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The Start of . . .



. . . a new year is often a time when we reflect on possible opportunities we might be missing. We

throughout 2012 and to seeing you one week from now at our January meeting.
Mark Strother, President

were fortunate to see our membership rise in the past year. Many of you have been quite active in a number of different events, such as the Bridal Expo coming up next month. For some, taking advantage of their chamber membership may well have been a forgotten opportunity. I would encourage you to play an active role. Come to a monthly meeting and see what is going on in our community. We meet on the Second Tuesday of every month, except December when we hold our annual meeting. If the Chamber could help your business in ways we've not yet thought of, these meetings are great times to begin discussing those ideas. I'm looking forward to hearing your new ideas



Mark doing his part to make a decoration for the Community Christmas Tree

Future Events

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- February 6:** Memory Day's Committee Meeting at City Municipal building at 6 p.m.
- February 14:** Meeting at noon with Frank Jefferies with Grayson Lake State Park at *KLU Executive Dining Room*
- February 19:** Bridal Expo at Grayson Conference Center-1:30-4 p.m.

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34th Annual Community Awards Banquet



Marilyn Thompson (Keystone), Melanie Franks (Farm Family).
 Back Row: Kelly Littleton (Teacher), Dr. Josh Coen (Medical Professional), Travis Steele (Law Officer), Dan Click (S. U. Pratt), Dustin Stone (Firefighter), and Michael Franks (Farm Family). Not present Don Combs (Keystone) and Todd "Rudy" Burchett (Keystone).



Miss Kathryn Wilhoit, Miss Outstanding Teen, assisted during the banquet with distributing door prizes.

Congratulations to our Community Service Award winners for 2011. Front row Amanda Bell (Business Person), Erin Randle (Youth Leadership), Ryann Conley (Youth Leadership), Mindy Click (S. U. Pratt),



Dr. Wes Golightly provided us with our Christmas music for the evening.



Martin Luther King Day
 January 15



Christmas Wooden Soldiers Arrived

As a new Christmas project in 2011, the Chamber had 12—6 foot toy soldiers cut out by the Carter County Vo-Ed school and painted by a local artist with all materials purchased locally. GRECC, Commercial Bank, Farmers Hardware, Grayson Utilities, First National Bank and Lighthouse Frames & Gallery purchased them to “Welcome” customers to their businesses. Hopefully each year more will be purchased so Grayson will be known as the “Christmas Town of Toy Soldiers” There was a \$100 donated to Project Merry Christmas from the sales.

Community Christmas Caroling

The weather was a little cool but the singing was a treat to hear on Main Street as 25 singers from 6 different churches led by Dr. Ken Beck sang Christmas songs. There were even some dressed in festive period costumes that added to the special evening.



Generous Members Donate Door Prizes

There were 27 chamber members that donated over 60 door prizes for our 34th Annual Community Awards Banquet and Project Merry Christmas auction. Thanks goes to the S.U.N.N.Y. organization, Smithfield Packing, The Chicken Coop, James Family Outfitters, Bob Caummisar Law Office, Carter Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Carter County Broadcasting, Garden Gate Greenhouse, Architectural Planning & Design, American Health Centers, Grayson Subway, Family Vision Health Center, Wilma’s Dress Shop, Commercial Bank of Grayson, All Creatures Vet Care, Grayson GRECC, Ruperts Department Store, First National Bank of Grayson, Diva’s Salon & Spa, AA Firearms, McDonald’s of Grayson, Super 8 Motel, Pathways, Antiques & Uniques, Lighthouse Frames & Gallery, and City Florist. The auction for Project Merry Christmas netted over \$1,000.



Did you know we had 135 present at our Banquet?

Our New Members in 2011—We welcome our 25 new members added in 2011—All About You Photography, Antiques & Uniques, Carter County Emergency Ambulance Services District, Center Stage Studio, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Farmers Hardware, LLC, Brandon Fraley with Morgan, Stanley, Smith, Barney, Gibbs True Grayson Gallery & Art Artist Planning & Hitchens Preser-Jennings Portable Johnny’s Pizza, Motor Splendid Home, U-Hill Chamber of Com-Patton, Spea-Dee Print Shop, April Tooley with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Grayson Rotary Club, Tractor Supply, TSHD Architects, Walker-Tressola Architects and Wells Fargo Insurance Services.



Memory Days Committee starts meeting Monday, January 23 at 6 p.m. at Grayson Municipal Building and then Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, and May 7.

January Meeting brings Tax Prep and Community Poster—



Our Speakers for our January 10 meeting at Shoney’s Restaurant will be Danny Meenach, CPA, PSA bringing us information on tax preparation. We will also have Pat Bowling tell us about an opportunity to create a Grayson Community Poster which would include a limited number of advertising for chamber members on the poster and smaller versions to distribute. It would be similar to the Boyd County community poster that is being created by Herb Underwood. Sounds like a great promotion tool for businesses as well as tourism. The goal would be to have it completed in time for Memory Days.



Wilma’s Dress Shop-Member of Month for January

Thanks to Dianne Ferguson, owner of Wilma’s Dress Shop, she provided not only the models but all the wedding dresses and formal wear for our future brides to see up close and personal! Wilma’s Dress Shop has been in business for 69 years. In the 1940’s women’s clothing was smooth, sleek and just below the knee and included revealing neck lines. The Wilma Shop was established in 1942 by long time business woman, Wilma Shivel. Dianne Ferguson began to work with Ms. Shivel in 1986 and then purchased the store in 1988. From the beginning, the Wilma Shop offered the very latest in stylish women’s apparel, including dresses for special occasions, suits for business women, coats, hats, gloves and lingerie. When Dianne became the proprietor, she began to include new lines and today she specializes in prom, bridal and pageant wear, in addition to business and casual wear for women and girls.. The Wilma Shop also features a unique line of men’s wear for proms, bridal parties and special events. Dianne was chosen Business Person of the Year for 2000 by the Chamber. She also received the Outstanding Business award from NEK Small Business Awards. Dianne helps host a style show for Community Hospice and the Carter County



Homemakers. She also supports many area clubs, sports, schools and organizations. Wilma Shop boasts three generations of women in fashion, as Dianne is assisted by her Mother, Wilma Durham and her daughter, Courtney Holbrook. In 2008, Dianne opened a sister store at KYOVA mall and has reached a whole new group of loyal customers. Congratulations, Dianne!

2012 Chamber Officers



Mark Strother, President, Michelle Wilhoit, Vice President, Larry Collier, Treasurer, Bob Caummisar, Secretary

2012 Membership Directory Board of Directors



During our Annual Banquet/Meeting our expiring 2012 Chamber Member Directors were introduced which include Bill Bonduant, Robert Caummisar, Dianne Ferguson, Mark Strother, Tim Wilson, Deborah Meenach, Patty Martin, Jackie Clevenger, and Francis Nash. Those who were recently elected for two (2) years terms expiring at the end of 2013 are Don Gibson, Sam Perry, Jill York, Michelle Wilhoit, Joelle Messer Kiser, Debbie Rayburn, Bobby James, Willis Kelley, Carol Ann Fraley, Jason H. McCloud, Colby Justice, Betsy Fannin, Don Combs, Rob Roar and Larry Collier.



A copy of the new 2012 Membership Directory has been sent to each member that paid their dues in 2011. Additional members and omissions will be included in newsletters throughout 2012.

Son of R. E. Applegate Presents Memorial Honors.



Special guest Fred Applegate, son of R.E. Applegate presented certificates of memorial honor for which was named after his father to 10 families of those who passed on in 2011. Families of Bridget Waggoner Jarvis, Aurella "Jeannie" Steele, Jim Collier, Lucille Sagraves, Carl Stephens, Hazel Sloas, Adam Collings, Anna Mary Thomas, Woodford Flaughter and Betty H. Johnson were honored.

Tree Setting and Trimming



Thanks to the GRECC for setting the Community Christmas Tree donated by Dr. Don and Cindy Gibson which was placed in the JMK Electric Park.

Hot chocolate and cookies were served by the Little Blessings Early Childhood Center as attendees were treated to Christmas music by music students from Star Elementary under the direction of Rachel Harper. Children as well as adults decorated and hung tree ornaments and watched the lighting of the tree lights by members of the S.U.N.Y. organization.



Thanks to Carter County Fair Board for the tree trimming program.



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Welcome New Member—U Wellness Spa

—A great place to start the new year off by leaning about healthy lifestyle choices, make changes and create new habits that will result in a

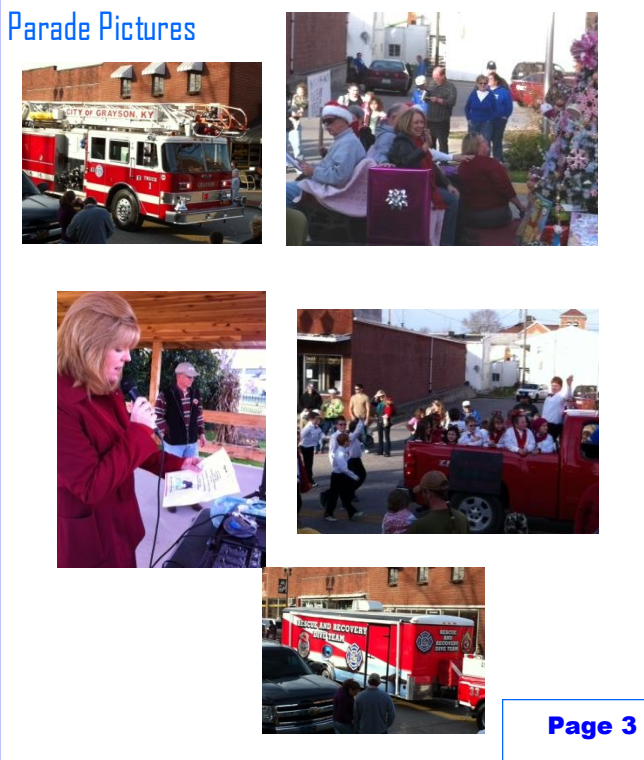


life filled with energy, fitness and well-being. The Wellness Spa is a state-of-the-art facility with the most qualified, educated staff, all certified in their area of expertise. The U-Wellness offers whole body vibration, exercise classes, personal training, U Weight loss center, Exilis treatments, Botox and fillers, microdermasbrasion, facials, full service waxing, massage therapy, body wraps, detoxification, Yoga classes and more.

U-Wellness is located in the KYOVA Mall 10699 U. S. Rt. 60 in Ashland. Talk to manager Yvette Pennington at 606-928-1010 or pennington9643@yahoo.com. Congratulations owner Dianne Ferguson!



Parade Pictures



Chamber Member Celebrates



Carter Nursing & Rehab Center

Invites You To

Celebrate the Renovation of their Center

Wednesday, January 18

4 p. m.—7 p.m.

250 McDavid Boulevard

Grayson, KY 41143

Hors D'oeuvres, soft drinks, coffee

Live Music

Ribbon Cutting at 5 p.m.

Bridal Exhibitor Spaces Going Fast!

Half of our Bridal Exhibitor tables are already reserved for our Second Annual Bridal Expo for Sunday, February 19 from 1:30—4 p.m. If you are even thinking of being part of our Expo, don't wait till it is too late to reserve your table!

Thank you to these businesses who will be part of our Expo—Jim Trent, DJ, City Florist, Premier Design Jewelry, Horton Brothers & Brown/Hallmark, Wilma's Dress Shop, Divas Salon & Spa, Carter Caves State Resort Park, Homespun Sisters, Kaye's Photography, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, MaMa Hazel's Bakery, Carter County Video, Printworks, Unlimited, Fields Flower Shop and Elder Beerman.

Fill out the registration form on page 8 and reserve your table today.



Chamber Member Event

Olive Hill Chamber Meets—

Thursday, January 19 at noon at Olive Hill Senior Center located on Railroad Street. Lunch provided.



Welcome New Member!—

Jennings Portable Toilet Rentals

Marty Jennings owner of Jennings Portable Toilet Rentals wants other Chamber members to know that they serve surrounding county events. Located 4301 Dry Creek Road Clearfield, KY 40313, Marty has been in the business for 30 years. You may contact him at 606-784-4405 or jennings6813@roadrunner.com or 606-356-3828 to see how he may help you with your event. Welcome Marty!



34th Annual Community Service and Memorial Awards





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Our Mission is to represent the business interests of its members and promote the economic and cultural growth of the community.

Member of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce since 1951!



Memberships for 2011



Thank you to our Chamber Members for having renewed their membership for 2011. We completed 2011 with 105 renewals and 25 new members. Thank you to Reatta Park, Little Blessings Early Childhood Center, Greenbo State Resort Park, Collier Woodcraft and Carter County Video for renewing in December.

(NOTE: Invoices are sent 1 year from last payment not by calendar year)

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Chamber Office is located at the corner of Main and Carol Malone Blvd. inside the City Building. Office Hours:
Monday- Thursday 9-Noon; 1-3
Closed Fridays

2012 Calendar of Events

Santa Greets Children



Santa greeted children at the Grayson Fire Station along with Mrs. Claus and Buddy the Elf. Each child was given a treat bag by the Chamber

- January 10:** Chamber Meeting at noon with Danny Meenach, CPA and Pat Bowling with Community Poster Project honoring Wilma's Dress Shop at Shoney's Restaurant
- February 14:** Chamber Meeting at Noon with Frank Jefferies with Grayson Lake State Park at KCU Executive Dining Room honoring Dyer's Big Sandy
- February 19:** Bridal Expo at Grayson Conference Center from 1:30-4 p.m.
- March 13:** Chamber Meeting at Noon with Carter County Library Director Nellie Jordan; Heidi Wineland with Friends for Public Library at Shoney's Restaurant honoring GRECC
- March 24:** Miss Grayson "Heart of the Parks" Scholarship Pageant
- April 10:** Noon with Senator Robin Webb and Repr. Jill York honoring Greenbo State Resort Park
- May 8:** Noon with Bob Caummisar about Memory Days honoring City Florist
- May 24-26:** 42nd Memory Days Celebration

- June 12:** Noon with Mayor George Steele at the new Grayson Police Station 314 E. Third Street honoring Brown's Mobile Homes
- July 10:** Noon with David Carroll with NE Area Development Council honoring Haney's Jewelry
- August 14:** Noon with Carter County Broadcasting and honoring Carter County Broadcasting
- August 17:** Welcome New KCU Students
- September 11:** Noon with Superintendent Ronnie Dotson of Carter County Schools honoring Big Sandy Area Development District
- October 6:** 10th Annual Funtober Fest
- October 9:** Noon with Shara Adkins with Carter Christian Academy at CCA honoring FIVCO
- November 13:** Noon with Dr. Jeff Metcalf with KCU at KCU Executive Dining Room honoring Miller Insurance
- December 6:** 35th Annual Community Service Awards