to be a good volunteer.
- Promoting the association to others in my industry/profession, so as to expand the power of unity.
- Keeping contact information current to enable the association to fully utilize my membership for the common good.
- Promoting the highest principles in the profession/industry.
- Treating staff with professional respect; recognizing that paying dues does not make them my employee.
- Respecting the volunteer leaders for their contributions --- even if I might not agree
- Maintaining professional, transparent, collegial relationships with fellow members.
- Offering timely input on issues and public policy development, including responding to calls for action and surveys.
- Supporting the grassroots advocacy efforts with my time and dollars
- Understanding and participating in elections and governance opportunities.
- Ensuring that dues renewal is a part of the culture and budget of my organization.
- Recognizing that the members are the association—it is not something separate from us, or a business from which we buy services—and that without our investment and participation the advancements cannot be achieved.

Signature X _____ Date _____

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- Ensuring that dues renewal is a part of the culture and budget of my organization.

Signature X _____
Date _____

Summary

Many members think that paying dues is the depth of being an ideal member. Sharing this list will give them ideas to enhance their value to the association.



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