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November 2011

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*Doing Business with  
Chamber Members is  
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## GYCC Hosts Third Annual Membership Golf Classic

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce held its Third Annual Membership Golf Classic on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at Carolina Crossing Golf Club in York.

Tim Sturgis, Ronnie Deal, Milton Beaty and Chris

Chamberlain claimed first place in the tournament. Second Place finishers were Kenny Bratton, Brian Benfield, John Schultz and Wayne Ballard.

Rounding out the top three finishes were Ken-

neth Harper, Kyle Childers, Chris Rose and Kyle Hall.

The Chamber's Annual Membership Golf Classic is one way to reward members with an affordable day of food, fun, and networking opportunities with other members.

## York Christmas Parade December 7, 2011

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce will host the 2011 York Christmas Parade on Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

The parade begins at 4:30 p.m., with participants asked to line up at 3:30 p.m.

Parade proceeds benefit P.A.T.H. (People Attempting to Help) who provide emergency assistance for citizens in the York School District One area.

For more information parade entry and informa-

tion forms are available on the Chamber website, [www.GreaterYorkChamber.com](http://www.GreaterYorkChamber.com), or call the Chamber at 803-684-2590.

The rain date for the parade is Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

Come out and support the Chamber and your community.

## Business After Hours

Hosted by

**Aaron's Furniture**

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

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

726 East Liberty Street, York

Join us for refreshments and networking opportunities.

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# Greater York Chamber of Commerce Selects *Mellon Insurance Solutions*

as its November 2011  
Business of the Month



Greater York Chamber President Nancy G. Warren presents the November 2011 Business of the Month award to Steve Mellon and Crystal Burkhamer of Mellon Insurance Solutions.

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- Treat you with respect and courtesy.
- Conduct our business in an ethical manner.

# Director's Report

The Chamber's Board of Directors met with Senators Hayes and Peeler and Representatives King, Moss, and Pope on Tuesday October 25th for their annual Legislators meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to review the issues and actions taken in the last legislative session and the issues remaining for the new legislative session. The meetings also gives the Chamber Directors an opportunity to present issues and concerns facing its members and encourage legislative action that supports the business community's efforts to create jobs and improve the quality of life for everyone.

Issues addressed in the last legislative session were Tort Reform which brings the cap on damages in line with the Southeast; Point of Sale; Reapportionment/ Redistricting based on the 2010 Census; Unemployment Tax relief for businesses; Voter identification; and on Education the base student cost was raised for K-12.

Issues for the next legislative session are government restructuring placing the Budget and Control Board in the Department of Administration reporting to the Governor; Immigration Bill; Identification of revenue sources for Transportation and should Transportation be a Cabinet Agency remov-

ing it from the politics currently affecting decisions. Questions were raised concerning the ability of the SC Retirement Fund to meet its obligations; What other sources of K-12 funding are available; What is the Value of the Certificate of Need process for selection of medical services, has its time passed; and in Education is the link between K-12 and Technical College's as strong as is needed to meet future needs.

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce appreciates the hard work and dedication of our representatives and their willingness to serve the citizens of York County and the State of South Carolina.

## Calendar

### Business After Hours

Aaron's  
Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011  
726 E. Liberty St., York  
5:30 ~ 7:30 p.m.

### Chamber Closed

Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011  
Friday, Nov. 25, 2011  
Thanksgiving

### **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

## Meritor Celebrates 30 Years

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce awarded Meritor a Certificate of Achievement to commemorate the company's 30-year anniversary in York on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Meritor, formerly known as Arvin Meritor, Inc., celebrated the milestone with a BBQ dinner and activities for employees and their children at the plant on Railroad Avenue.

Meritor produces axle assemblies for the trucking industry, and locally employs over 250 workers.



From left -- York Mayor Eddie Lee, Meritor Human Resources Manager Tom Drumwright, GYCC President Nancy G. Warren, and Meritor Plant Manager Scott Walters.



## WELCOME

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.

### **Sunbelt Packaging, LLC**

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# The Coal Yard Hosts October Business After Hours



The Coal Yard Restaurant and Lounge hosted GYCC's October Business After Hours on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, introducing a new look, focus, and new hours of operation.

"Change is the only constant in the world," said co-owner Jessica Dunlap, daughter of original owner Joe Forlines, "and we hope to serve up another thirty years of cold beer, food and fun."

The Coal Yard is now open Thursday through Saturday from 4 p.m. to midnight with live entertainment each night.



## York County Natural Gas Authority Opens New Customer Service Center in Rock Hill



Greater York Chamber of Commerce's First Vice President and YCNGA's VP of Engineering Services Jimmy Sprouse, GYCC President Nancy G. Warren, YCNGA Board Chairman Brian Hall, and President & CEO of YCNGA Jim Heckle cut the ribbon to YCNGA's new customer service center at 965 West Main Street in Rock Hill on October 5, 2011.

The new customer center provides a larger venue to showcase gas appliances and products, one-on-one customer consultations and a more convenient drive through payment window.

The Board of Directors of the Greater York Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship of the 2011 newsletter.

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