

CHAMBER NEWS

A Newsletter for Members of the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce

February 2009

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 14

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Blueberry Pancake Breakfast

Burgaw Fire Department

109 N. Walker Street

Burgaw

\$5 per person

910-259-9817 or 910-259-1235

Thursday, February 19

6:30 pm

Annual Banquet

Mad Boar Restaurant

Wallace

RSVP by February 12th

910-259-9817

Welcome New Members

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Burgaw Economic Roundtable Meeting

On Friday, January 16th, Congressman Mike McIntyre held an economic roundtable in Burgaw to talk about the issues facing our economy. More than twenty participants shared their thoughts during the hour exchange. The event was chaired by the Burgaw Chamber and moderated by Pete Cowan. This is the first in a series of roundtables the Burgaw Chamber has planned.

All in attendance agreed that water and sewer is absolutely critical in order to develop infrastructure for the county. Participants also recognized the need for some sort of economic stimulus that focuses on providing funding for infrastructure, which creates jobs and provides tangible benefits to our county and municipalities.

A wide range of issues were discussed including: 1) corporate tax incentives, 2) funding public libraries, 3) ways to

attract and retain skilled workers, 4) health care costs, 5) strengthening education, 6) best practices for the housing industry, and 7) agriculture.

“I am grateful to the men and women who took time out of their schedule to spend some time with me talking about these issues. I expected and received a wide range of opinions. “The needs of small towns must be heard in Washington,” said McIntyre. “This roundtable discussion is a way that we can work together to set new policies in Washington that reflect the values of rural Americans.”

Participants included:

Donna Best-Klingel, Chamber Director
Pete Cowan, Mayor of Burgaw
Martin Beach, Town of Burgaw
Vicki Foster, Realty World
Rosemary Pittman, ESC
Niels Jorgensen, Kiln-Direct
Joyce Keith, Pender Co. Schools
Chip Jordan, Jordan Enterprises
Red Robbins, Robbins Nursery
Barry Klingel, Burgaw Post Office
Johnnie Westbrook, Burgaw Antiqueplace
Mike Taylor, Pender Co. Libraries
Jim Fouche', Cape Fear Farm Credit
Rick Biberstein, Attorney at Law
Robert Barnhill, Mayor of St. Helena
Rick Benton, Pender Co. Manager
Bill King, WID / Committee of 100
Holly Horton, Pender Memorial Hospital
Jimmy Tate, Pender Co. Commissioner
Marion Knowles, Mayor of Watha
Don Spry, Small Business Administration
Bruce Novak, Alderman, Town of Atkinson



Pictured left to right: Joyce Keith, Congressman McIntyre, Mayor Pete Cowan, Jim Fouche' and Barry Klingel
Back row left to right: Chip Jordan, Johnnie Westbrook and Rick Biberstein



Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce 2009 Annual Banquet

Thursday, February 19, 6:30 pm, Mad Boar's Celtic Court

The 2009 Annual Banquet guest speaker will be Scott Satterfield, president and CEO of Wilmington Industrial Development also known as the Committee of 100. In 2001, Governor Easley appointed Scott to serve as a member of the State of North Carolina's Economic Development Board, where he served on the infrastructure and transportation committees. He is active in the North Carolina Economic Development Association, North Carolina Chamber, and the International Economic Development Council.

The following are some of WID's major accomplishments under Scott's leadership:

- GE- Hitachi Uranium Enrichment Facility - 900 jobs
- DEL Laboratories in Pender County which employs 1000
- GE Worldwide Nuclear Headquarters
- Verizon Financial Service Center - 1250 jobs
- WID has participated in nearly \$100 million in total loan packages in its SBA loan portfolio
- In the last three years WID's most significant projects have generated over \$1 billion in economic impact per William Hall, PHD, UNCW

Tickets: \$25 chamber members / \$30 non-chamber members. Contact the chamber office at 259-9817 to purchase tickets. RSVP by February 12th.

Music provided by Duplin Music Academy

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Courthouse Coffee Ribbon Cutting - Pictured left to right: Lisa Jones, Terry Jankosky, Nancy Keith, John Lacer, Richard Zych, Donna Best-Klingel, Phil Bordeaux, Mayor Pete Cowan and Martin Beach

Artists Aid the Animals

Art Show

The 5th Annual "Artists Aid the Animals" Art Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, March 7 at the American Legion Post #10, located at 702 Pine Grove Drive. The American Legion Post is located off of Oleander Drive in Wilmington next to Hugh McRae Park and the Municipal Golf Course.

Over thirty artists will be participating in this year's event along with such diverse artwork as: oil and acrylic painting, pottery, handcrafted jewelry, fine crafted woven baskets, photography and sculpture. Most artwork is not animal related but you can expect some artists to show their appreciation of the animal kingdom by displaying various animals in their individual pieces.

Pender County Humane Society, a no-kill animal shelter, sponsors this event with all profits benefiting the Humane Society. There is no admission to the public but a donation is much appreciated.

For more information, contact Norma Troutman at 910-452-0049 or email norma1@bellsouth.net or Gloria Johnson at 910-799-5401 or email Llefrog@aol.com. Please put "Art Show" in the subject line.

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Town and Chamber Thank

Pender Memorial Hospital Staff on Christmas Eve

'Twas the night before Christmas at Pender Memorial Hospital when volunteers from the Town of Burgaw and the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce showed up to say thank you to the staff who were caring for patients at work instead of nestled with their families at home.

Mayor Pete Cowan and his wife, Sue, along with Chamber Director Donna Best-Klingel and husband, Barry, arrived at Pender Memorial at 10 pm on Christmas Eve to deliver a little Christmas cheer to the hospital staff as well as law enforcement officers and emergency services personnel who were on-duty. Burgaw Police Chief Bill King and his wife, Terri, who is the Outcomes Manager at PMH, were also on hand for the festivities.

Rev. Ray Mendenhall sang and played the guitar during the holiday reception, much to the enjoyment of the hospital staff. Chef Gailyn Gagliardi of Café Liardi' provided soup and fresh baked bread, Johnny Westbrook of Burgaw Antiqueplace, provided fudge and the Chamber and Town provided deli trays and fresh fruit.

PMH Nursing Supervisor Peggy Dale helped them set up the reception in the front lobby, while PMH Dietary Manager George Chance made sure there were plenty of plates, napkins and utensils available so everyone could enjoy the goodies.

Del Laboratories graciously gave pedicure kits to all of the residents in the Skilled Nursing Facility and patients spending Christmas in the hospital. The pedicure kits were beautifully wrapped by Chamber volunteers before they were delivered to the patients.

"This was such a wonderful gesture on the Chamber and Town's behalf. Our staff was very appreciative," said Holly Horton, Human Resources Director for PMH. "This is the first time I can remember in all my years working here that anyone has done something like this for us. It was so thoughtful."

Also, students from West Pender Middle School filled several boxes with gift items and personally delivered them to the skilled nursing residents to brighten their holidays.

To find out more about the services offered by Pender Memorial Hospital, please visit www.pendermemorial.org.

Don't Let Your Business Get Left Behind!

Stand out by hosting a **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS.**

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507 E. Fremont Street
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8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Burgaw Fire Station**

**Pancakes, Sausage & Beverage
\$5.00 Per Plate
Children Under 4 FREE.**



Tickets available at local outlets and at the door. For info, call Pender Co. Cooperative Ext. 259-1235 or Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce 259-9817.

Fundraiser for NC Blueberry Festival to be held in Burgaw June 20, 2009

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

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Telephone Number _____

Website _____

Number of Employees _____

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Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 1096, Burgaw, NC 28425
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Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce

President - Pete Cowan

Vice-President - Martin Beach

Treasurer - Cindy Jones

Secretary - Rosemary Pittman

Executive Director - Donna Best-Klingel

Board meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Burgaw Town Hall located at 109 N. Walker Street.

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