

CHAMBER CLIPS

"Working Together Works"

The Mission Statement: The Wendell Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation, aims to advance commercial, industrial, and civic development; to encourage the economic and social progress of the Wendell area for the benefit of all citizens, and to facilitate the production and distribution of goods and services.



From the Desk of Bruce Lynch

I am glad to report that the Board of Directors had a very productive Retreat on Saturday morning January 17, 2009. We discussed several items that will benefit the Membership in the short and long term and will make the Chamber stronger.

Some of the items covered: We approved a more detailed position description for Board of Director positions, we made a two year commitment for support for an NEA Grant/Cultural Planning for Eastern Wake County; discussed creative ways to improve fundraising for the Chamber. Also, we have started the process toward improving our Chamber brochure and Town of Wendell Map. In addition, Wendell Town Manager, David Bone, was kind enough to stop by as we discussed how we can work more closely with the Town of Wendell on Economic Development. The Town of Wendell is

interviewing firms to assist with Economic Development and the Chamber hopes to work with the Town in this area. Finally, we discussed the need to enlarge our Ambassador Program. Presently, we have 8-10 Ambassadors but we need to double this number. I want to encourage members to get more involved and a great way to learn about what the Chamber does and has going on is to become an Ambassador. It is my hope that eventually, Ambassadors will transition to the Board of Directors as this is an excellent way to grow the Leadership of the Chamber. Please contact Ula Mae Life, Executive Director or any of the Board of Directors to volunteer to become an Ambassador for the Wendell Chamber of Commerce. As I mentioned in my Banquet presentation, you get out of an organization what you put into it. On another note, I

know that the economy is not good. Nevertheless, it is at these difficult times that businesses need to keep their names out there. The Chamber is an inexpensive way to stay out in front of the Community. I want to encourage everyone to maintain their Chamber Membership and to pay their dues in a timely manner. Please note dues monies are what enable the Chamber to operate and offer all the events that we do throughout the business year. Whether it is a ribbon cutting ceremony, a Business After hours, the new Art Exhibit Show,

Movie Night or the Harvest Festival, the Chamber helps its members to be more successful. I believe it is imperative that a business be a member and especially, in these tough economic times.

Please feel free to contact the Chamber office or any Board member if you have any questions or suggestions. Remember that your getting involved is an investment in your business and good for our entire community.

Bruce Lynch

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