

News & Bulletin

PASSING OF THE GAVEL



The annual Chairman's Gala sponsored by the Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce was held on January 26th at Adelio's Restaurant. The event room at Adelio's was transformed into an elegant dining/dancing/networking venue. The beautiful arrangements were sponsored by Flowers By Billy and The Secret Garden. This spectacular event brought support from numerous businesses with corporate tables. Over 150 attended this night of celebration that recognized Chamber members, businesses and individuals who have impacted our community over the last year.

The gavel was passed this year from Past-Chairperson, Jennifer Stephenson, owner of Speech Pathology Services of Robeson, Inc. to the new Chairperson, Debbie Branyon. Branch Manager/Vice-President of First Bank in Lumberton. She stated "the event was great with numerous Chamber supporters in attendance and I am looking forward to an exceptional year"!

Cindy Kern, Executive Director of the Chamber stated, "The event was an incredible success and one to be remembered". Highlights of the evening was the recognition of retiring Board Members, newly elected Board members and our many dedicated volunteers. The Gala also allowed time to meet and network with other Chamber members in a relaxed atmosphere. Retiring board members are: John Franklin, John Hendren, Dr. Phillip Stephens, Josh Jackson, Allen Elks, Suzanne Abbott and Bebe Wright-Williams.

The newly elected Chamber Board members are Tito Massol-Centerwell Home Health, James Bass-UNCPCivens Performing Arts, Eric West, Attorney, Dwight Gane-Pine Crest Golf Club, Jennifer Hickman-Flo-Tite, Inc./Max-Seal, Mark Peterson-Robeson Pediatrics, P.A., Latricia Freeman-Southeastern Life Center and Libby Davis-Jernigan's.

Committee Chairs for 2024 are: Membership/Ambassadors-Beth Hunt, Special Events-Scotty Thompson, Golf Chairman-Suzanne Abbott, Education-Merle Summers, Travel/Tourism-Angela Sumner, Community Development-Sarah Beth Ward, Legislative-Bo Biggs, Chaplain-Jay Britt, Image Committee-Suzanne Abbott and Agriculture-Miles Mercer. The Chamber Ambassadors were also recognized for their support.

Following those introductions, Suzanne Abbott of Abbott Insurance Services, LLC was presented with the Spirit Award for 2023. Suzanne is Finance Chair for the Lumberton Christmas Parade and The Chamber Golf Classic. Her work ethic is exceptional and she is dedicated to making each of these events successful. She is also Chair of the Image committee.



Pictured is past Chairperson Jennifer Stephenson of Speech Pathology Services of Robeson, Inc. passing the gavel to the 2024 Chairperson Debbie Branyon, Branch Manager/Vice President of First Bank in Lumberton at the Chamber Gala recently.

The evening of celebration concluded with guests continuing to enjoy delicious food and entertainment by the well-known band of Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot. The dance floor stayed busy until the band stopped playing.

Because of the support of our Chamber Members and volunteers, I am so proud to say WE ARE A VIBRANT CHAMBER! The best is yet to come.

THE LUMBERTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Debbie Branyon -Chairperson - First Bank	Jay Britt -Robeson County Farm Bureau	Kelly Floyd -Floyd Mortuary & Crematory, Inc.	Eric West – Eric West, Attorney
Jennifer Stephenson -Past Chair-Speech Pathology Services of Robeson, Inc.	Linda Branch – 7th Wave Properties, LLC	Adrian Lowery – Housing Authority City of Lumberton	Dwight Gane – Pine Crest Golf Club
Crystal Collins - Chair-Elect - Lumbee Guaranty Bank	Denise Prutzman – Denise's Culinary Creations, LLC	Mark Morse – Chick-Fil-A	Jennifer Hickman – Flo-Tite, Inc./Max-Seal
Tamara Kemp -Treasurer-Tamara Collins Kemp, CPA, PLLC	Suzanne Abbott - Abbott Insurance Services, LLC	Anna Rowland -United Bank	Mark Peterson - Robeson Pediatric, P.A.
Scotty Thompson - Robeson Community College	Rose Avant – Rodan & Fields	Tito Massol – Centerwell Home Health	Libby Davis – Jernigan's
	Donna Davis -Tomlinson's Dept. Store	James Bass – UNCP/GPAC	Latricia Freeman – Southeastern Life Center, Inc.

SPIRIT AWARD CONGRATULATIONS SUZANNE!



The Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce presented Suzanne Abbott of Abbott Insurance Services, LLC with the Spirit of the Chamber award recently at the Chamber Gala. This award goes to the member who best carries out the chamber's values and mission. The honored individual exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism and going above and beyond for the success and growth of the Chamber. Suzanne has been the Chair for the Golf Tournament and Lumberton Christmas parade committees for several years. She also serves as chair of the Chamber Image committee. Congratulations Suzanne!



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CHILI COOK-OFF

03.02.2024 **"IT'S A CHILI THROWDOWN"** 11:00 - 2:00

Hot Prizes for the best chili!

Parking Lot on Corner of 3rd & Water Street (Across from Adelio's Restaurant)

\$25

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All proceeds to benefit the RCC Foundation. Part of the Rumba on the Lumber Festival - Sponsored by the Robeson Road Runners.

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Rumba on the Lumber

FOOD TRUCK Extravaganza

MARCH 1, 2024
4pm-8pm

- FIERY LATIN MUSIC BY BELEZA AND BERTO & VINCENT
- BEER GARDEN AT 219 ELM
- OVER 20 FOOD TRUCKS!

Dick Taylor Plaza, Downtown Lumberton

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MAIN STREET
LUMBERTON

DOWNTOWN CLEAN SWEEP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 24

9 A.M.-11 A.M.

First Baptist Church will provide donuts and coffee.

FRIENDS OF MAIN STREET LUMBERTON

Meet in the parking lot across from Adelio's. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE!

Arts On Elm

ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

LUMBERTON DOWNTOWN PLAZA
AT NORTH ELM STREET

Saturday April 20, 2024

10:00-3:00PM

FOOD TRUCKS • KIDS ACTIVITIES
ARTS & CRAFTS • LIVE MUSIC

ROBESON
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FIT TUESDAY

A LUMBERTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AFTER HOURS EVENT

All are welcome!

Come and Network, learn about all things Rumba on the Lumber, sign up a Chili Team, sign up to run in the 5K/10K or Fun Mile and have fun!

Food by Adelio's!

Tuesday, February 27th

5:30-7:00PM

Crossfit QFE
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