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*Doing Business with  
Chamber Members is  
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## Membership Committee Hosts Special Business After Hours

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee will host a special April Business After Hours to honor its members.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2011, at the Chamber, 23 East Liberty Street, York.

The Chamber asks that each member bring a guest to meet other business professionals to realize the benefits of Chamber membership.

The Business After Hours will offer great food, beverages, and music with

doors open wide to enjoy the Chamber's newly renovated deck and take advantage of York's beautiful spring weather.

Each attendee will receive a door prize, along with additional grand prizes drawn throughout the evening.

Traditionally, Business After Hours is an opportunity for members to network in a more relaxed, social atmosphere. However, this event seeks to focus on the Chamber's membership and the role each plays in the success

of the Chamber.

"The Chamber cannot be successful in its mission without a commitment from its members to answer the call to service when needed," said Executive Director Paul Boger.

"Member involvement is critical if the Chamber is to meet the demands of a changing work environment," Boger continued.

The Membership Committee will also launch its newest member recruitment program, which seeks to reward current members who recruit a new member with a \$25 gift card.

## Western York County Senior Expo Returns May 3

The Greater York and Greater Clover Chambers of Commerce, along with ICE (Individuals Caring for the Elderly) will host the Western York County Senior Expo on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event features free admission, door prizes, food, beverages, entertainment, free health services and information and health screenings.

The Senior Expo returns this year to Filbert Pres-

byterian Church, located at 2066 Filbert Highway in York.

Vendors and non-profit organizations interested in exhibiting at the event should register early as space is limited. Registration forms at [www.GreaterYorkChamber.com](http://www.GreaterYorkChamber.com).

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## Greater York Chamber of Commerce

April 2011

### Business of the Month



Greater York Chamber President Nancy Warren awards Jim Bradford Lawfirm, LLC the April 2011 Greater York Chamber Business of the Month.

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce named Jim Bradford Law Firm, LLC the *April 2011 Business of the Month*.

Jim Bradford opened his own law firm, Jim Bradford Law Firm, LLC, in York on January 1, 2010. The firm has offices in the Congress Street Executive Center, 30 North Congress Street, Suites 101 and 209.

Bradford is assisted by his paralegal, Kim Auten, a native of York County with over 15 years of legal

secretarial and paralegal experience.

Jim Bradford has over 30 years experience as a practicing attorney with concentration in civil litigation. Bradford's law firm handles lawsuits for personal injury and wrongful death including automobile accidents, products liability, medical malpractice, nursing home negligence, and slip and fall. Most cases of this type are handled on a contingency fee basis, with no charge for initial consultation and a fee

charged only when money is recovered for the client.

Jim Bradford Law Firm, LLC also handles lawsuits for plaintiffs or defendants involving business disputes, construction defects and mechanic's liens, environmental issues, condemnation of property, and disputes with state and local government.

In addition, Bradford represents small business and corporate clients by setting up corporations and LLCs, and by providing business law advice. Bradford also

drafts wills, trusts, powers-of-attorney, and living wills.

Bradford is a past president of the Greater York Chamber of Commerce and is currently the Greater York Chamber of Commerce's member designee on the York County Economic Development Board and serves as Chairman.

Bradford is the current president of the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, the non-profit affiliate of the National Trust.

# Director's Report

Charleston Port Expansion, Education and Work Force Development, Regulatory Reform and Comprehensive Tax Reform were topics introduced by Otis Rawl, President and CEO of the SC Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking to a group of over 25 business and education leaders from the Greater York Chamber of Commerce, Rawl stressed the importance of expanding the Charleston Port to meet the needs of the super cargo ships expected to navigate the Panama Canal by 2014. Failure to expand the Charleston Port is unacceptable and would result in a devastating economic impact for the State. Senator Graham is

reviewing possible source for acquiring the Federal Government's \$400,000 matching funds needed for the port expansion study.

Well Trained and qualified workforce is needed for current businesses to grow and attract new business, stated Rawl. Stronger emphasis outlining the positive aspects of the State's education and workforce development efforts has shown a shift in the perception of the State and its ability to meet business demand. "SC Minds at Work" web site provides information on the positive aspects of education attendees were encouraged to visit and learn more.

Another sticking point Rawl touched on is the

regulator requirements to operate in the State which have become so time consuming and costly that many businesses give up in frustration and abandon expansion or relocation. Whether reform action will take place this year is uncertain.

The last and most discussed is Comprehensive Tax Reform. Since 2007, tax issues have occupied everyone's attention and have almost created an adversarial relationship between business and education. Will Comprehensive Tax Reform take place in the 2011 Legislative year? Probably not, as redistricting will likely dominate the Legislature for the remainder of the session.

## Welcome New Members

Please take a moment and join the Chamber in welcoming our newest members. A quick phone call or even a personal invitation to an upcoming Chamber event can make all the difference in helping new members feel welcome.

Remember, doing business with Chamber Members is good business.

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## Calendar

### Washington Night

Columbia Metropolitan  
Convention Center  
Tuesday, April 19, 2011  
Town Hall Meeting 4 p.m.  
Reception 6 p.m.  
Register at SCChamber.Net

### Member Appreciation Business After Hours

Thursday, April 21, 2011  
Greater York Chamber  
23 East Liberty Street  
York, SC  
5:30 ~ 7:30 p.m.

### Chamber Office Closed

Monday, April 25  
In Observance of Easter

### Western York County Senior Expo

Tuesday, May 3  
9 a.m. ~ Noon  
Filbert Presbyterian  
2066 Filbert Hwy, York

**GYCC Board ~ 2nd Tuesday**  
7:30 AM

**Economic ~ 1st Tuesday**  
7:30 AM

**Education ~ 3rd Wednesday**  
8:00 AM

**Government ~ 4th Thursday**  
7:30 AM

**Membership ~ 4th Thursday**  
5:30 PM

**Summerfest ~ 4th Tuesday**  
6:30 PM

**Check out new  
Member to Member  
Discounts  
at Greater York  
Chamber.com**

## Downtown Live Revs Up Thursday May 19

5:30 ~ 9:30 p.m. at Whitesides

*Pocketful of Strange* returns with classic rock and rhythm and blues

# Chamber Sponsors March Events



## Carolina Crossing Hosts BAH

Carolina Crossing Golf Club hosted Business After Hours on March 19.

Greater York Chamber President Nancy Warren introduced Tish and Alex Woods who are managing the Club House. The event highlighted the club's new menu items and its on or off site catering capabilities.

## Anytime Fitness Celebrates Grand Opening in York

Anytime Fitness, located at 914 East Liberty Street in York, held its Grand Opening on March 11, with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

Greater York Chamber President Nancy Warren and York Mayor Eddie Lee were among the dignitaries in attendance who welcomed the new venture of Tammy & Marty Bochinski to York.



## Piedmont Medical Hosts Students

Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center's Technology Team Ambassadors with the support of the Greater York Chamber of Commerce toured Piedmont Medical Center March 22. The field trip, one of several during the school year, gives students the opportunity to see first-hand the many vocational opportunities available in York County. The TTAs also visited the Bank of York and the York County Sheriff's Department Training Facility this year.

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