



Send us your email address so you can be kept up-to-date on all of the Chamber events! Send your information to Keli Harold at kharold@khhllc.com. If you don't have an email address, but would still like to receive the information, please be sure to let us know so you won't miss a thing!

Louisa County Chamber of Commerce
Membership Newsletter

President's Letter

We had a great turnout at our October 28 meeting at Shenandoah Crossing. There were many new faces and new member sign-ups. Our Sponsors for the Event were Wal-Mart, Virginia Community Bank and BBCR – Lake Anna Island Group. A brief presentation was given by each sponsor, Bill Thompson represented Wal-Mart, Aleric Gust spoke on behalf of VCB, and BJ Blount gave a presentation on the proposed Lake Anna Island. The Lake Anna Island plan is a very unique concept, and the project seems to be well thought out. THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR A GREAT EVENT.

Our Seminar, "How to Start Your Own Business," hosted by the Small Business Development Center and presented by Nora Gillespie, Director of SBDC, was also well attended. We hope that Nora can come back in the Spring for a follow up Seminar.

We have two more events coming up in the near future. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on *December 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm* at Roma Italian Restaurant in Louisa. Our very special Guest Speaker is Gail Johnson. Gail is the Owner/CEO of Rainbow Station Child Development Centers, which is now franchised across the US. Gail received the Virginia Business Person of the Year Award in 1997, and is the Immediate Past President of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce. We are very pleased that Gail will be at our meeting, and know you won't want to miss this event.

Our next Big Event is the **BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS GALA**. This very special Dinner and Dance will feature the announcement of our annual Business Person of the Year as well as special awards presented to others in the community who have made a significant contribution to our County or the Chamber. This event is scheduled for February 4, 2005 at Shenandoah Crossing Resort. Please check our website for further details as they become available!

Other Events to look forward to later in the year will include:

March – Our Legislators, Bill Janis and Edd Houck will be providing highlights of the 2005 General Assembly Session. This event will be sponsored by the Bank of Louisa.

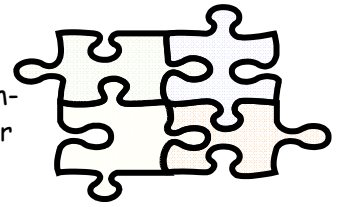
April – The Chamber will be hosting the Annual Job Fair at Louisa County High School. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to promote your business to the community at large, as this event will be open to the public.

June – Will feature our Annual PigNoc in a new location this year—the Tanyard Country Club Picnic Pavilion. This will be our annual business meeting with election of officers and announcement of the new Board of Directors, and of course, great music, food and refreshments!

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RED CROSS TRAINING IS BEING HOSTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THOSE BUSINESSES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THIS TYPE OF TRAINING FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR EMPLOYEES TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS LOCAL TRAINING BY THE RED CROSS, PLEASE CONTACT PAT HANLEY VIA EMAIL AT pathanley2@earthlink.net OR CALL 540-894-0266.

December Louisa Chamber Meeting:

December 2, 6-8 pm at Roma Italian Restaurant in the Town of Louisa. Guest speaker—Gail Johnson, Immediate Past President of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and Past Recipient of the Virginia Business Person of the Year Award.

2005 Awards Gala

Be sure to watch the newsletter and check the Chamber website for details about the Awards Gala to be held February 4, 2005! This Dinner and Dance will spotlight our Business Person of the Year Award recipient. Additional awards will also be presented.

Dues are due! If you haven't paid your dues for 2004-05, you only have a few weeks left! Be sure to mail your dues so that you will continue to receive information from your Chamber.

—President's Letter, cont.

ONE OF OUR MAIN GOALS THIS YEAR is to be able to communicate with our members by email. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. This will allow us to get information to you FASTER AND CHEAPER. Please be sure to let Keli Harold know your e mail address if you have not already done so. If you don't have email, we need to know that also so we can continue to mail information to those members without email capability. Keli's email address is kharold@khhllc.com. WE ALSO NEED YOUR BUSINESS WEBSITE ADDRESS SO THAT WE CAN LINK YOUR WEBSITE TO THE CHAMBER WEB PAGE. Be sure to get your information to Keli, and watch your email for future correspondence.

Another Goal of this Board is to find a "Place" for our Chamber of Commerce. This is a personal dream of mine, and my hope is that we can have a location so that visitors, tourists and people in the community can have a place to go to get information about our county and all that we have to offer. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please contact me at pam@louisatitle.com or call me at 967-1656. We are so blessed to be in Louisa County – it is such a beautiful place to live, to work and to play. IT TRULY IS THE "HEART" OF VIRGINIA.

Pam O'Neill

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2004-2005

Membership Application/Renewal Form

The LCOC is organized to achieve the objective of preserving the free enterprise system of business by developing strategies and programs that contribute to Louisa County's economic development. Membership is open to all businesses and persons who support the stated purpose of the Chamber.

The membership year is July 1-June 30. The annual dues are based upon the number of employees per business. Please provide the following information:

Name: _____
(Company Name and/or Organization)

Contact Person and Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____ Industry Type: _____

Please list up to four additional contacts within your company to receive Chamber Information:

Name Address Phone

Name Address Phone

Name Address Phone

Name Phone Address

Number of Employees: _____

*Dues are based on the number of employees per business

- \$40 Individuals and Non-Profit Organizations
- \$50 1-9 employees
- \$75 10-19 employees
- \$100 20-49 employees
- \$150 50 > employees

Please return application with check to:

Louisa County Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 955
Louisa, VA 23093

Please check all that apply:

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors _____
 I am interested in serving on the following Committee(s): Membership _____ Social _____ Advertising/Promotion _____
 Community Service _____ Education _____ Special Projects _____

Please include my company website as a link on the Louisa Chamber's website: