

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

By the time this newsletter reaches your desk we will be several weeks into Fall and will have had another successful Harvest Festival. This is one of my favorite times of year and happens to be one of the busiest times of the year for the Chamber. The Harvest Festival is the oldest and largest event held in Town during the year. Though its origins originally focused on the role of tobacco in the area, the Harvest Festival is now a celebration of our community spirit and the rich heritage we have in Wendell. It requires months of planning and hundreds of volunteer hours, but it is a privilege and a pleasure for the Chamber to be such an active participant in this very important town festival.

This time when I sat down to write my piece for the Newsletter, it dawned on me how fast time marches by. My two years as the Chamber President are almost over. This season is the time for

change in our Chamber's leadership and Scott Hicks who has been the President-Elect the past two years will be assuming the duties of the President. I am confident he is ready to lead the Chamber and I know the Board of Directors and staff will make the job a great experience for him just as they have done for me. I have really enjoyed working with the Board of Directors, staff and members of the Chamber. I know many of these relationships built during my tenure as President will survive and grow in the years ahead.

As my term comes to an end, I am proud of the many things we have accomplished for our members in these especially challenging times. Over the past several years we have started the Farmers Market which is having a very successful year and bringing more people to our Downtown. We had our second annual Art Show working in conjunction with the Wendell Women's Club. We initiated the

Spring Concert Series this year and it was very well received so much so that we are planning another musical event, the Valentine's Ball Fundraiser for the East Wake Educational Foundation. You will be hearing more about this event as it gets closer. Finally, the Chamber Resource Guide should be coming out later this year and will be a very useful tool for the Chamber and its members.

As this will be my last letter, I wanted to take this

opportunity to thank the Board, our staff and all the members of the Chamber for your support during my term as President. It has been an honor and a pleasure to lead this organization. Finally, please remember the Chamber motto, "Working Together Works." and with this in mind, we always welcome everyone's suggestions and ideas and please let us know how we can do a better job for our members and the community.

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