

The Informer March 2007

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Mission Statement: *The Alexander County Chamber of Commerce is organized to promote and coordinate the efforts of commerce, industry and the professions in order to maintain and strengthen a healthy business climate and to improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of Alexander County.*

The Chamber's Annual Spring Business Appreciation Golf Tournament gives you the opportunity to network and have fun. Whether you are a good golfer, a great golfer or just out for a little entertainment, you will have an enjoyable time. Bring your friends or colleagues and play!!!!!!!
Great Opportunity to network and have fun
all at the same time.



Sponsorship Packages:

Corporate Sponsor: \$1,000.00

(Your name on golf towel, you sponsor 2 teams, name in all publicity and on all tee boxes and can set-up on tee box)

Associate Sponsor: \$600.00

(Your name on tees or towel, name in all publicity and on tee boxes, can set-up on tee box and sponsor a team)

Gold Sponsor: \$300.00

(Includes foursome, name at tee box, name in all publicity, can set-up on tee box)

Silver Sponsor: \$175.00

(Include: 2 team members, name at tee box, name in all publicity)

Bronze Sponsor: \$100.00

(Name in all publicity)

Please call the Chamber Office for availability and to sign-up your team today.

(828 - 632 - 8141)

Alexander County Chamber of Commerce ***Business Appreciation Annual Golf Tournament*** **Tuesday: May 15, 2007**

Where? Brushy Mountain Golf Club

Start? Shotgun start at 1:00 PM
(lunch will be provided by Bo Jangles beginning at 12:00)

Format? Captain's Choice (foursome)

No Refunds! Substitutions Only.

Hole sponsorships are available at this time. Please call the Chamber Office for sponsorship availability. (632-8141)

Corporate, Associate, and Gold Sponsors will be responsible for setting up prior to tee time and cleaning their area following the tournament. Sponsors may promote or give anything away from their tee locations as long as it doesn't interfere with the game.

Rain date: Tuesday, May 22, 2007

HINSHAW TAKES REINS AT CVCC



Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, was named president of Catawba Valley Community College August 1, 2006, and was officially installed during a special ceremony on March 1. Hinshaw emphasized that the foundation for the future begins with continued collaboration among educational systems both inside and outside the college's service area of Catawba and Alexander counties.

Since taking office, he has established a CVCC Alexander County Advisory Committee to explore new college services. He has worked closely with Alexander County Schools Superintendent Jack Hoke to increase potential college class offerings available to Alexander Central High School students. Hinshaw was instrumental in fostering a collaborative effort between Wilkes Community College and Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute that focused on attracting a potential new industry to Alexander County.

"Collaboration is critical because of the population base in this region," he said. "We have to make sure that all of our institutions are working together to ensure we have the resources in the right places, and to meet the diversity of the demands that are out there right now." Hinshaw has also actively pursued working relationships between CVCC and Alexander County JobLink and Alexander County Partnership for Children.

A native of Yadkin County, Hinshaw learned the community college system at an early age as the son of two first-generation college graduates who were farmers as well as faculty members at Surry Community College (Dobson, N.C.).

Hinshaw's career in higher education began in 1990 as Coordinator of Occupational Extension in the Corporate and Continuing Education Division of Surry Community College. Later, he was promoted to Director of Occupational Extension and then Dean of Continuing Education. In 2000, he joined the staff of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute in Hudson, N.C., where he first served as Dean of Student Services. He was promoted to Vice President for Students Services in 2002 and then to Executive Vice President in 2004.

Hinshaw earned his Educational Doctorate in Adult and Community College Education at North Carolina State University. He earned a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration as well as a Bachelor of Science at Appalachian State University. Through the years, he has served in various state and national academic, professional and civic groups with a focus on building successful partnerships to meet mutual goals. He and his wife, Beth, and their children, Jordan, Garrison and Adelyn, live in Hickory.

Thanks for the Renewals February

Accuforce Staffing Services, LLC
American Roller Bearing, Inc.
Catawba Valley Community College
Clayton Marcus Company, Inc.
Davis Regional Medical Center
Edward L. Hedrick, IV, Attorney At Law
Family Care Center
Glenn Fox Photo
Hancock & Moore, Inc.
Hefner Builders, Inc.
Hickory Cove Bible Camp
Hospice & Homecare of Alexander County
Market Basket Food Stores
Millsaps Realty
Myra's Ice Cream and Sandwich....Catering
Potts, Combs, Rhyne & Teague, PA
Taylorsville Rotary Club
Thrivent Financial
Vick's Custom Screen Printing
Village Inn Pizza Parlor

February Business of the Month Glenn Fox Photo



The Alexander County Chamber of Commerce named Glenn Fox Photo the February 2007 Business of the Month. Pictured above, left to right: Chamber board members, Marissa Cooper, Gail Drum, Rita Pennell, Glenn Fox, Chamber Executive Director Denise Elder, and Chamber Board member Steve Hunt. Fox, a Taylorsville native, has been in the photography business for 31 years and is active in the Chamber where he was past President of the Chamber Board. He has served on the Chamber Foundation Board. Fox is also the Treasurer on the Hiddenite Center Board and is Alexander County Representative of the Frye Regional Medical Center Advisory Board. Fox and his wife, Brenda, have three children and one grandson.

**The Greater Hickory Metro Area
Chambers of Commerce
Cordially Invite You to Be Our Guests at the**

**Greater Hickory Metro Area
Regional Community Development Conference**

Thursday, April 19th
Broyhill Conference Center
7:45 – 11:30 AM
Continental Breakfast
Please RSVP to 828-632-8141 before April 17th

Special Presentations by Representatives from:
Knoxville Oak Ridge Innovation Valley
*Rated #5 by Forbes Magazine- May 2006- as
Best Places for Business and Careers*

“A Rising Tide Floats All Ships”

That’s our theme and message to all business, education and governmental leaders in the Metro area. Join us as we learn about:

- * JOBS NOW: Economic Regionalism and Cooperation in Action
- * Technology Assets of the Knoxville-Oak Ridge Innovation Valley that Rivals Silicon Valley and the Research Triangle
- * Developing a 21st Century Workforce
- * Regionally Branding Our Economic Development Efforts

*Imagine...if we stopped competing and worked together.
What is good for one county is good for the entire region
and as a result, we bring in businesses, create jobs, compa-
nies move between counties and not out of the Metro area
and we keep our workforce employed.*

Please RSVP by April 17th by calling
the Chamber of Commerce at 828-632-8141 –OR–
by email at chamberasst@alexandercountychamber.com

A Thought for Today

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."

-- Vince Lombardi, Football Coach

The Chamber office will be closed on
Friday, April 6, 2007 in observance of
Good Friday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2nd Annual Alexander County Smart Start & YMCA 5K Walk/Run** for Healthy Kids and Families will be held on Saturday, April 14. For more information, contact Angela Blakley at 828-632-2232 or Steve Eaton at 828-632-3799.
- The **Spring Rodeo at H&H Arena** is April 20-22. (See insert)
- **Crimestoppers Day** will be held on Saturday April 28, 2007 in the old Wal-Mart parking lot.
- **Spring Fling at Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams** is on May 2.
- **American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life** is May 18 at ACHS. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- The Support Staff Association of **Catawba Valley Community College** is sponsoring **The Women’s Health and Well Being Seminar** on Thursday, May 24, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose Complex at CVCC Main Campus. Hear experts discuss issues every woman should know. To register for the seminar contact Karen Clippard at 828-327-7000 ext. 4211 or at kclippar@cvcc.edu

Alexander County Blood Drives



American Red Cross
April 12, 2007
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

DISCOUNT CAROWINDS TICKETS



Tickets are \$34.00

Carowinds opening day is March 24, 2007.
Tickets purchased are good for any one regular operating day this season.

(Admission price at the gate is \$44.95)

Get your tickets at the Chamber office
And save \$\$\$\$\$.

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