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Feature Article:



North Carolina native returns home for the 2007 Chamber Annual Banquet! Mark your calendars for the exciting event scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2008 featuring Last Comic Standing's Winner, The Hemi Guy, Jon Reep of Hickory NC.

Maybe you've seen him on CBS's "Star Search" or NBC's "Late Friday." Maybe you saw him during the Super Bowl in a Sierra Mist commercial. If not then you probably know him as the Hemi Guy, or Gerald Bob on ABC's hit show "Rodney." Of course, it might also have been on this season's of "Last Comic Standing V" on NBC or at one of the countless comedy clubs Jon plays year round. Jon is known to millions as the loveable redheaded redneck in the Dodge Ram commercials who leans out of a beat-up car and utters the now famous line: "That thing gotta Hemi?" But before that he was already one of the funniest comics in America, selling out clubs and getting standing ovations at college after college across the country. His show is supersonic energy filled with non-stop characters, dead-on impressions, super clever writing, and, of course, one talent that separates Jon from all other comedians in the world: He's the best redneck dancer since Elvis. Come out and see one of the country's really great comedians, the Hip Hick, the Southern Dance Machine, "The Hemi Guy."

Several leadership awards will be presented during the banquet. Awards include the ATHENA award, Emerging 10 Small Businesses of the Year, Carson L. Fox Entrepreneur of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Bridge Builder award, Ambassador of the Year, Rookie Ambassador of the Year, Duke Energy Citizenship & Service Award, Zenith Award and the Jean Bettis Support Staff Award.

2007 Annual Banquet

January 10, 2008

Triple D Banquet Hall

6 pm Cocktail Reception

7 pm Dinner & Program

Banquet sponsorships are still available! Please contact the Chamber if you are interested in sponsoring this event. The cost for the event is \$70 per person or \$500 for a table of 8. To make reservations for this exciting evening call 704-487-8521.

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Annual Banquet Awards Overview

Carson L. Fox Small Business/Entrepreneur of the Year Award ~

Established to acknowledge a Chamber member whose courage and fortitude has created one of our many outstanding local business establishments. The award recognizes the business owners, who has established a profitable enterprise and nurtured a sense of progressiveness for our community. The Small Business of the Year is given as a tribute to Carson L. Fox, founder of Fox Distributing Company. Nominations forms are available at the Chamber. The following criteria must be met:

- Must be a current Chamber member;
- Must have been in business a minimum of three (3) years;
- Apparent solid financial base;
- Considered successful by peers;
- Sales growth and/or profit growth; and
- Record of public/community service or contributions.

Past recipients include: Robert Arey, Jr., Lloyd Williams, Joe Spangler, Paul Porter, Ruby Alexander, Jim Rose, Sr., Michael Cheng, Jeanette Sun, Janet Berry, C. L. Fox, Gregg Tillman, and Larry Hamrick, Jr.

Duke Power Citizenship & Service Award ~

Established in 2004 in recognition of Duke Energy's 100 year Anniversary, this award is to recognize and reward leadership and/or involvement in volunteerism and community service; to encourage a culture of citizenship and service in our communities; and to complement the efforts of those individuals and organizations in our community striving to improve our quality of life. Recipients do not have to be a Chamber member or a Duke Power customer. The award can be presented to either an individual or an organization. Selection criteria include:

- Nominee(s) must set a standard and foster a culture for citizenship, service, and community responsibility;
- Must demonstrate a commitment to service and/or civic participation over a sustained period;
- Must demonstrate one or more of the following business values—

Integrity	(behave ethically, tell the truth, keep commitments, meet both the spirit and the letter of the law)
Stewardship	(care about people and the world in which we live, operate safely, be environmentally responsible, strengthen our communities)
Inclusion	(value diversity and respect the dignity of each person, value differences in people and perspectives, build relationships on mutual trust, recognize the contributions of every individual)
Initiative	(lead the way, demonstrate the courage and creativity to shape the future)
Teamwork	(work together to achieve superior results, support and rely on each other, demonstrate clear and open communications)
Accountability	(take responsibility for actions, live our values, set clear goals, measure results, and seek to improve, build and protect reputation)

Athena Award ~

Recipients must be female. Nominees are evaluated based on the following:
 Must be a Chamber member or work for a member business/organization;
 Demonstrates support of the goals of professional women and provides unselfish assistance on their behalf;
 Demonstrates excellence in business or profession;
 Provides valuable service to business, profession, &/or community;
 Exhibits initiative and creativity, enhancing the efficacy of business or profession and the stability and improvement of the community.

Past recipients include: Patricia Ellison, Beverly Shuford, Kay Archer Price, Marietta Floyd, Jeri Horn, Adelaide Craver, Evelyn West, Anne Short, Peggy Paksoy, Kay Young, Alma Watson, Ruby Alexander, Sallie Craig, Suzi Kennedy, Sally Royster, Cindy Cook, Hank Neal, Linda McKnight, Dottie McIntyre, Kitty Hoyle and Janet Berry.

Bridge Builder Award ~

The Bridge Builder Award will be awarded to a Chamber member who through his/her significant civic, business, and/or social contributions has been constructive in uniting the community of Cleveland County.

Past recipients include: Ron Schaeffer, Charles F. Harry, John Young and Dr. George Litton.

Zenith Award ~

The Zenith Award will be presented to one (a citizen) who throughout his/her lifetime has set a standard for extraordinary service and community involvement, thereby improving the quality of life for all citizens of Cleveland County. Chamber membership is not required, but selection committee may look more favorably on nominations of citizens who have exhibited support of the Chamber through membership or volunteerism.

Past recipients include: John Cline, Lou Bellew and Brownie Plaster.

Jean Bettis Support Staff Award ~

Established by Cleveland County Chamber to pay tribute annually to support staff whose corporate loyalty and attitude have made an important and constant contribution to their organization's transitions and growth. The Inaugural Award was presented in 1997, to Jean Bettis, Office Manager of Cleveland County Chamber, recognizing 40 years of loyalty and service. Other criteria include:

- Employer must be Chamber member;
- Must be with the company for a minimum of 10 years;
- Must demonstrate growth in their position;
- Must demonstrate a willingness to accept added responsibility;
- Must demonstrate ability to learn new technology;
- Examples of training completed (if applicable).

Paul P. Limerick Volunteer of Year Award ~

Recognition for the Chamber member who provides outstanding service and commitment to the Chamber organization. The recipient cannot be a member of the Board of Directors and only volunteer efforts on behalf of the Chamber count toward this award. Staff members collaborate to select the recipient of this award. No nomination form is available.

Past recipients include: David Faunce, Vickie Fitch, Cindy Cook, Dwayne Humphries, Dave Hart, Krystal Hall, and Sandy Smith.

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Leadership Cleveland

Leadership Cleveland participates in County History Day
Contributed by Debbie Vaughan, Life Enrichment Center

The Leadership Cleveland County met for their monthly program on November 7, 2007. A social breakfast was topped off with homemade bread made by fellow chamber leader, Patti McMurry (Hospice & Palliative Care). We discussed Chapter Two, *Priorities*, of John C. Maxwell's, text book "Developing the Leader Within You." We discussed effective ways to use the Pareto Principle 20/80 theory. This principle teaches us how to prioritize tasks as to their importance and to know that you can delegate tasks to others.

Our day of history and exploration began with a trip to Kings Mountain Battleground where our chamber warriors hiked the 1.5 mile trail. Our chamber tour guides were Peter Cabiness, (PSU), Chavis Gash, (Communities in Schools), Tim Rowland, (Cleveland Community College), and Kim Aldridge (Kitchen Ventilation Systems). As they read the history of each spot, we took time to reflect the trails and victories of our colonial roots which began in 1780.

The history lesson continued with a visit to the Kings Mountain Historical Museum. Mickey Crowell informed us about this being the first constructed Post Office in Kings Mountain in 1939 until 1986. We viewed the present Veteran Exhibit which specialized in the Vietnam Era. We also toured the 17th Century, Robert Barber Log House, and the 1876 carriage maker, George Washington Cornwell House.

Shirley Brutko informed us about how she acquired the Robert Barber House for the city of Kings Mountain and gave us a view of things to come as Kings Mountain has their Gateway Trails dedication ceremony on November 15th.

We departed Kings Mountain to eat lunch at 5 EAST restaurant in uptown historic Shelby. After lunch, we took a historic walking tour of uptown Shelby with Fred Blackley. We were amazed to learn that 5 East Restaurant was Shelby's first city hall and fire department. Fred explained the different architectural differences of many landmarks, as Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, or Gothic Revival.

We ended our day with a tour of the 1874 George & Nancy Blanton Banker's House on Lafayette Street. Carl DeBrew proudly told us that he had been associated with the Blanton family since the early 1950's. This gave him the opportunity to give us a very personal tour of the Blanton's pristine home. George Blanton was one of the founders of our hometown First National Bank.

Our Leadership team left with a new sense of values. None of us will ever drive down the streets of Shelby without thinking about how each name is from a revolution hero or how many citizens dipped into the Lithia Springs healing well at the Cleveland Courthouse.

Photos courtesy of Shelia Forney of Time Warner Cable.



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Letter From the Chairman

As I look back on my year as chair in 2007 I refer back to an initial statement that I made at the January 2007 annual banquet. I stated "nothing great is done without passion."

I see that passion from our volunteers; our staff, board and local government partners have made Cleveland County a better place to live, work, and play. In my role as chair, I have seen how critical it is for our private businesses, local governments and citizens to all work together and how powerful a unified effort can be.

I can't help but give a formal thank you for the job our chamber staff has done and continues to do on a daily basis. Until you are as involved as much as I have been in this position, it is difficult to appreciate the dedication and hard work of all of our chamber staff. They truly serve our Chamber with passion. I also have a special thank you for the hundreds of individuals that have helped the Chamber this year serving on our many committees, volunteers serving in many capacities, and our division chairs and board of directors. We have a great chamber membership and thank you for your support of the chamber this year.

I especially thank our immediate past chair Bill Plowden. He paved the road for a smooth and fruitful year thanks to his leadership last year. I also thank all those that led the Chamber in the past. The results of decades of business leadership have all played a positive role to shape the Cleveland County Chamber of today.

As I look back on this year and I can't help but think of the fact that this Chamber year was a very good year with many positive actions occurring throughout the year. Early next year we will have an official annual report to pass out at the January 10th 2008 annual banquet highlighting 2007 accomplishments and 2008 goals to help us truly appreciate just what can be accomplished when everyone strives toward a common goal.

One of our greatest accomplishments in 2007 occurred because of support from our local government leaders. In 2007, our Cleveland County Government showed their support and belief in travel & tourism. We started out this year with a full time professional travel & tourism director with prior experience in the hospitality tourism industry. Travel & tourism is not just a key to economic development, it is economic development. We have moved light years ahead this year in travel & tourism although we still have a long way to go. Before the end of this year we will have our new visitors center projected to be open at the Cleveland Mall.

We constantly strive and work closely together with our elected and appointed government leaders, be they on the federal, state, county, or local level. The support we have received this year from our government officials has been overwhelming.

I personally invite you to come to the annual banquet scheduled for the evening on January 10th, 2008 to not only celebrate a quick, but honorable awards event, but a fun time with our featured entertainment of Jon Reep, the 2007 winner of the nationally televised television show "Last Comic Standing" This will be his first performance back in his home state on North Carolina since winning the show. Jon may be familiar to some as the "has that thing got a hemi?" guy on TV commercials.

As I turn the gavel over to incoming Chair Steve Padgett on January 10th. I have a tremendous amount of confidence in Steve taking up where I left off and bringing even more enthusiasm and passion to the Chamber than we have seen in the past. Our new board and volunteers are poised to make 2008 even better than 2007!

Roger Holland

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Shop Locally For Christmas

Want to give back to your community without it costing you anything extra? Shop with your local independent businesses. Independent Businesses support local charities, they employ local people and they pay special taxes that come back to the community to help improve the quality of life.

When you shop locally, the money stays in the community. Statistics point to the fact that during the next 60 days more money will be spent than any other time of the year. How and where you shop can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life in your community.

Who are your independent business owners? They are the folks you see at church, they are your neighbors, they are your automobile mechanics, car dealers, hairdresser, day care provider; and they operate restaurants. They are florists, picture framers, dry cleaners, gift shop owners, clothing shop owners, the list is long. These folks make-up the very fabric of the community in which you live.

Whenever a need arises, they are first to ask, "How can I help?" They contribute to your child's fundraisers at school, soccer, football, marching band and your church. They also contribute to the United Way, American Heart Association, Kidney Foundation, Jr. Charity League clothing closet and your friend who has excessive medical bills and needs the community to help. This list, too, goes on and on. Many times the Independent Business owners do not know the person asking for a donation nor do they have any ties to the organization asking for money. However, they support!

Get to know your local Independent Businesses owners and what products they offer for sale. Your support of their business enables them to continue to support your projects.

The life-blood of a community is in its many independently owned businesses. People who have an investment in, and commitment to, the community and the people they serve.

Be Inspired, Be Different, Be Uptown.



Janet Workman Berry, CPF
Frame Masters Gallery, Shelby, NC

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December

- 11/30-12/02 Snow White** Fri & Sat. 7:30pm. Matinee-Dec 2 at 3:00 pm. The Joy Performance Center in downtown Kings Mountain is the site of this beloved children's play. Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc. 202 S. Railroad Ave, Kings Mountain, NC. 704-730-9408 www.kmlt.org
- 11/30-12/02 Gardner-Webb Student and Faculty Fine Art Christmas Sale** Fri.noon-10:00pm; Sat. 9:00am-6:00pm; Sun. 1:00-6:00pm. Annual GWU Art Club sponsored Christmas Sale located in the Communication Studies Hall Gallery (Old Boiling Springs School) on Main Street in Boiling Springs, NC 704-406-4448
- 11/30-12/21 Christmas by Design** Mon-Fri. 9:00am-5:00pm. Artwork by local and regional artists will be available to purchase as gifts. Cleveland County Arts Council, 111 S. Washington St. Uptown Shelby, 704-484-2787, www.ccartsCouncil.org
- 12/7, 14, 21 Uptown Shelby Carriage Rides** 5:30pm-8:30pm. \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Snuggle beneath a cozy blanket and enjoy the twinkling Shelby lights as your horse-drawn carriage takes you on a Christmas journey through the town. Uptown Shelby by Association 704-484-3100, www.Uptownshelby.org
- 12/7, 14, 21 Santa's House** 5:00pm-9:00pm. FREE. Children can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus while families are encouraged to take photos of the children with Santa. Sponsored by First National Bank. On the court square in Uptown Shelby, 101 S. Lafayette St. 704-484-6293
- 12/7, 14, 21 Winter Carnival** 6:00-9:00pm. FREE. Children can visit play-land and participate in other activities created just for them. Sponsored by First National Bank. On the court square in Uptown Shelby, 101 S. Lafayette St., 704-484-6293
- 12/01-02 Fallston Woman's Club Tour of Homes** 5:00-8:00 pm. \$7.00. Saturday and 2:00-4:00pm Sunday. Tickets are available at the clubhouse located in downtown Fallston, NC. Holiday refreshments will be offered. 704-480-8586
- 12/01-02 Winter Arts Tour** Sat 10:00-4:00, Sun 12:00-4:00. Artists throughout Cleveland County will open their studios for behind the scenes peeks at their work. Visitors can also make purchases as they catch a glimpse of the artists at work. Cleveland County Arts Council, 111 S. Washington St., Uptown Shelby, 704-484-2787, www.ccartsCouncil.org
- 12/01 Synergy Art To Go Holiday Sale** 10:00am-4:00pm. Select unique gifts from fine art to crafts representing the work of many artists. Opening in conjunction with the WINTER ARTS TOUR. Synergy Studios 212B West Warren Street in Shelby, NC. 704-487-0144, www.synergystudiosandgallery.com
- 12/01 Moravian Love Feast** 6:00pm-7:00pm. Come a little early and hear the Gardner Webb University Brass band play traditional hymns. An early celebration of goodwill featuring hot cider and sweet buns served by authentically costumed members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. No need to go to Old Salem. Aldersgate UMC, 1207 W. Dixon Blvd., Shelby, 704-487-8491, www.aldersgateshelby.com
- 12/01-02 Cleveland County Choral Society** Sat 8:00pm; Sun. 3:00pm. CCCS presents it's annual Christmas Concert featuring both secular and religious music of the season. Malcolm Brown Auditorium, Shelby High School, East Dixon Blvd., Shelby, NC. 704-482-7520
- 12/01 Kings Mountain Annual Christmas Parade** 3:00pm. Barber and Cornwell Houses Open before the parade (noon-3:00pm) Downtown Kings Mountain. 704-730-2103, www.cityofkm.com
- 12/01 Carl Cartee Christmas Concert** 7:00-9:00pm. Benefit for the Salvation Army Admission is one new toy and canned goods. Dover Auditorium on the Gardner Webb University Campus, Boiling Springs, NC. 704-406-4631
- 12/02 Santa at the Phifer Cabin** 2:00-4:00pm. A wonderful holiday photo opportunity that shouldn't be missed. Join Santa for some cookies and cocoa and celebrate the holidays at The Broad River Greenway 126 Broad River Drive, Boiling Springs, NC. 704-434-2357 www.Broadrivergreenway.com
- 12/02 Photos With Santa at the Carrousel** 1:00-5:00pm. Photos with Santa on the Carrousel. Call or see the website for specific time and price of photo packages. Shelby City Park, Sumter St., Shelby, 704-484-6476, www.cityofshelby.com/govt/dept_parks_rec
- 12/2 & 9 "Trolley Bear Express" Tours** 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00pm. \$8.00 per person. Children from 2-12 are invited to climb aboard the Trolleylynx and take a ride. Hot Chocolate and cookies are included. The rest is a surprise! **Must Have Reservations.** Travelynx, Dixon Boulevard, Shelby, 704-482-9077
- 12/03 Gardner-Webb University Community Orchestra THE PLANETS** by Holtz with Patricia Sparti conducting. 8:00pm. FREE. (Spectacular NASA slide show presented by the Cleveland County Astronomical Society enhances the music.) Also, Christmas music selections feature the Crest Charger Pops Orchestra. Dover Auditorium on the Gardner Webb University Campus in Boiling Springs, NC. 704-406-4448
- 12/07 Star Night** 5:30-8:30 pm. Sponsored by the Shelby Star. Featuring booths for children to write letters to Santa, make Christmas ornaments, sing karaoke, face painting, donut eating contest, and hot chocolate. In Uptown Shelby, 704-484-7000, www.shelbystar.com
- 12/07 Mountaineer Christmas** 5:00pm-9:00pm. Join us in downtown Kings Mountain for some late night shopping, carriage rides and costumed carolers. Store windows will "come alive" with characters from favorite Christmas stories. Mountaineer Partnership Inc., Downtown Kings Mountain, NC. 704-730-0283, www.mtnpartnership.com
- 12/7-8 Snow White** Fri & Sat 7:30pm. the Joy Performance center is the site of a repeat performance of this beloved children's play Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., 202 S. Railroad Ave, Kings Mountain, NC. 704-730-9408, www.kmlt.org
- 12/08 Wood Mill Winery Christmas Open House** 10:00am-6:00pm. One stop Christmas shopping. Sample Christmas wine. 1350 WoodMill Winery Lane, Vale, NC. 704-736-7733, www.woodmillwinery.com
- 12/08 Christmas at the Farm** 12:00-4:00 pm. Come and join us for the Christmas celebration 1850's style. Re-enactors will be cooking over the hearth in our 1850's Homeplace using traditional methods of the period. We will also be making decorations to take home or help decorate the farm tree. Kings Mountain State Park Living History Farm, 1277 Park Road Blacksburg, SC. 803-222-3209
- 12/08 Kingstown Christmas Parade** 2:00 pm. 1606 Kingstown Road, Kingstown, NC. 704-484-9776
- 12/15 Owl's Eye Vineyard Christmas Wine Tasting** 12:00-6:00pm. Cleveland County's premier winery opens it doors for you to come sample and buy a wonderful gift for someone or a special treat for yourself. Owl's Eye Vineyard & Winery, 1414 Metcalf Road, Shelby, NC. 704-471-9196, www.owlseyevineyard.com
- 12/16 Shelby Christmas Parade** 3:00 pm. A long-standing tradition in Shelby to mark the beginning of the Christmas season. Uptown Shelby Association. 704-484-3100, www.uptownshelby.org
- 12/22-23 Santa at the Carrousel** 1:30-5:00pm. Shelby City Park, 850 Sumter Street, Shelby, NC. 704-484-6476, www.cityofshelby.com/govt/dept_parks_rec
- 12/24 Kings Mountain Luminarie Christmas** 6:00 pm-midnight. Mountain Rest Cemetery on West Kings Street in Kings Mountain, NC is the traditional site of the Christmas Eve ceremony. Hundreds of lights create a memorable sight. 704-739-5425, JimBelt.com
- 12/28 Winter Whimsical Fun Day** 1:00pm-4:00 pm. \$15.00. **Preregistration required.** Children in grades K-5 are invited to have a craft filled afternoon. Cleveland County Arts Council, 111 S. Washington St., Uptown Shelby, 704-484-2787, www.ccartsCouncil.org
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Party** 6:30 pm-midnight. \$50.00/couple or \$25.00 single. Dine and Dance to the music of *The Continental Divide* and celebrate the New Year with the entire community. Membership discounts apply. Leona Smith Neal Senior Center, 100 T.R. Harris Dr. Shelby, NC. 704-482-3488, www.seniorcenter-coa.org

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Tourism Grant

Cleveland County was chosen to receive the maximum amount possible from the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development Tourism Matching Funds award of \$6,750. This grant will be used for tourism promotion in the form of billboards and print advertising in regional media. Only 29 applications were chosen for awards out of fifty-nine worthwhile applications. Rep. Tim Moore said, "I am pleased the state is appropriating funds to help our business community get the word out about Cleveland County. Those of us who live here realize what a great place this is. This is a way of ensuring that those outside of this region realize the opportunities of investing and doing business in Cleveland County." "These funds along with the Golden Leaf funds recently provided for Destination Cleveland County will certainly enhance travel tourism in our area." Said Senator Dalton.



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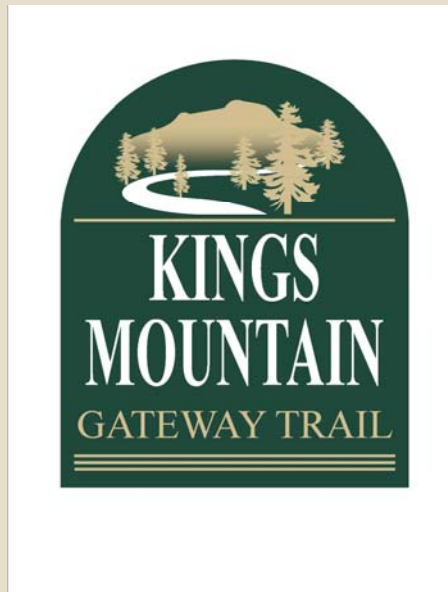
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Gateway Trails

KINGS MOUNTAIN GATEWAY TRAIL BREAKS GROUND

Business, political and community leaders gathered to break ground at the trailhead for the new Kings Mountain Gateway Trail. The trail's plan includes from six to 10 miles of trails, including more difficult fitness loops, designated mountain biking areas and scenic loops, that will connect Kings Mountain to surrounding national and state parks. The Kings Mountain Gateway Trail timeline hopes to officially start construction in 2009.

To find out more, visit http://www.shelbystar.com/articles/trail_26675_article.html/mountain_kings.html.



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New Chair Elect - Mark Hudson



Roger Holland, Cleveland County Chamber Chairman-2007 announced at the September monthly meeting of the Cleveland County Chamber Board of Directors that the nominations committee had recommended Mr. Mark Alan Hudson, FACHE currently President of HTMH Consulting of Shelby, NC to become the Chamber's new Chair Elect in 2008. Later in the same meeting, Cleveland County Chamber Board of Directors unanimously approved the nominations committee recommendation for their new Chamber leader.

Based on the chamber's bylaws, Hudson will become the Chairman of the Cleveland County Chamber in 2009 after Steve Padgett, Cleveland County Chamber Chairman for 2008 has completed his term as Chair. "I am very honored to be asked to serve this organization in this position. The Chamber has always impressed me with its work to support business organizations, both large and small, in Cleveland County. It is a true pleasure to work with a very dedicated and professional staff as well as the many talented volunteers who work to make Cleveland County a better place for us all to live."

Mark Hudson is well known in Cleveland County through his role with the Cleveland County Healthcare System, a member of the Carolinas Healthcare System. Mark served the organization in a number of executive administration positions from June of 1983 through December of 2006, culminating his career with them as its executive vice president. Mark served in this position from 2003 to 2006 and has over 30 years of healthcare experience.

Hudson earned a BA in Urban Studies from the University of Virginia in 1975 and was awarded a MHA degree in 1983 from the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University. He is an avid writer and to date, has had more than 500 articles and poems published.

Locally, Hudson has served on a number of organizational boards, most recently serving as Chairman of the Foothills Conservancy of NC, a land protection organization. Among others, he has also previously served on the boards of Crawley Memorial Hospital, Cleveland Ambulatory Services, Cleveland Home Health Agency, Hospice and Palliative Care Cleveland County, the Life Enrichment Center, the Broad River Greenway, the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Boys Club. He has a Broker's License through the NC Real Estate Commission.

Professionally, Hudson is board certified in healthcare management and is an American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Fellow (FACHE). He has been a member of ACHE for more than 27 years and has served on Regent Advisory Councils, as a Regent for Western NC from 2001 to 2005 and currently as a member of the ACHE Board of Governors. Hudson has been recognized with ACHE awards for both Young Careerist and Senior Careerist, the only person in NC to date to have received both awards.

In his spare time, he enjoys cycling, kayaking, hiking, travel and birding with Sandy, his wife of almost 28 years. They have lived in Shelby since 1983.

2008 Board Slate

Seth Stevens - Broad River Coffee Company

Kitty Hoyle - Wellington Hamrick

Dr. Bruce Boyles - Cleveland County Schools

Suzanne Amos - New York Life Insurance

Rick Washburn - Shelby Savings Bank

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Event Pictures



Cecil Burton Funeral Home & Crematory Ribbon Cutting on November 14th



Angela's Elite Boutique Ribbon Cutting on November 29th



Curves of Kings Mountain Ribbon Cutting on November 30th



Georgios Mediterranean Restaurant Ribbon Cutting on December 3rd



MBAJ Architecture Ribbon Cutting on December 6th

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Renewals / New Members

RENEWALS (during October)

- Balance Yoga Center
- Commercial Data Systems
- New York Life Insurance
- Productiv, Inc.
- Reid Lindsay Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Reliance Electric (Baldor-Dodge-Reliance)
- Tayni's Respite & Habilitation, Inc.
- Triple D Publishing

NEW MEMBERS

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 Fax: 704/739-6044
 e-mail: smithanddad@gmail.com
 Webpage: www.smithanddad.com
CONSTRUCTION

MIRACLE AMUSEMENTS / TOWN & COUNTRY CATERING
 Eddie Mathes
 115 Park Grace Road
 Kings Mountain, NC 28086
 Telephone: 704/739-8116
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 Mailing address for Mr. Mathes:
 7606 Medlin Road, Monroe, NC 28112
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 Webpage: www.miracleamusements.com
CATERING & AMUSEMENTS

MARY KAY COSMETICS
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 267 Westlee Street
 Shelby, NC 28150
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 e-mail: hstevens@marykay.com
 Webpage: www.marykay.com/hstevens
COSMETICS / IMAGE CONSULTING

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

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

- **Pine Grove Golf Club** - Cindy F. Hoyle
- **CK Contracting, Inc.** - William George

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Referral Summary & Thank You Corner

11/01/07 to 11/30/07

The total number of referrals from the website business directory was **32,337**.

Each member averaged 17.32 referrals from the website this period.

Top 50 Business Categories This Period

This is a summary of the categories searched most often this period from clevelandchamber.org. The number in the right-hand column is the number of times each category was displayed.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, TEMPORARY, SERVICES	231
RESTAURANTS	85
GOURMET FOODS / ENTERTAINMENT	79
MANUFACTURING	71
REAL ESTATE	58
UTILITIES	54
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUBS - PUBLIC & PRIVATE	49
BANKS	39
OFFICE EQUIPMENT, SERVICES & SUPPLIES	39
APARTMENTS	36

Thank You Corner

- **Deer Brook Golf Club**—Host November Business After Hours
- **Fox Distributing**—Beverage Sponsor November Business After Hours
- **Golf Tournament sponsors:** Duke Energy, Chick-fil-a, Choice Beverage, Fox Distributing Co., Kitchen Ventilation Systems, StaffMasters, Telerx, Gardner-Webb University, Charlotte Copy Data, First Charter Bank, Schwappe Law Firm, Hager & Associates, The Restaurant at Deer Brook, ULTRA Machine, Carolina Trophies and Shope's Shoes.
- **Golf Tournament Volunteers:**
 - Krystal Hall TELERX
 - Kevin Frane Kitchen Ventilation Systems
 - Deitra Haynes Staffmasters
 - Deborah Mauney Staffmasters
 - David Melton First Charter Bank
 - Andrea Van Beek Carolina Federal Credit Union
 - Martha Bivins AFLAC
 - Dina Fraccola First Charter Bank
 - Stephanie Whisnant Premier Federal Credit Union
 - Lisa Carpenter First Charter Bank
 - Tammy Darnell Alliance Bank & Trust
 - Carissa Ham Charlotte Copy Data
 - Katherine Ellis Coldwell Banker
 - Pete Cabiness Personnel Services Unlimited
 - Darlene Davis Deltacom
- **Presenters for Leadership Cleveland's County History Day:** Micky Crowell (Kings Mountain Historical Museum), Fred Blackley (Fred B. Blackley, ASLA) and Carl DeBrew (Carolinas Commercial Realty).

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Upcoming Chamber Events

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| December 3 | Georgio's Mediterranean Restaurant Ribbon Cutting, 101 S. Main Street, Boiling Springs, 4:00 p.m. |
| December 6 | MBAJ Architecture Ribbon Cutting, 201 S. Washington Street, Shelby, 4:00 p.m. |
| December 13 | Adventures in Used Books Ribbon Cutting, 201 E. King Street, Suite 5, Kings Mountain, 2:00 p.m. |
| January 10 | 2007 Annual Banquet at Triple D Publishing featuring Jon Reep, Last Comic Standing, "The Hemi Guy" |

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Shirley Visits the White House

Shirley Brutko, Director of the Kings Mountain Office, painted an ornament of the Kings Mountain National Military Park for the White House Christmas Tree. Hers was one of the 347 ornaments placed on the 20' Frasier fur trees from North Carolina. Shirley and her husband Mal were invited there by Laura Bush on November 28th.



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