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Chamber Awards Members

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce held its 73rd Annual Meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012.

The event marked the passing of the president's gavel from Nancy G. Warren of ERA Reeves Realty & Associates to Jimmy Sprouse, York County Natural Gas Authority.

The Chamber said farewell to former Board of Directors Cathy Austin of South Carolina Bank and Trust of the Piedmont; Nat Davis, York School District One; and Mary Lynn Norton, McCelvey CHM.

The Chamber welcomed new directors Mary Cline,

Piedmont Medical Center; Kelly Crouch, Yorktowne Village Assisted Living; Daniel Harshaw, Charles Bradford, PA; Dr. Bill Oliver, Oliver Eye Associates; Simon Ormerod, AJAX Rolled Ring & Machine; Dr. Vernon Prosser, York School District One; and Joe Versen, Joe L. Versen Appraisals, LLC.



GYCC Annual Award winners are, from left, Fred Faircloth, III, Rock Hill Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Business Person of the Year; Jim Bradford, Jim Bradford Law Firm, LLC, Citizen of the Year; Genevieve Polites, Chamber Member, Volunteer of the Year; Dr. Bill Oliver, Oliver Eye Associates, Small Business of the Year; and Simon Ormerod, AJAX Rolled Ring & Machine, Business of the Year.

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Greater York Chamber of Commerce Selects *Dunlap-Johnson Chevrolet* as its February 2012 Business of the Month



Please take a moment and join the Chamber in welcoming our newest member. 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.

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On hand to commemorate Dunlap-Johnson Chevrolet's 2012 February Business of the Month is Joe S. Johnson II; GYCC President Jimmy Sprouse; Joe Johnson; Mary Ann Johnson; and Matthew L. Johnson.

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce recognized Dunlap-Johnson Chevrolet as its February 2012 Business of the Month in late January.

Dunlap-Johnson Chevrolet, York County's oldest continuing new car dealership, was founded in 1930 by Thomas Cleveland Dunlap.

Current owner, Joe Johnson, came to work at Dunlap-Johnson in 1968 after having worked for General Motors for four

years. Great-grandchildren of the founder, Stan Johnson, Service Manager, and Matt Johnson, Sales Manager, started working at the dealership at an early age.

Dunlap-Johnson Chevrolet currently has 26 employees with a combined years of experience in the automotive industry of 653 years.

Dunlap-Johnson is a full service dealership with new and used sales, automotive finance, parts

sales, service, and body shop.

Advancing technology in the automotive industry requires almost daily training of employees, whether it is done by online courses in house or hands-on training in Charlotte, Atlanta, or Orlando. Dunlap-Johnson employees are constantly seeking training that enables them to better serve our customers. In fact, GM requires that almost all of its employees

meet top certification levels.

Dunlap-Johnson's eighty-two years of continuing service to its community has seen many changes to its products and to its community.

Dunlap-Johnson dealership looks forward to many more years of friendship and service to our area and customers.

Dunlap-Johnson can be reached at 803-684-4271.

Director's Report

2012 has begun with several activities taking center stage for the Chamber.

First the Chamber has been working with the other Chambers of York County preparing for the 2012 York County Day scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th.

The Day begins at 2:00pm with updates from the SC Chamber of Commerce on the legislative year; a Tax Reform presentation: Economic Development activity in SC by SC Sec of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

The day will conclude with a York County Legislative Delegation panel discussion on key issues. Governor Haley has been

invited to speak if available.

The Chamber's Economic Development Committee has been working with the City of York to create a City of York Economic Development Board.

The Chamber's Board of Directors at their January meeting agreed to support the City plan and a draft policy has been developed outlining the responsibilities of the Board, the number of board members and the areas they represent.

The new Board will bring more resources to the table increasing the focus on economic development and laying the ground work for assisting potential new businesses.

The State General assembly returned to Columbia on January 6th to begin the second year of a two year cycle.

Issues they will face are; Government Restructuring phase out of the Budget and Control Board shifting Governor to select a Lt. Governor and run on the same ticket; make the Superintendent of Education a cabinet position appointed by the Governor; Reform State Retirement System, addressing current unfunded liability and future needs; designate \$1 Billion surplus for Port dredging \$180 million, provide approximately \$350 million for healthcare.

Calendar

York County Day

Wed., February 8, 2012
Registration @ 2 p.m.
Columbia Marriott
1200 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Business After Hours

Sam's Club
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012
Chamber Office
23 East Liberty Street
York, SC
5:30 ~ 7:30 p.m.

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 ~ 3rd Tuesday
8:00 AM

Summerfest ~ 4th Tuesday
6:30 PM

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GreaterYorkChamber.com**

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Greater York Chamber of Commerce
23 East Liberty Street
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Enjoy refreshments and networking opportunities.

York County Day Needs You

York County needs you when the South Carolina General Assembly formally recognizes February 8, 2012, as York County Day.

Events include an afternoon panel discussion with the York County Legislative Delegation at 2 p.m. in the Columbia Marriott.

The panel discussion gives attendees the opportunity to ask questions of their legislators on issues or topics of concern.

Registrations are encouraged prior to the event, but attendees may register the same day.

Please come out and take the opportunity to have your voice heard on York County issues. York County needs you.

Registration forms are included in this month's edition of *The Partner*.

For more information, contact Paul Boger at the Chamber at 803-684-2590.

Yorktowne Village and Agape Senior Host Business After Hours

Yorktowne Village Assisted Living and Agape Senior teamed up Tuesday, January 17, 2012 for the Greater York Chamber's Business After Hours at Yorktowne Village's facility on Ross Cannon Street in York.

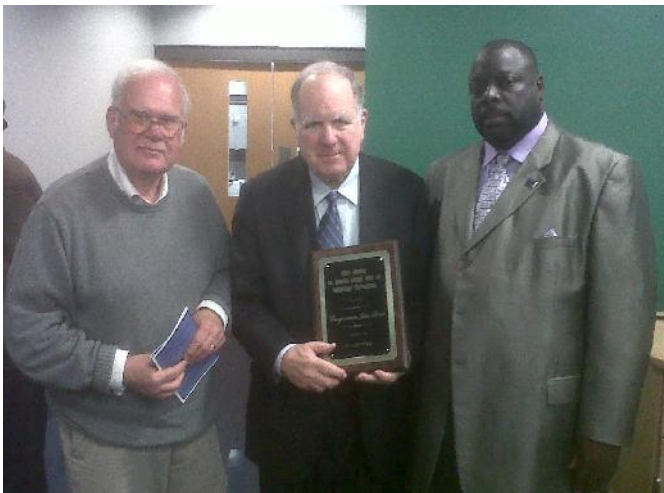


Linda Weaver Griggs and Dr. Jack Bagwell of York Technical College and Olde English District's Strauss Moore Shiple at the January BAH.



Agape Senior's Director of Marketing, Jennifer Peay, and Community Liaison, Lisa Rumford, draw business cards for door prizes during January's Business After Hours.

City Co-Hosts First Annual MLK Breakfast



The City of York and the Western York County NAACP hosted its first annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast on Friday, January 20, 2012 at York Comprehensive High School in York.

At left, York Mayor Eddie Lee and Western York County NAACP President, Reverend Dennis Wilson, flank Key Note Speaker, former Congressman John Spratt. Spratt received an award of appreciation from the Western York NAACP.

The Board of Directors of the Greater York Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship of the 2012 newsletter.

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