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Business After Hours

November 20, 2007

5:30-7:30 PM

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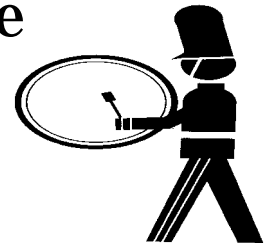
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York Christmas Parade

December 5, 2007

4:30 PM

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Christmas In Olde Sharon

This year's Christmas In Olde Sharon will take place Friday, November 30th, 6 - 9 PM. The history of the Sharon Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will be featured with a tour of the sanctuary at which time visitors will hear the history of the church and the murder of a beautiful choir member in 1929. In the newly decorated fellowship hall guests may wonder at a replica of the golden Ark of the Covenant, garments of the high priest and other replicated treasures of the Wilderness Tabernacle and Solomon's temple. Admission: Free.

The Museum of Western York County will be opened from 6 - 9 that evening. Many items have been added as permanent exhibits, and in the new Thomas Gallery visitors may learn about Victorian Death customs. This exhibit is sponsored by Bratton Funeral Home. Admission: \$2.00.

GYCC...Our Business is Helping Your Business!

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Greater York Chamber of Commerce

November 2007

Business of the Month



Pictured from left to right: Melody Parker, Joe Lee, Thad Thomas, Todd Hershberger, Chris Stephenson, owner, accepting the award from GYCC President Maria Duncan

Farm Bureau Insurance of York County

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Please join the Greater York Chamber of Commerce in congratulating Farm Bureau Insurance of York County upon being chosen the November Business of the Month.

GYCC Annual Awards

Nominations for the Business Person of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year, to be presented at our 2008 Annual Meeting, will be accepted until November 21, 2007. No late nominations will be accepted. Awards are presented at the GYCC Annual Meeting in January. Please see the nomination form included in this edition of The Partner.

Welcome New Member Stines Driver Training School

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Director's Report

As many of you will become aware of with this issue of the Chamber's Newsletter, the York Christmas Parade has our full attention. The Parade kicks off the Holiday Season for young and old alike and this year is no exception. For the past three years the Parade has number over 95 entries beginning with the York Fire Department and ending with that jolly old elf himself Santa Clause. Each year the Chamber includes in the newsletter an application blank for one and all to sign up to participate in the Christmas parade. For those of you that may not be aware, the entry fee for participation in the Parade is \$10.00 and each year the Chamber donates that money to P.A.T.H. P.A.T.H. "People Attempting To Help" provides assistance to individuals living in the York School District with food, clothing, and other items. Last year the total entry fees collected that went to P.A.T.H. was \$560. Entering the Christmas Parade is a great way to share the Holiday Spirit of giving to others.

Events

November 20th

5:30-7:30 PM

Business After Hours

York Place

November 22nd, 23rd

Thanksgiving Holiday

GYCC Office Closed

November 30th

Christmas in Olde Sharon

December 1st-8th

Yorktowne Village

Festival of Trees

December 5th~4:30 PM

York Christmas Parade

December 8th

Yorktowne Village

Teddy Bear Breakfast

December 8th- 4-8 PM

December 9th-3-7 PM

Christmas in Olde York

Yorkville Historical Society

December 18th

5:30-7:30 PM

Business After Hours

GYCC

December 24th, 25th

Christmas

GYCC Office Closed

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

Youth Leadership Impacts the Economy

Thanks to local business owners and agencies, Youth Leadership York County (YouLead) class members participated in an Economic Development session. Class participants learned about attracting prospective industry to our area, the importance of effective branding in the tourism industry, and the benefits and challenges of entrepreneurship.



The 2007-2008 Youth Leadership York County class is sponsored by Comporium Communications and is a program of the chambers of commerce of York County including the York County Regional Chamber and the Greater Clover, Greater York and Lake Wylie Chambers.

Power of Purple! ~ Fighting For a Cure

Western York County Relay for Life

Kick Off Celebration

November 17, 2007 ~ 9:30-10:30 AM

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Come and enroll your team to participate in the all new upcoming events for Relay for Life of Western York County. For more information contact Amanda Wilson, 877-227-9398 or amanda.wilson@cancer.org

The 2007 Economic Census will land on the desks of more than four million businesses in December. Visit www.business.census.gov for more information.

Leadership York County Partners with Local Agencies


The 2007-2008 Leadership York County class participated in the annual LYCO Retreat held at Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center to practice team-building skills, discover each other's leadership styles and discuss ways in which they can make an impact in our community. By partnering with groups like the Boys and Girls Clubs of York County and other area agencies, LYCO class members hope to enhance existing mentoring programs in our community. The effort will partner children with positive role models for the purpose of developing life skills whether academic, social or financial.


LYCO participants also met with local public and private school officials to learn more about the challenges and opportunities at various levels of education. The group toured The Children's School at Sylvia Circle and Nation Ford High School, and learned about after-school programs through the Boys and Girls Clubs of York County. Thanks to the following for their participation and contributions on that day: Thomas Krauter (Trinity Christian School), Dr. Chuck Epps (Fort Mill School District), Dr. Lynn Moody and Pene Turner (Rock Hill School District), Martha Jean Starnes (Clover School District), Dr. Russell Booker (York School District), Dr. Elaine Copeland (Clinton Junior College), Special thanks to First Citizens and American Community Bank for providing breakfast and refreshments on this day, to the City of Rock Hill for providing transportation, and to Winthrop University for providing lunch and a tour of the new Lois Rhame West Center. Special thanks to Comporium Communications for sponsoring the 2006-2007 Leadership York County retreat, York Technical College and Clover School District for providing meals for the group, and to the LYCO Planning Council.

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