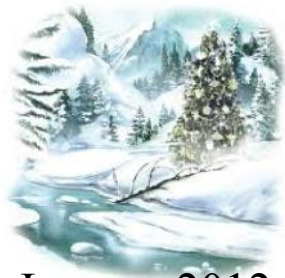


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## Chamber to Present Awards at Annual Meeting

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce will hold its 73rd Annual Meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012, to present annual awards and to recognize its Officers and Board of Directors.

The event will be held again this year in the fellowship hall of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd at 108 East Liberty Street in York.

The opening reception with cash bar and music by Mojo begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP the Chamber by January 23, 2012.

## Fabulous Floozies Exemplify Holiday Spirit at York Christmas Parade



York Red Hat Society's Fabulous Floozies' holiday spirit was contagious during the York Christmas Parade on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. The Fabulous Floozies was one of more than 100 units during the annual parade down Congress Street. Parade proceeds benefit P.A.T.H.

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# Greater York Chamber of Commerce Selects *1st Franklin Financial* as its January 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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**1st Franklin Financial Branch Manager Tonya Collins receives the January 2012 Business of the Month Award from Greater York Chamber of Commerce President Nancy G. Warren. Darlene Orr, far left, and Melissa Arrants of 1st Franklin are also pictured.**

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce selected 1st Franklin Financial as the January 2012 Business of the Month in late December.

1st Franklin Financial Corporation has been in the consumer finance business since 1941.

The business is headquar-

in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Committed to providing friendly, professional service, 1st Franklin staff members take pride in making sure that each customer receives prompt, personal service.

The Company offers starter loans, personal loans

and consolidation loans. All loans are subject to their liberal credit policy and limitations, if any.

The branch manager is Tonya Collins and she is assisted by Darlene Orr and Melissa Arrants.

1st Franklin Financial Corporation in York is located at 954 E. Liberty Street; phone 803-684-1211.

## Business After Hours

Hosted by  
***Agape Senior &  
Yorktowne Village***

Tuesday, January 17,  
2012  
5:30 p.m.~ 7:30 p.m.  
40 Ross Cannon  
Street, York

Enjoy refreshments and networking opportunities.

**Annual Award Nomination Forms are online at  
GreaterYorkChamber.com**

# Director's Report

By the time you receive the January Chamber Newsletter, the Holidays will be over and it will be back to work in a New Year.

The Chamber closed out 2011 with the Annual York Christmas Parade and the December Business After Hours hosted by United Way of York County, York Place, and the Chamber. The re-scheduled Parade with all entries able to participate and the December Business After Hours' with its traditional emphasis on giving were well attended. This year the gifts collected at the Business After Hours went to York Place Children. Thanks, to everyone participating.

## New 2011 Holiday Ornament On Sale Now

The Greater York Chamber selected the Jefferson School for the Chamber's 2011 Holiday ornament.

The first Jefferson School built in 1888 through the efforts of Wesley M.E. Church and aided by public subscription, was a five-room wooden structure located at the end of West Jefferson Street.

The 2011 Jefferson School Ornament is available for purchase at the Chamber office, 23 East Liberty Street, York. Cost is \$8.

December 13th attended a joint meeting of the Economic Development groups from Clover, Lake Wylie, and York. The meeting focused on Western York County economic issues and each groups role. The meeting concluded with round-table discussion of potential 2012 goals; Water/Sewer Infrastructure, Zoning, and Certified Sites, identify property for development, and monitor several County projects to include Pennies for Progress and the Unified Development Ordinance.

December 19th attended the AJAX Rolled Ring and Machine Ground Breaking Ceremonies for a new

15,000 square foot machining building at an investment of approximately \$4.5 million and 10 new jobs.

The Annual Business Speaks hosted by the SC Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for January 17th at the Marriott Columbia (1200 Hampton Street) at 4:00pm with a networking reception at 7:00pm. Business Speaks, will feature a Republican Presidential Candidate Forum. Join the Republican candidates as they discuss their plan for job creation and economic development. Business Speaks will also feature a South Carolina General Assembly panel and honor legislator for their support in 2011.



## Calendar

### Chamber Office Closed

Monday, January 2, 2012  
New Year Holiday  
Monday, January 16, 2012  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Business Speaks

Tuesday, January 17, 2012  
4 p.m. ~ 8 p.m.  
Columbia Marriott  
1200 Hampton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Register at [SCChamber.net](http://SCChamber.net)

### Business After Hours

Agape Senior & Yorktowne  
Village Assisted Living  
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012  
40 Ross Cannon St.  
York, SC  
5:30 ~ 7:30 p.m.

### 73rd Annual Meeting

Friday, January 27, 2012  
6:30 p.m. Reception  
7:30 p.m. Dinner  
8:15 p.m. Awards  
Episcopal Church  
of the Good Shepherd  
Fellowship Hall  
108 E. Liberty St., York

### York County Day

Wed., February 8, 2012  
Registration @ 2 p.m.  
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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

**Made Changes Lately? Check out the Chamber's Business Directory  
[GreaterYorkChamber.com](http://GreaterYorkChamber.com)**

# GYCC, United Way and York Place, Host Holiday Business After Hours

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce, United Way of York County and York Place hosted the Chamber's Holiday Business After Hours on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at York Place Family Counseling Center.

Chamber members and community leaders attended the event which said goodbye to long-time Director of York Place, John Shiflet, who retires in January.

A festive Christmas tree became merrier with the addition of toys from those attending the annual event catered by Jackson's Kitchen.



John Shiflet



Grier Sandifer of the Bank of York chats with Dr. Bill Oliver and Nancy Oliver during the Holiday Business After Hours.



York Place Program Director Kimberly Adkins, Director of Development Kathy Grier, and Rachelle Copeland, Director of Treatment Teams are in a festive mood at the Holiday Business After Hours.

## AJAX Breaks Ground on New Addition

AJAX Rolled Ring & Machine broke ground on a new 15,000 sf machining shop at the company's present location at 500 Wallace Way in York.

Senator Wes Hayes, York Mayor Eddie Lee, GYCC President Nancy Warren and many other county and city officials were on hand to lend support for the \$4.5 million investment that will bring a minimum of 10 jobs to York.



From left -- Simon Ormerod, CEO, AJAX Rolled Ring & Machine, York Mayor Eddie Lee and Senator Wes Hayes break ground for a 15,000 sf machining shop at AJAX in York.

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