

CHAMBER CLIPS

"Working Together Works"



The Mission Statement: The Wendell Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation, aims to advance commercial, industrial, and civic development; to encourage the economic and social progress of the Wendell area for the benefit of all citizens, and to facilitate the production and distribution of goods and services.

From the Desk of Bruce Lynch

Ula Mae Life, our Executive Director and I were talking the other day and I realized how much the Chamber is involved in the Community. Certainly, the Chamber's mission is to work to strengthen the business community but more often than not, these efforts enhance the entire community not just businesses in the area. To name just a few recent examples, the Chamber building was used for the classes to train the Census workers who will be collecting the census information for the 2010 Census. As we all know, the Census is critical to the allocation of the House of Representatives between the states and also has an effect on Federal monies being sent back to the various states. In addition, the Triangle Networking Group uses the Chamber to meet in the mornings on Wednesdays. Also, notary classes are held at the Chamber's offices at various times through out the year. The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau met at the Chamber with the town executives, councilmen, and members of the chamber board to discuss upcoming happenings and how the visitors bureau can help promote the town. And finally, the Wendell Rotary Club will be having its President's Meeting and Dinner at the Chamber's offices in June.

On another note, over the past month we have had two Business Afterhours. I always enjoy Business Afterhours because I get to meet new people and catch up with others who I know but do not see very often. Kirk, Kirk Howell Cutler and Thomas graciously hosted the earlier Business Afterhours as they do every year. Also, the Triangle Networking Group hosted the most recent Business Afterhours at the Chamber offices. I recently gave a presentation to this Group about the Chamber and while visiting with them, I learned about 15- 20 local businesses that are working together to strengthen each other and be successful. Certainly, this group is a great example of the Chamber's motto, "Working Together Works". If you would like to learn more about this organization, please call the Chamber. Sponsoring a Business Afterhours is a great way to get your company out in front of the business and local community. I would encourage our members to call Ula Mae to discuss hosting a Business Afterhours. It is an

inexpensive way to get the word out about your business and it is fun!

One additional item I would like to report on is the Wendell Farmers' Market. It has been up and running for four weeks now and continues to grow each week. We continue to add new vendors and I understand the vendors have been consistently selling out their goods. The Farmers' Market Committee is doing a great job! They tell me that we can use some more volunteers for setup and take down. I know the expanded Ambassadors group of the Chamber is providing volunteers, but we can always use more help especially as the Farmers' Market continues to grow. I am really

pleased to see this project take off so strongly and believe it supports the idea of eating better and supporting our local farming community. In addition, the Farmers' Market brings people into the Downtown which over time should be beneficial to the merchants and the Town. I am hopeful that in the near future, the Town and the Chamber can work together on some other initiatives for the betterment of the Town's Central Core.

As always, if anyone wants to become more involved or has suggestions on how we can do a better job for our members and the community, please do not hesitate to call me or Ula Mae.

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