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Pocketful of Strange Returns to Downtown Live May 19

Pocketful of Strange returns to the Greater York Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Live Concert Series on Thursday, May 19. The four-piece group plays Rhythm & Blues, Funk, Soul, and Rock 'n Roll that really gets the crowd on its feet and on the dance floor.

Downtown Live is a series of free public

concerts from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Whitesides Cleaners located at the corner of Madison and North Congress Streets with food available for purchase from Philanthropic Lodge #32, while soft drinks and adult beverages are available from the Chamber during the

concert.

Located in historic downtown York, the concert series is scheduled for the third Thursday during May, June, and July from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The August concert is held on the fourth Friday as a lead in for the Chamber's annual Summerfest on Saturday, August 27.

Rain date for the May concert is slated for May 26, 2011.

Downtown Live Concert Dates

**Thursday
June 16, 2011**

**Thursday
July 21, 2011**

**Friday
August 26, 2011**

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Business of the Month



GYCC President Nancy Warren awards the May BOM award to Comporium's York team. From left, Tonya Comer, Dillon Kimbrell, Glenn McFadden, Nancy Warren, Barry Duncan, Angie Dover, Betty Brakefield and Amy Lamar.

The Greater York Chamber selected Comporium as the Chamber of Commerce's "Business of the Month" for May. The company provides telecommunications and cable TV service for York, Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Lancaster and surrounding communities in York and Lancaster Counties. It also serves all or parts of six counties west of Columbia and all of Transylvania County, NC.

In addition to providing local telephone, long distance, wireless, Internet, cable TV and security, the company owns the CN2 news station that covers

local news, weather and sports across the Upstate. Comporium also operates nationwide with its Security Dealer Program and its directory publishing businesses.

In addition, it is a major investor in Immedion, which is a Greenville-based data storage and management services provider. Immedion recently opened its second data center in Columbia, and it is now the largest company of its kind in South Carolina.

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary for its name change to Comporium, which

combines "communications" and "emporium," the company traces its beginnings to the charter of Rock Hill Telephone in 1894. Comporium currently ranks as the 14th largest telco in the nation and the 35th largest cable TV provider.

Comporium has been a long-standing supporter of the Greater York Chamber, lending its resources to support Summerfest, Downtown Live and other chamber sponsored events.

Dillon Kimbrell, a business services account representative for Comporium, is a current GYCC board member.

Paul Kutz, director of external relations, is a member of the Government Liaison Committee and a past president of the GYCC board.

Comporium welcomes new and current customers to its York retail location at 950 E. Liberty St. (hours of operation: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., M-F; 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Sat.) to review the latest in communications technology, find the latest specials, or handle any of their billing or customer service needs.

Comporium Residential Business

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684-1012
326-6011

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326-6450
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329-7117
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Technical Support
866-843-9444
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For more information contact the Chamber at 684-2590.

Director's Report

On April 19th the South Carolina Legislative Delegation, Senators Graham and DeMint and Congressmen Clyburn, Duncan, Gowdy, Mulvaney, and Wilson meet in an open panel at Washington Night In South Carolina hosted by the SC Chamber of Commerce with over 400 business and civic leaders from across the State to discuss key issues.

Charleston Port Expansion, raising the debt ceiling, and fixing the growing national debt were the three issues that dominated the evening.

With the expansion of the Panama Canal scheduled to be completed by 2014, Charleston Harbor, at its present depth, will not be able to handle the new larger container ships around the clock. Currently these ships must wait in

open water for high tide to enter the harbor. The Charleston Harbor is too great of an economic engine for S.C. to lose. The State cannot afford to lose the expansion fight, it is essential that the expansion study funds are set aside;. According to Senator Graham, he would rather loss re-election than loss the port.

Raising the debt ceiling is necessary to avoid any default on the national debt; however, it should not be undertaken without some major structural changes in the financial process. The delegation supports raising the debt ceiling but only if structural changes are implemented that not only help lower the current debt but should ensure future debt is managed more effectively. The form and substance of any structural changes have not been determined, but if

the doom and gloom portrayed by some legislators is even half true, Congress must take action.

The delegation expressed concern about the rising national debt and the need for action. Curtailing the national debt is important to the future health of the country. From all accounts without taking action now we will face higher debt which will sap the strength of the country. Congress is investigating alternative solutions that may include a combination of reduced spending and tax increases. The balance between the two is critical to ensure economic stability for the country. I am sure we will hear more on all of these issues. Last but not least, if you have never attended Washington Night in SC give it some thought for 2012, you want be disappointed.

Mark Your Calendar

The Greater York Chamber will host two Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies in the month of May.

These events are an important reminder that "Doing Business with Chamber Members is good business."

So, please drop by at these events and support your fellow Chamber members.

Business After Hours

Hosted by

Dickerson Motor Company

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

5:30 p.m.~ 7:30 p.m.

60 North Congress Street
York, SC

Join us for great BBQ and networking opportunities.

Calendar

Western York County

Senior Expo

Tuesday, May 3, 2011
9 a.m. ~ Noon

Filbert Presbyterian
2066 Filbert Hwy, York

Ribbon Cutting

Oliver Eye Associates
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Noon

46 N. Congress St.
York, SC

Ribbon Cutting

Debra Williams
State Farm
Thursday, May 12, 2011
4 p.m.

4968 Old York Road
Rock Hill, SC

Business After Hours

Dickerson Motor Company
Thursday, May 17, 2011

60 N. Congress Street
York, SC

5:30 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Office Closed

Monday, May 30, 2011
In Observance of
Memorial Day

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

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Chamber Membership Committee Hosts Special Business After Hours in April

Membership Committee Chair Cathy Austin introduced the New Member Recruitment Program at the April 21, Business After Hours. The Chamber's newest program offers an incentive to encourage current Chamber members to actively recruit new members. Member recruiters receive a \$25 gift card for each new member recruited once the new member's application and check is received and approved by the Chamber.



York Mayor Eddie Lee and other members and guests enjoyed great food, beverages, and music with doors open wide to enjoy the Chamber's newly renovated deck, taking advantage of York's beautiful spring weather.



Dr. and Mrs. Greg Greiner join Phil Dibrell of Allstate Insurance for a chat at the April BAH.



Hershel Brown Jr., (Brownie) and Charles Bradford of the Euphonious Ensemble entertain the crowd at the April Business After Hours.



Chamber Commemorates Grand Opening of D'JA-B's Fashion & Beauty

The Greater York Chamber celebrated the grand opening of D'JA-B's Beauty & Fashion with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, April 15.

York Mayor Eddie Lee was on hand for the official opening, along with owners (from left) Duane Barnett, Aja Anderson, and Chala Bankhead. D'JA-B's offers a full line of hair, and haircare products, along with today's fashions. The store is located at 43-A North Congress Street in beautiful, historical downtown York.

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