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Welcome New Members...

The Chamber would like to welcome the following new members. Their investment in the Chamber and their local community will help to ensure continued prosperity!



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Mark Your Calendar...

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Chamber's Annual Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, February 22nd. This event will feature the accomplishments of 2006 and the goals for 2007. Both the Citizen of The Year and ATHENA Awards (applications enclosed) will be given as well as awards for volunteer recognition.



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Chamber Board Supports "Megasite"



The Chamber's Board of Directors voted unanimously to support an initiative for the development of a "Megasite" industrial park. This site would be located off of I-85 south of Lexington, creating huge economic development opportunities and job creation for our community. Please contact our local delegation to show your support of this important initiative.

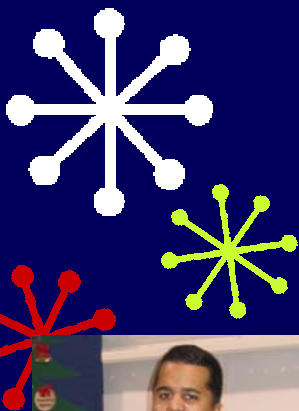
You are invited to attend...

Business After Hours
at
Leonard Craver Realty
January 18th

New Location!
101 West Center Street Ext.

5:30–7:00 p.m.

Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages to be served



Ken Davis performing at the Holiday Gala



DAVIDSON *First*

With the holidays now behind us, shopping may not necessarily be the first thing on our minds, but there are many purchases we make on a daily basis that can benefit our local economy. Whether it is for your business or for you personally, consider the offerings of those businesses here in Davidson County. They offer competitive pricing, great product/service variety and you can feel positive about the impact you are making on the prosperity of your local community!

Holiday Gala a Success...

The Chamber hosted its 16th Annual Holiday Gala on December 5th at the RCR Air LLC Hangar at the Davidson County Airport. Over 350 chamber members and guests were in attendance for this event, featuring a live and silent auction, multiple drawings and a reverse raffle for a \$5000 cash prize. The Chamber wishes to thank all the sponsors and volunteers who helped to make the event such a success!

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Thank you to Dave Duncan at Guitars USA for providing the sound system

Special thanks to RCR Air, LLC for hosting this event. Without the assistance of Jim Metz, Tim McQuinn & their staff it would not have been possible!



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Membership Investment Due by January 31st for inclusion in directory!

It is that time of year again! Advertising is now being sold in the Chamber's 2007 Membership Directory & Buyer's Guide. This publication is given out in every single relocation packet the Chamber sends out—so contact *The Dispatch* today to reserve your space!

Legislative Briefing...



The Davidson County Chamber's of Commerce are sponsoring a Legislative Briefing on Friday, February 2nd at 8:00 a.m. in the Student Center of the Davidson County Community

College. The cost to attend is \$12 per person, which includes breakfast. Our local delegation will provide us with information on the agenda for the upcoming session. The meeting will conclude with a question and answer session. Please use the enclosed form to make your reservation for this important event!

WE NEED YOU IN 2007...

Committees support each and every initiative mentioned within the current Program of Work. We look to you, our members, to help us fulfill the mission of the Chamber by volunteering to serve. The Chamber's Program of Work, which will be unveiled at the Annual Meeting on February 22nd, was determined by your fellow

members and leadership, the Board of Directors. It will include



the following focus areas, which remain constants on the Chamber's agenda: Business &

Commercial Development, Government & Public Policy, Education, Membership Benefits, Non-Dues Events, Tourism, Marketing & Technology. It should be considered a working document, evolving and changing as the needs of our members and the community at large change. Thank you for your membership and commitment to ensuring that the Lexington area will continue to grow and prosper. United, we can accomplish anything!

Message from the President...

As we greet 2007 with promising expectations, I would like to take the opportunity to say Happy New Year to you all. 2006 was a busy year for the Chamber. With an aggressive program of work to accomplish, the Board of Directors, committees and staff set it sights on completing each area of work identified. I am pleased to report that goal was accomplished under the leadership of Beth Parrott, 2006 Board Chair. Support from the membership and involvement from so many of you who volunteered your time and talents to the Chamber's efforts played a major role in our success for 2006.

Continued programs such as the Alive After Five series, Legislative Update and Leadership Davidson County anchored a year full of new programs and opportunities. In 2006 the Chamber held

it's first New Teacher Expo, Night of The Pig, Legacy Business Leaders Council, Industry Council and partnered with the Thomasville Chamber on a new Youth Leadership Davidson County program. The Chamber Board journeyed to Raleigh to meet local Legislators, Department of Transportation officials and air quality officials to advocate for the West Bypass, economic development and clean air. These things represent only a portion of the programs undertaken on your behalf as a member of the Lexington Chamber.

2007 brings another year of opportunity for everyone. Teenie Tilley, 2007 Board Chair, has plans for another busy year for your Chamber of Commerce. The final touches are being placed on another aggressive program of work for the new year. As I talk to business and industry leaders around the community I

sense a stronger feeling of optimism towards the reinventing of our local economy. I know that many people are hard at work in front of and behind the scenes to make good things happen and create opportunities that will lead Lexington forward.

Radford

Radford L. Thomas
President/CEO



Please join us for a special
**Ribbon Cutting
Ceremony**

for

Café 35

February 14th, 2007

11:00 a.m.

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Upcoming Events...

January 16th
Alive After Five
Committee Mtg. @ The
Chamber @ 12 noon

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Ambassadors Mtg. @
The Chamber @4:00
p.m.

January 18th
Business After Hours @
Leonard Craver—New
Location! @5:30—7:00
p.m.

January 24th
Board Meeting @ The
City Club @ 12 noon

February 2nd
Legislative Briefing @
DCCC Student Center
8:00 a.m.

February 14th
Ribbon Cutting @ Café
35 @ 11:00 a.m.

February 22nd
Annual Meeting
Lexington Municipal
Club @ 6:00 p.m.

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