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Banquet Recognizes Contributions of Chamber & Community Volunteers

300 local business leaders enjoyed an evening of magic and merit at the 68th Annual Banquet of the Cleveland County Chamber on January 18, 2007 at **Triple D Publishing** in Shelby. Special thanks to the evening's sponsors: Duke Energy, Fox Distributing, Carter Chevrolet, First National Bank, PPG, Shelby Savings Bank, Carolinas HealthCare System, Carolina First Bank, Alliance Bank & Trust, Time Warner Cable, Gateway Properties, Westmoreland Printers, and The Star.

Bill Grimsley entertained the crowd with his comedic magic act. A native of Asheville, NC, he has won 6 separate awards for his close-up and stage performances and is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. As a full-time professional entertainer since 1986 he has performed in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, Germany and throughout the United States for corporate and private special events.

Grimsley wowed the audience with his

card and rope tricks, disappearing dove act, and sawing a Chamber employee in half. Brownie Plaster and Bill Plowden were volunteered to practice their magical skills by attempting to link separate rings together. Although, one proved more successful than the other, their performance made for a great show.

The banquet brought a ceremonial end to a successful and productive year, and included the traditional "passing of the gavel" by 2006 Chairman Bill Plowden (**First National Bank**) to 2007 Chairman Roger Holland (**Holland, Hamrick, & Patterson Architects**).

Each year at the banquet, several community members are recognized with special awards. This year, the *Athena Award* sponsored by *Carter Chevrolet* (presented to an outstanding businesswoman) was given to **Janet Berry of Frame Masters Gallery**. The *Carson L. Fox Entrepreneur of the Year Award* sponsored by *Fox Distributing* hon-



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Telerx Selects Kings Mountain as Home for Contact Center Location

January 8, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the Cleveland County Chamber Norm Breseman, Senior Vice President of Support Services announced that Telerx, a leading outsource partner that provides world-class customer care services, has chosen Kings Mountain, Cleveland County North Carolina for the location of its sixth customer contact center. Ranked a "Top Outsourcer" in 2006 by *Contact Center World*, Telerx was distinguished in

inbound services among mid-size service providers.

"I applaud Telerx for selecting Cleveland County for this facility," said Senator Walter Dalton (D-Cleveland-Rutherford). "This is evidence that our recovery is real and is a testament to the area's great workforce." "We are excited Telerx is coming to Cleveland County. This is a good company that will provide great jobs to Cleveland County residents,"



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Cleveland County HealthCare System
Carolinas HealthCare System

Business After Hours
Kings Mountain Hospital
February 15, 2007
5:30 - 7:00 pm

68th Annual Banquet Continued

ors an outstanding small business person and was presented to **Larry Hamrick Jr. of Warlick & Hamrick Insurance.**

The *Volunteer of the Year Award* is a tribute to the memory of Paul P. Limerick and is given to the person who has made the most significant contributions of time and energy to Chamber programs and events. This year, the *Volunteer of the Year Award*, was presented to **Sandy Smith.**

The *Bridge Builder Award* was established to honor someone who is committed to bringing the community together. Dr. **George Litton, Chairman of Cleveland County Board of Education** received this year's Bridge Builder Award. A lifetime achievement award, the *Zenith Award*, was presented to **Brownie Plaster.**

The *Duke Energy Citizenship Award* was awarded to Margaret Ledford. This year, **Lee Bryant** was honored with the *Jean Bettis Support Staff Award.* Lee Bryant is retired from Cleveland Community College.

Two other awards are given during the banquet to recognize the contributions of the Chamber's Ambassadors, a group of volunteers who assist in the recruiting and retention of members. The *Ambassador of the Year Award* was presented to **Sandra Johnson of Time Warner Cable.** The *Rookie Ambassador of the Year Award* was given to **Tammy Proctor-Harris of Shelby Shopper & Info.**

Thank You to our Sponsors:



Lauren Taylor : New Intern for Membership Services



Lauren Taylor joins the Cleveland County Chamber as the Membership Services Intern. Lauren is currently a sophomore at Gardner-Webb University and lives on campus. Her major is journalism with a concentration in news editorial, and she plans to write for a newspaper or magazine after she graduates. Lauren is interested in health and wellness and has also participated in events at GWU such as the commemorations of Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King Jr. She enjoys being a GWU Bulldog and is thrilled to have an opportunity to serve the Cleveland County Chamber. "It's an honor to be able to use my time and resources to serve the Chamber in any way I can." A Charlotte native, Lauren is a 2005

graduate of Hickory Grove Baptist Christian School.

Lauren will be assisting in the planning and promotion of Chamber Member Events and programs. Lauren exudes an incredible amount of tenacity and maturity for an undergraduate student. Her fresh outlook and knowledge on new professional trends will help the Chamber to offer appealing programs for the members.

Kings Mountain Business Showcase

The 2007 "Kings Mountain Business Showcase" is set to kick-off on February 27. Presenting Sponsor **Warlick & Hamrick Insurance**, along with **Premier Federal Credit Union, First National Bank, New York Life Insurance, & Kings Mountain Hospital** invite you to take part in this exciting opportunity.

This event serves as a forum to show Kings Mountain and Grover businesses how much they are appreciated. This year's showcase will be held at Kings Mountain City Hall from February 27 at 5:30pm through March 23 at 5:00pm.

Spaces are limited and the deadline to reserve a spot is February 14. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity to showcase your business. If you are interested in participating in the event or reception contact Shirley Brutko at the Kings Mountain office of the Cleveland County Chamber at 704-739-4755.

Legislative Breakfast Set for February 26

The Chamber's Annual Legislative Breakfast is planned for February 26 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Cleveland Country Club.

House representatives Debbie Clary (Cleveland-Gaston), Tim Moore (Cleveland), and Senator Walter Dalton (Cleveland-Rutherford) will be the featured guests. Representative Dr. Bob England (Cleveland-Rutherford) has also been invited to participate.

High School and College Students are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$7.50 for students, \$15 for members, and \$25 for non-members. Please call (704) 487-8521 to reserve your seat and call Stuart Gilbert for sponsorship information.





**Valentines Day Carrousel Lovers Lunch
Anne Dover Bailey Pavilion**

11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Hot Soup and Gourmet Sandwich,
Hot or Cold Drink, Salad and Desert.
Including Strolling Violinist.**

**Reservations Required
\$11.00 per person
Call by February 9
704-484-6476**

Kickoff Breakfast - Education Workforce Development - Career Readiness Certificate

Cleveland County Chamber Education Division is rolling out with the support of Cleveland County Schools and Cleveland Community College, the Career Readiness Certificate Program in Cleveland County. This is a nationally recognized program just recently receiving support by Governor Easley and the State of North Carolina. Find out how your business can help obtain and assist in having better quality workers and at the same time help potential employees to better sell themselves to you:

Details:

WHAT: Kickoff Breakfast, Education Workforce Development-Career Readiness Certificates
WHEN: March 28, 2007
WHERE: Cleveland Community College, Room 1138-39
TIME: 7:30 am – 9:00 am

PROGRAM: Industry leaders from the Charlotte Region will share how it has helped their companies while Pam Gobel from the North Carolina Community College System will speak about this program. Cleveland Community College will discuss local implementation, including skill upgrades and CCC support as a 2007 North Carolina Pilot Site. The Cleveland County Employment Security Commission and Chamber leaders will share how to make this program work locally.

TO SPONSOR OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact the Chamber at 704-487-8521 and ask for Stuart C. Gilbert, President

Education Division- John Lattimore, Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

What: Orientation for New 2007 Board, 2007 Division Chairs and all affiliates and Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Feb 13, 2007

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Cleveland Chamber Conference Room

What: Cleveland 20 20 Economic Development Partnership Annual Meeting

Invitation: To 20 20 investors of Chamber

Date: Feb. 26, 2007

Time: Noon-2:00pm

Location: Hallelujah Acres

Meet with some of our new industries and hear why they choose Cleveland County, NC and hear last years accomplishments and about economic development's plan of action for 2007.

Letter from the President

By: *Stuart Gilbert, President of the Cleveland County Chamber*



Stuart Gilbert

Welcome to Cleveland County and the Cleveland County Chamber. We have started out 2007 with some significant announcements with the 20/20 announcement of Telerx Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Merck Corporation, building a new 60,000 sq. ft. state of the art customer service call center at the Cleveland County Business Park. This announcement teamed the very best of our community and truly showed the value of Cleveland County teamwork! Check on our web page for additional information about this announcement and/or other recent business investments in Cleveland County. The Annual Chamber Banquet was held in January and much information about the award winners and the awards given out are included in this month's newsletter.

Please take a look at our 2006 accomplishments and 2007 action plan. These documents are available on our web site under About the Chamber, 2007 Action Plan. We have an aggressive plan for 2007 that will truly take leadership and support throughout all of Cleveland County. After three years of transition from a traditional chamber to a chamber that also takes on a leadership role in both economic development and travel and tourism, the results are speaking for themselves. In the area of economic development, we have been involved with over 2055 announced jobs and \$143 million dollars in corporate investments in the last three years.

With a tenth of the funding of our surrounding areas (in the area of Travel Tourism) we have made great strides. Just this past year, Cleveland County has been named the 8th highest increase in travel tourism expenditures in the entire State of North Carolina., with over \$11 million dollars of new, additional travel tourism expenditures. This increase in tax revenues to local government is the same amount as the entire funding for our current travel tourism Division. We need to do more to support travel tourism.

Travel Tourism is yet another venue for economic development prosperity!

In the last two years, there has been a big push to increase business and industry support and participation with workforce training with Cleveland County Schools and our higher education systems in Cleveland County. In another article in this newsletter you will read about the new Career Readiness Certificate Program. This program is one of the new key components of our workforce development education Division. Join us on March 28, 2007 to see how your company can obtain the best employees.

Please look on our web site to find the multitude of business events coming up this month. Our state legislative breakfast and the Cleveland 20/20 Annual Meeting are both scheduled for February 26, 2007 and the Kings Mountain Business Showcase is scheduled for February 27th, 2007!

Cleveland County Calendar of Events for February—May 2007 Now Complete



The Cleveland County Chamber's Travel & Tourism Department is pleased to announce the completion of the organization's latest Calendar of Events publication.

The calendar features events planned in Cleveland County for the next four months: February, March, April, and May. A pdf version of the calendar is also available on the Chamber's web site at www.ClevelandChamber.org. Simply click on "Publications & Printed Materials" to download a printable copy of the calendar.

Lunch n' Learn Spring Series Kicks Off on February 28th

The Chamber's Lunch n' Learn series will continue this year educating and assisting small businesses with their growth. The February seminar is scheduled for the 28th from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. at the The Neal Senior Center in Shelby. The topic will be "Cash Management 101 for Small Businesses," sponsored by Shelby Savings Bank and StaffMasters USA. Presenters will include Lisa Parham and Joel Edwards of Shelby Savings Bank. The seminar will provide tools and tips for managing small business finances.

The cost to attend each event includes lunch and is \$16 for chamber members and \$23 for nonmembers. For more information please contact Stephanie Trogdon at 704-487-8521.

Future dates for the spring program are: March 28, April 25, May 30, July 25, August 28, September 26, and October 31.

Watch the newsletter and chamber calendar for future lunch n' learn topics .

Our Mission Statement:

The Cleveland County Chamber will strive to provide effective membership services and proactive leadership to enhance economic opportunity and quality of life in our community.

Our Vision Statement:

The Cleveland County Chamber will be the community's premier advocate of business and a leader of public and private initiatives to sustain second-to-none living, learning, working, and leisure-time environments.

Membership Retention Campaign

The Cleveland County Chamber Board of Directors has conducted a Chamber member retention campaign for 2006 and is pleased to have retained 92% of our Chamber members. Typically most chambers have a retention rate between 75-85%! The Board of Directors was pleased to have both Cingular Wireless and A-Z Suncom be sponsors of this event. Most importantly thank you to our existing chamber members. The Board of Directors has agreed to conduct a total resource campaign for new members during March of 2007! Roger Holland, 2007 Chairman will serve as the Chair of this campaign!

Membership Division- Kitty Hoyle, Chair



Telerox Selects Kings Mountain as Home, Continued

Representative Tim Moore explains. "I am pleased that the State of North Carolina was in a position to assist the Cleveland County Economic Development Office in bringing this company to our community. This shows we are continuing on the road to economic recovery."

Telerox Senior Vice President Norm Bresemann said the company chose North Carolina for its newest location because, "We are very impressed with the service orientation and work ethic of the people of North Carolina and the spirit of cooperation and community support within the State, Cleveland County, Gardner-Webb University and Cleveland Community College." In addition, Bresemann said the company was "overwhelmed with the hospitality and interest in our business that the citizens of Shelby, Kings Mountain, and the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce have demonstrated."

Kings Mountain was selected based on its lower-cost, diverse labor pool, growth potential, community receptivity, and the commitment of the state and local government to continued investments in education, worker training, and infrastructure. "The community is welcoming and service-oriented, offering an available, quality workforce," stated Amy Abrams, President of Telerox. Development is currently underway for a new 60,000 square foot facility. The site will have the capacity to accommodate over 450 customer service representatives and support staff. "We are confident that Cleveland County offers a labor pool that will maintain and enrich the high standards Telerox sets in managing and strengthening these customer relationships on behalf of our clients," says Group Vice President and General Manager Holly Beatty.

Telerox helps blue chip companies interact with their customers via multi-channel contacts including phone, email, the Internet, mail, and fax. Customer service representatives are trained to enhance customer relationships, strengthen repurchase intent, build brand and corporate loyalty, and maximize customer lifetime value.

"We form long-term relationships with service-oriented companies to handle their ongoing customer care initiatives," explained Abrams. "We provide relationship management services to a diverse array of industries, including restaurant/retail; consumer durable goods; consumer packaged goods such as food and beverage products, personal care and household products, as well as the healthcare industry."

Telerox's focus on complex, customer care services and its comprehensive service offering designed to build relationships and product loyalty has resulted in its ongoing growth and development – from the number of clients it serves and programs it handles – to its staff, areas of expertise, capabilities, facilities, and revenue. As more and more companies are recognizing the value of interacting with and building relationships with their customers, they are turning to Telerox for leadership and guidance in managing customer interactions and strengthening relationships. On behalf of its impressive list of clients, Telerox interacts with millions of consumers, patients, and healthcare providers every year.

Telerox will begin hiring staff for its Kings Mountain, Cleveland County facility soon. The company will be looking for associates who have excellent customer service skills, an affinity for the product or service they represent – as well as the ability to identify with and respond to the emotional needs of callers. Telerox is also interested in receiving information from technology experts, health care and contact center management professionals, and support personnel. Interested applicants can call 1-800-2-Telerox, send resumé to JobInquiry@Telerox.com, or visit our web site at www.telerox.com.

The One North Carolina Fund assists the state in industry recruitment and expansion by providing grants to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create jobs in the state. Through the use of this Fund, more than 20,000 jobs and \$3 billion in investment have been created since 2001. One NC Fund grants require local matching funds, and this grant is contingent upon approval of a grant by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

Telerox's corporate headquarters and contact center – as well as its corporate operations center – are located in Horsham, Pennsylvania. Additional contact centers are located in Allentown, Pennsylvania; Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; El Paso, Texas; and Penticton, British Columbia.

Annual Banquet Award Winners



2006 Carson L Fox Entrepreneur of the Year
 Larry Hamrick Jr. of Warlick & Hamrick Insurance (left)
 and award sponsor Larry Fox of Fox Distributing (right).



2006 Athena Award
 Janet Berry of Frame Masters (left) and award sponsor
 Mark Carter of Carter Chevrolet (right).



2006 Bridge Builder Award
 Dr. George Litton, Chairman of Board of Education
 (center), Stuart Gilbert of the Cleveland County Chamber
 (left), Bill Plowden, Chamber Chairman (right).



The 2006 Division Chairs were recognized for their service on the board of Directors (left, pictured left to right; Bill Plowden, Brownie Plaster, Sandy Smith, Stuart Gilbert—not pictured are Noel Manning, Missy Darnell, Adelaide Craver, and John Lattimore) and Outgoing Board Members (right, pictured left to right; Bill Plowden, Ted Alexander, Mark Carter, and Stuart Gilbert)—not pictured are Gregg Johnson, Willie McIntosh



2006 Duke Energy Citizen & Service Award
 Margaret Ledford of Cleveland Rutherford Kidney Association (right) and award sponsor Sandy Tallant of Duke Energy (left).



2006 Zenith Award
 Brownie Plaster (center), Stuart Gilbert of the Cleveland County Chamber (right), Bill Plowden, Chamber Chairman (left).

Annual Banquet Award Winners



2006 Ambassador of the Year
Sandra Johnson of Time Warner Cable (center), Stuart Gilbert of the Cleveland County Chamber (left), Bill Plowden, Chamber Chairman (right).



2006 Rookie Ambassador of the Year
Tammy Proctor Harris of Shelby Shopper & Infor, Stuart Gilbert of the Cleveland County Chamber (right), Bill Plowden, Chamber Chairman (left).



2006 Volunteer of the Year Award
Sandy Smith of Nearly Perfect Tours (center), Stuart Gilbert of the Cleveland County Chamber (right), Bill Plowden, Chamber Chairman (left).



Vision of Hope Award
Karen Bridges of Life Enrichment Center (center), Stuart Gilbert of the Cleveland County Chamber (left), Bill Plowden, Chamber Chairman (right).



2006 Jean Bettis Support Staff Award
Lee Bryant formerly of Cleveland Community College (center), Stuart Gilbert of the Cleveland County Chamber (right), Bill Plowden, Chamber Chairman (left).



"Passing of the Gavel"
2007 Chamber Chairman Roger Holland of Holland, Hamrick, & Patterson Architects (left) with 2006 Chamber Chairman Bill Plowden of First National Bank (right).

Chamber Events



Carolina First Hosted Business After Hours on January 25, 2007

Leadership Cleveland : Human Services Day

Leadership Cleveland participated in Human Services day on January 3 which included tours and work sessions with Adventure House, Partnership for Children, Smart Start, More at Four programs and Communities in Schools. Participants were able to interact with the transitional employment members to Homework Club participants at East Elementary School. Day Chairs: **Bryan Eaker - Adventure House, Kim Brand - Communities in Schools, Shilda Pope - Partnership for Children.**



Member Renewals - December 2006

Alliance for Health in Clev. County, Inc. – 2 yrs
 Dennis Bailey (Re/Max Select) – 5 yrs
 Bayada Nurses – 4 yrs
 BellSouth Yellow Pages – 12 yrs
 Fred B. Blackley – 23 yrs
 Camp Loy White – 4 yrs
 Carillon Assisted Living – 9 yrs
 Children's Homes of Clev. County, Inc. – 10 yrs
 Coldwell Banker – Kings Mountain – 7 yrs
 Communities in Schools of Clev. County, Inc. – 17 yrs

CT Communications, Inc. – 8 yrs
 DeVoe Realty, Inc. – 7 yrs
 Gale S. Elmore – 6 yrs
 Hamrick-O'Shields Equipment, LLC – 24 yrs
 Harvest Works, Inc. – 5 yrs
 Isothermal Planning & Dev. Commission – 13 yrs
 It Takes A Village – 9 yrs
 Kearns Business Solutions, Inc. – 7 yrs
 Kings Mountain Business & Professional Assoc. – 9 yrs
 Kirco Carolina Interests, LLC – 4 yrs

Manpower International Inc. – 20 yrs
 Reno Chiropractic Center – 12 yrs
 Rick's Ole Country Store – 4 yrs
 Sagebrush – 8 yrs
 Shelby Nursery – 14 yrs
 Shelby Rotary Breakfast Club – 7 yrs
 The Cowboy Place, Inc. - 14 yrs
 Til-Mar Textiles – 18 yrs
 Trinity, Ill, Inc. – 5 yrs

New Members

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COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Members on the Move

The following members have added the following representatives to their Chamber membership:

Allen Tate Company – Mark Eaker
Cleveland Medical Associates – Dr. Francis J. Sincox

New Mailing Address

New mailing address for **Southeastern Container, Inc.** is their location address: 293 Industrial Drive, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. (A Box number at the Kings Mountain was their former mailing address.)

Change of Company

Lucille Evans has recently changed companies: from Coldwell Banker Horn Real Estate to **Re/Max Select**, so her new address is: 311-A S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28150.

Thank You Corner...

- A big thank you to all the companies and individuals who sent the Chamber Christmas cards and to those who brought by gifts, flowers, candy, etc. We really appreciated it all. Thanks so much for thinking of us!!
- Thank You to **Carolina First** for hosting Business After Hours in January
- Thank you to **Fox Distributing** for Business After Hours beverage sponsorship
- Thanks to special events committee for helping set up for the annual banquet: **John Cabiness, Glenda Drum, Linda Cabiness, Peggy Wright, Judy Wagner, Donna Beringer, Krystal Hall, Tammy Proctor-Harris, Stephanie Whisnant, Martha Bivins, Lisa Carpenter, Larry Fox**
- Thank you to GWU volunteers for helping with annual banquet: **Lauren Taylor, Devin Mauney, Tim Lanning**
- Special thanks to those who provided sponsorship to help make the 68th annual banquet a success: **Duke Energy, Fox Distributing, Carter Chevrolet, First National Bank, PPG, Shelby Savings Bank, Carolinas HealthCare System, Carolina First Bank, Alliance Bank & Trust, Time Warner Cable, Gateway Properties, Westmoreland Printers, and The Star.**
- Thank you to **Larry Fox (Fox Distributing)** - Telerx Reception & Dinner
- Thank you to **Partnership for Children** for providing lunch for Leadership Cleveland January meeting
- Thank you to the **Cleveland County YMCA** and **Kings Mountain Senior Center** for providing transportation for the Leadership Cleveland January meeting

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CLEVELAND 20/20
A Clear Focus
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Don't Miss Out.....Quality of Life Advertising

The Cleveland County Chamber is accepting final space advertisements for our Premier Publication, "Quality of Life" Magazine. This full color top stock paper publication has a 1.5 to two year shelf life and publication schedule. This publication is provided to all hotels and motels, stocked by the Travel and Tourism Department, provided to all in business opportunities, new visitors and all newcomers to Cleveland County. Please contact, Stuart C. Gilbert or any Chamber staff member to reserve your space in this publication at 704-487-8521. Publication is scheduled for Second quarter of 2007.

"It's Tee Time"- Gardner Webb University Hosts Golf Tournament

Spring is in the air and that means - "It's Tee Time!" The Gardner-Webb University, School of Business is hosting "Meeting at the Links" Annual Spring Golf Tournament on Friday, March 23, 2007. Tee time is set for 1:00pm at Deer Brook Golf Club in Shelby, NC. Registration will begin at 11:15 with lunch at 11:30 a.m.

There are several ways for individuals to get involved. Additional tournament participation and sponsorship information will be available soon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact 1-704-406-3229.

Referral Summary 01/01/07 to 01/30/07

The total number of referrals from the website business directory was 34,139.
98.58% of all companies listed had more than 5 referrals.
Top 5 categories include : employment agencies, real estate, attractions, manufacturing, and restaurants

2007 Chamber Calendar of Events

Click on the online "Calendar of Events" located at www.ClevelandChamber.org for event info & updates!

- Feb. 02 Monthly Ambassador Meeting at Cleveland Country Club; 1360 East Marion Street, Shelby; 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 07 Leadership Cleveland Healthcare Day. Cleveland County Chamber, 200 South Lafayette Street, Shelby; 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 09 Ribbon Cutting for Travel Lynx Trolley; Uptown Shelby; 4:00 p.m. Call the Chamber for more information.
- Feb. 15 Business After Hours at Kings Mountain Hospital, 706 W. Kings Street, Kings Mountain; 5:30 p.m. Call 704-487-8521 for reservations.
- Feb. 28 Lunch n' Learn Series Kickoff
- Feb. 27 Kickoff Reception: Kings Mountain Business Showcase at Kings Mountain City Hall; 101 W. Gold Street, Kings Mountain; 5:30-7:00 p.m. (FREE), please RSVP to 704-739-4755.
- March 02 Monthly Ambassador Meeting at Cleveland Country Club; 1360 East Marion Street, Shelby; 11:30 a.m.
- March 07 Leadership Cleveland Education Day. Cleveland County Chamber, 200 South Lafayette Street, Shelby; 8:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m.
- March 15 Business After Hours at Ichabod's Public House, 233 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby; 5:30 p.m. Call the Chamber for reservations. 704-487-8521.
- March 19 Total Resource Campaign to be held until March 23.