

# BENEFITS OF CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

- ❑ Member referrals: only Chamber member names and businesses are given in response to inquiries for goods and services
- ❑ Free listing in Membership and Web Site Directories
- ❑ Free Website Link and Free Email Link from Chamber Website
- ❑ UGA Small Business outreach site
- ❑ Advertising opportunities in Chamber publications
- ❑ Timely seminars on management and supervisory skills, employee education, customer satisfaction, sales techniques and more
- ❑ Assistance in Ribbon Cutting, Open House, Groundbreaking, etc.
- ❑ Convention and Visitors Bureau, which provides maps and area tourism information services to keep visitors in our county and dollars in our economy
- ❑ Great networking opportunities at Coffee Calls, Newton A.M., Lunch Links, and Business After Hours
- ❑ A joint effort with Newton County Schools in sponsoring New Teachers Luncheon, Partners in Education program, Teacher of the Year, and Teacher Appreciation Recognition
- ❑ Sponsorship of Leadership Newton County for adults, with a Leadership Newton County Alumni Association for graduates of LNC
- ❑ Sponsorship of Youth Leadership Institute for high school students
- ❑ Active Committees such as Ambassadors, Economic Development Council, Small Business, Tourism Advisory Council, Existing Industry Council and others

**Your membership investment is tax deductible as a *BUSINESS EXPENSE***

# CHAMBER COMMITTEES

## ~ AMBASSADORS

The Ambassador Committee emphasizes and promotes the need for new members and continues to provide the best service possible to existing members. Ambassadors will serve as representatives of the Chamber at ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, open houses, and other public relations functions.

2010 Chair – Chris Settles; Staff Liaison – Ron Carter

## ~ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE\*

The Economic Development Roundtable aids in the recruitment of industries, commercial and retail businesses and examines growth strategies and land use planning. This roundtable is by invitation of Chairman only.

2010 Chair / Staff Liaison – Shannon Davis

## ~ EXISTING INDUSTRY COUNCIL\*

The Existing Industry Council develops strategies to improve workforce development while building relationships between managers. This council is reserved for plant managers, owners or administrators of industries.

2010 Chair / Staff Liaison – Shannon Davis

## ~ GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Governmental Affairs Committee recommends positions on proposed legislation as it affects the business community. Local, State and Federal legislation is within the purview of this committee.

2010 Chair – Danny Stone; Staff Liaison – Sherry Dudley

## ~ LEADERSHIP NEWTON COUNTY\*

The Leadership Newton County Committee has an objective to challenge community leaders and potential leaders to gain and share knowledge about Newton County and issues relating to the community. Leadership Newton County shall also aid individuals in developing leadership skills as well as in building a network with diverse backgrounds.

2009-10 Chair – Barbara Hebert; Staff Liaison – Lisa Oglesby

## ~ SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Small Business Committee pursues methods to strengthen business through education and best practices.

2010 Chair – Ric Burnette; Staff Liaison – Lisa Oglesby

## ~ SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Golf Committee** (2010 Chair – Tony Smith) – coordinates all planning, promotion and implementation of the Chambers Annual Golf Tournament. Staff Liaison – Lisa Oglesby

**Concert Night Committee** (2010 Chair – Kim McNary) – coordinates all planning, promotion and implementation of the Chambers Annual Beach Party Concert. Staff Liaison – Lisa Oglesby

## ~ TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Tourism Advisory Council enhances the positive impact of tourism, therefore enhancing the quality of life for the members of the Chamber and the Community.

2010 Chair – Teri Halder; Staff Liaison – Clara Deemer

*\* Committee members serve by appointment only. If you are interested in being considered for a committee, please notify the Chamber at 770-786-7510.*