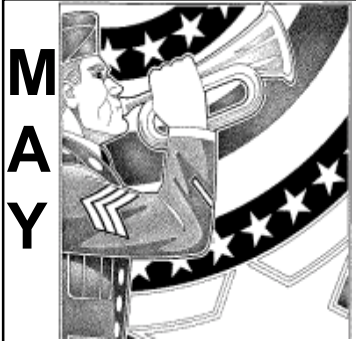


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Downtown Live begins May 15

Presented by the Greater York Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Live is an outdoor, community concert series open to the public. Food and beverages

are available for purchase.

Located in historic downtown York in the parking lot of Whiteside Cleaners & Uniform Rental, the concert series is scheduled for third

Thursday during May, June, and July from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The August concert is held on the fourth Friday night and kicks off the Chamber's annual Summerfest the following Saturday.

The May concert, sponsored by South Carolina Bank & Trust of the Piedmont, will feature *Dave Lambert and The Carolina Rails*, a five-piece group playing country/rock favorites. The rain date for this event is Thursday, May 22, 2008.

Downtown Live Series Sponsors

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Welcome home

Beginning the last week of April through May, soldiers from the SC National Guard will be returning home. The Chamber asks that you welcome these soldiers from the 218th Company and the 132d Military Police Company by displaying, "Welcome Home Soldiers. Thank you," on outdoor business signs to show our appreciation for their service.

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The Chamber would like to express a special thanks to our 2008 Employee Appreciation Day Sponsors:

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McDonald's of York

Greater York Chamber of Commerce May 2008 Business of the Month

Chamber President, Paul Kutz, proclaimed McDonald's of York the *Greater York Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month* for May, 2008, in late April. The store opened in its new location December 31, 2007, and owner, Fred Funderburk said that McDonald's "Customers and employees have been excited about the long anticipated move to the beautiful, state of the art facility."

The primary focus of restaurant manager, Jeff Lightner, and his staff, is to improve service to the level that the York customers expect and deserve.

Located at 989 E. Liberty Street, the restaurant is owned and operated by Fred and Margaret Funderburk and Mark and Felicia F. Haag of F&M Restaurants, Inc. F&M Restaurants, Inc. also owns McDonald's of Clover, and two McDonald's in Gastonia.



GYCC President Paul Kutz, second row, right, presents the Business of the Month Certificate to Store Manager, Jeff Lightener, as McDonald's regular morning customers gather. Seated from left: Bill Smith; Frank Dickson; Store Owner, Fred Funderburk; Julian Dickerson; Bill Boyd; Bill Grist; and Bill Curry.

Chamber expresses deep appreciation

The Chamber's Scholarship Fund would like to express its sincere appreciation to Filtration Group for its generous contribution to the GYCC Scholarship Fund. It is those generous donations that allows the chamber to support a local student each year in a two year technical school or four year college.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon enjoyed by all

The 2008 Employee Appreciation Luncheon, sponsored by the Chamber and its member sponsors, was held at Carolina Crossings Country Club, April 23, 2008.

Chamber Director, Paul Boger welcomed guests, and Jim Bradford invoked the blessing, then Chamber President, Paul Kutz addressed the banquet goers.

Entertainer, Herschel Brown, accompanied by Charles Bradford, set the mood for the enjoyment of a delicious buffet with bluegrass music.

Paul Thompson, with the Clemson Extension Services entertained the crowd with, "Mounds of Fire," a slide show and informative



GYCC President, Paul Kutz, awards Regenia Reid of York Comprehensive High School with a doorprize donated by Comporium.

lecture on fireants that now so plague southern backyards.

Numbers were drawn and guests awarded the numerous and thoughtful

doorprizes donated by Chamber members. Additionally, each guest received a beautiful fuscia geranium as a gift.

The Chamber and its

sponsors would like to thank the following businesses for their donations. Their gifts made your employees' luncheon all the more memorable.

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- York County Government*
- York Electric Cooperative*
- YMCA of York County*

Director's Report

During the November 2007 Board meeting, the Directors approved the 2008 legislative agenda. A common thread found in several agenda items is adequate funding to meet the growing needs in York County. An issue relating to funding was introduced in the House, which would place spending caps on local governing bodies, Counties, Cities, School Districts, etc. Over the years, the Chamber has opposed legislation from the State level that limited local government's ability to respond to needs within its area. In a letter to Representative Cooper, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Board expressed its concerns with State level imposed spending caps. Legislation of this type creates problems for local governing bodies and does not address to real issue Comprehensive Tax Reform. The Board is encouraging the State Legislature to undertake a Comprehensive Tax Reform Study.

York Farmer's Market

The Downtown York Farmer's Market, sponsored by the York Downtown Business Association, continues each Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm on N. Congress Street. Vendor space is free. Contact Signa Curry at 704-299-2322 or Jim Dickerson at 684-4225.

Welcome New Members

The Chamber would like to welcome the following businesses as new Greater York Chamber of Commerce members:

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Deadline to reserve space is May 1st.

Botanical Garden offers Tuesday Class

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont, NC, will offer its monthly First Tuesday class on Tuesday, May 6 featuring the topic "Container Gardening."

Susie Cochran of Rountree Plantation Garden Center will teach participants how to transform even the most ordinary of objects into flourishing container gardens! From hanging baskets to old rubber boots, container

gardening has quickly become a way to enjoy the wonderful world of plants. Participants will learn helpful tips to create their own garden magic at home.

The class runs from noon-1 p.m. in the Wren Rooms located in the Visitor Pavilion. The class is free with Garden admission and registration is not required. Participants are welcome to bring a bag lunch to enjoy during the program.

Calendar

May 8 ~ Thursday
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Business After Hours
Bradford & Bradford, P.A.
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May 11 ~ Sunday

Mother's Day

May 15 ~ Thursday
5:30 - 9:30 PM

Downtown Live
Whitesides Parking Lot
108 Congress St., York

May 26 ~ Monday

GYCC Office Closed to
observe Memorial Day

GYCC Board ~ 2nd Tues
7:30 AM

Economic ~ 1st Tues of Jan,
Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov
7:30 AM

Education ~ 3rd Wed
7:30 AM

Government ~ 3rd Tues
7:30 AM

Membership ~ 2nd Mon
5:30 PM

Summerfest ~ 4th Tuesday
6:30 PM

Lunch & Learn

Robert Winkler, financial advisor with Edward Jones, hosted a Lunch and Learn, Tuesday, April 29, at the Chamber offices.

Charles Porcher presented a Fiduciary Responsibility Seminar that outlined the duties of a company's fiduciary as defined by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, ERISA.

The seminar focused on the ethics and responsibilities of business owners and managers, protective measures to limit liability, and demonstrating ERISA compliance.

Piedmont Medical Center breaks ground



From left -- Piedmont President and CEO, Charlie Miller, is joined by Greater York Chamber of Commerce President, Paul Kutz, SC Representative Herb Kirsh, and York Mayor, Eddie Lee, at PMC's groundbreaking ceremony for a new internal medicine practice in York.

Photo by: Jim Lockman

Clover Community Bank hosts April's Business After Hours



Clover Community Bank Board Members Dick Burrell and SC Rep. Herb Kirsh converse at the Chamber's Business After Hours, April 3, 2008.



Chamber members and guests show their networking skills.

Youth Leadership Graduates



Front Row L to R: Missy Barnett, Richard Lee, Kaitlin Lieck. Middle L to R: Amanda Schuermann, Kayla Williams, London Ocon, Mallen Urso, Danielle Kutz, Taylor Skaggs. Back L to R: Hannalea Finch, Matthew Bledsoe, Patrick Williams, Matt Lang, Sally Horne. Not pictured: Ty Youngblood

Local photographer captures spirit of annual White Rose Bicycle Sprints



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