



Anderson County Chamber of Commerce

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Dr. Terry Payne named Chairman of Chamber Board

Dr. Terry Payne, P.E., has been named Chairman of the Board for Anderson County Chamber of Commerce to serve 2014.

Payne is a R&D Program Manager at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) where he has been employed for the past 30 years.

He has managed R&D Programs in the areas of energy management, isotope separation, and environmental management.

Dr. Payne was instrumental in creating

numerous SBIR-funded partnerships between ORNL and small businesses.

Receiving the Ph.D. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1992 with an emphasis in "Strategic Management of Technology", he also has received his designation as a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Tennessee and has numerous publications and national presentations.

Dr. Payne is also a Leadership Anderson County and East Tennessee Regional Leadership Association Graduate.



TERRY L. PAYNE

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"Member Focus" of the Month

Farrar Lynch is a full service insurance agency. You can get your home/auto and life insurance as well as your business insurance at Farrar Lynch. Zach Farrar and Rex Lynch started Farrar Lynch with a vision to provide great insurance products coupled with the goal of providing the best customer service possible. At Farrar Lynch we understand the confusion and pressure small businesses and individuals feel when selecting their insurance. We want to help our clients choose the best options for their personalized insurance needs. Everyone deserves to fully understand all aspects of their insurance needs and the policies that stand behind their businesses and individual risks. Farrar Lynch has deep local ties to the East Tennessee community and we pride ourselves on



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serving others.

Target Market- East Tennessee individuals and businesses

Farrar Lynch supports our local community and our local businesses. Our membership in the Anderson County Chamber is a critical asset to help us meet these goals. Chamber membership

is more than just "good business." It means helping one another, it means fellowship with other business owners, and it means having the opportunity to grow your business with a trusted partner. As a member we can be sure that the Chamber will advocate on behalf of small business and help grow a better community.

From the Anderson County Chamber Board and staff, we wish you a Happy and Successful 2014

THANK YOU for your investment of confidence in the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce. We are proud to report that your Chamber had a very productive 2013. I want to share some of our major accomplishments made possible by your investment.

Before I move on, on behalf of the Chamber Board and staff, we want to thank you for your volunteer time and effort. Your involvement in Chamber Councils, Chamber Ambassadors, networking activities, etc. is vital to the Chamber's success and also serves a dual purpose as an opportunity to promote your business.

I want to recognize and thank the Chamber Board who volunteers their time to oversee the Chamber on behalf of the total membership. The Board consists of 18 Board and 9 Ex-officio members that are very engaged as Officers and Chamber Council Co-Chairs. A special thanks to outgoing Board Chairman Larry Stephens with Denark Construction who displays a genuine interest in the Chamber's mission and future growth. Larry is an outstanding leader and played a major role in the development of the Chamber's Retail Development Initiative.

A very special thanks to the Chamber staff Janet Hawkins, Director of Administration and Finance, Heather Emert, Membership Development, Diane Ilgner, Retail Development and Kim Mitchell, Administrative Assistant. Based on your feedback, they portray a friendly and professional image for the Chamber. They are an excellent team and a joy to work with.

The Chamber kicked off the Countywide Retail Development Initiative. A Retail Development Advisory Board was established that consist of representatives from the private and public entities that fund this effort. The Board serves as an advisor to the Chamber President and ultimately reports to the Chamber Board. The Chamber hired Retail Development Coordinator Diane Ilgner to serve as a resource for retail/commercial developers and business owners interested in locating to Anderson County. Diane will also, upon request, maintain a list of available retail/commercial property and space on the website. This position also serves as a resource for entrepreneurs and existing businesses, working closely with the Chamber's Business Development Council.

Thanks to Heather Emert, the Chamber's membership increased 25% in 2013. In addition to the fun annual membership

drive, Heather introduced some new initiatives to promote a "connection" for member to member business, i.e., enhanced the Chamber Ambassador Program, hosted New Member Ori-

entation Classes and introduced the "Member Focus" Spotlight. The Chamber hosted 24 Chamber Coffees/Business after Hours, and 23 ribbon cuttings.

We are expanding our Business Development Council resources to encourage entrepreneurs and support small business owners in their efforts to maintain a local business. Regular Business Development Seminars will be offered along with counseling sessions and help with financial resources. The Council will continue to develop programs to promote existing business, i.e., "Buy Local", etc.

The Government Relations Council hosted the Second Annual Economic Development Legislative Agenda involving Anderson and five neighboring counties, Campbell, Claiborne; Morgan, Scott and Union. County Mayors, Economic Development representatives and Chamber Executives from each county met to establish priority issues for the agenda. Senators McNally, Niceley, Yager and Representatives Keisling, Powers, Ragan, Roach and Windle were invited to attend and will be contacted for updates to the issues.

The Operations Council worked with the staff on some major new initiatives, i.e., enhancements to the Chamber website, monthly electronic and printed communications, adding technology upgrades to our conference room to better serve our members, and provided research and input on a new Chamber logo.

We look forward to other new initiatives that will enhance your membership investment in 2014. We want to hear from you, the member. Please contact us with suggestions or comments regarding Chamber membership.

Look forward to seeing you at our Annual Business Luncheon to learn more about the Chamber's Program of Work for 2014.

We wish you a healthy, safe, successful and Happy New Year!



Networking Events January, 2014

Tuesday, January 7, 8:00 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting – A Focused Purpose Coaching Chamber office

Tuesday, January 14, 8:00 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting – Clinton Life Magazine Chamber office

Thursday, January 16, 8 – 9:30 a.m.

Networking Coffee – David A. Vudragovich and Leslie Gross Chamber Office, 457-2559

Tuesday, January 28, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Member Orientation Chamber Office, RSVP 457-2559

Thursday, January 30, 4 p.m.

Speed Networking, Harrison's Limited to the first fifteen RSVP's, Contact Heather @ 457-2559

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

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865-235-9213

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Val-U-Signs

Individuals:

Jerry Shattuck
Bill White



COFFEE — COMMUNITY BANK OF EAST TENNESSEE

The Community Bank of East Tennessee hosted their annual Christmas Coffee on Thursday, December 5, with 3rd Graders from South Clinton Elementary School singing Christmas carols. President John Jordan welcomed Chamber members and wished everyone a Merry Christmas!



COFFEE — METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER OF OAK RIDGE

Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge hosted its annual Christmas Coffee for area Chambers of Commerce including Anderson, Lake City, Oak Ridge and Roane on Thursday, December 10. CEO Mike Belbeck welcomed Chamber members and the Methodist Medical Center Christmas Chorus shared Christmas Carols.

AMBASSADOR NEWS

Sandra Shannon was named the “Ambassador of the Quarter” and received a Riverside Grille gift card. The reward is presented to the Ambassador that accumulates the most points for their service to the Chamber. Sandra is an integral part of the Chamber and the Ambassador program. “We appreciate you, Sandra!”



AMBASSADOR PROFILE — YVONNE HART

As a Life Coach, Yvonne helps clients design successful leadership using a strength based approach. She facilitates one-on-one coaching, workshops, seminars and team retreats. For more on personal coaching, please refer to the website for A Focused Purpose Coaching at AFocusedPurpose.com

Yvonne graduated in the 2013 East TN Regional Leadership Association’s program covering fifteen counties. She is a Distinguished Toastmaster serving in both the local and district levels. Recently, Yvonne joined the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce and has become

a very active member and honorary Ambassador.

Her emphasis for 2014 is to empower leaders with the ability to sustain focused attention and will help you “Lead with Focus” as you identify your natural strengths and values to make 2014 a happier, healthier and more productive year! Please join us for her official Ribbon Cutting on January 7th at 8 a.m. at the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce.



RIBBON CUTTING — SMART CUTZ SALON

Smart Cutz Salon, 783 B N. Main St., Clinton, celebrated their grand opening with an Anderson County Chamber ribbon cutting, live remote and prizes on Friday, Dec. 13. Cutting the ribbon, center: Eddie Kherani, owner, Ashley Punjvani, Donna Ruth, manager, Hamida Punjvani and Tessa Griffith. Smart Cutz is a full service salon, hair cutz, nails, pedicures, including hair color and henna tatoos.

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Parade Thanks....

We at the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped to make the annual Clinton Christmas Parade "A Christmas to Remember" an overwhelming success.

PARADE

• Roger Houck, City Manager for support, Rick Scarbrough, Clinton Chief of Police and Sgt. Jim Campbell, the Clinton Police Department for assisting in assuring a safe parade, Chief

Archie Brummitt and the Clinton Fire Department for carrying Santa Claus, Lynn Murphy and Bill Riggs, Clinton Public Works for cleanup, and Jason Brown, Clinton Recreation Department for coordinating.

• Parade volunteers: Jay Bailey, Sid Brewer, Sarah Bumgardner, Taylor Collins, Dave Conrad, Steve, Heather and Austin Emert, Teresa Grayson, Dan and Janet Hawkins, Cheryl Hill, Mike Hill, Bruce Holt, Jimmy Huddleston, Haylee Lancaster, Brandon Lane, Ashley

Maples, Levi Martin, Wade McLemore, Amanda Mitchell, Jeanne Mitchell, Kim Mitchell, Ruby Morgan, Norm Nelson, Ashley Ragsdale, Sarah Reesor, Janna Seats, Sandra Shannon, Kathy Stair and Butch Toon

• Erin Champion and Vickie Franse for being our Parade Grand Marshalls

• Clinton Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America for providing cars and drivers for the Grand Marshalls

• Anderson County High School Band and Director Paul Brown

• Clinton High School Band and Director Danny Stone

• Anderson County High School Navy Junior ROTC, Commander Thomas Mariner (USN Ret.) and Chief Allen Davis (USN Ret.)

• Clinton High School Air Force Junior ROTC, Major (Ret.) Carl Pittman

• Clinton High School and Clinton Middle School Cheerleaders for leading the way for Santa

• Christmas Parade Judges: Dr. Richard Batt, ORNL's Terry Payne, Kenna Stephens Construction's Kenna Stephens, and Denark Construction's

Larry Stephens

• Christmas Parade Commentators for Channel 12: George Paynter, Edward Jones Investment and his wife, Jenny

• Christmas Parade Commentators for Channel 95: County Court Clerk Jeff Cole, Register of Deeds Tim Shelton and Trustee Rodney Archer

• Channel 12 and Channel 95 for filming and broadcasting parade

• Allen Handley and Ken Leinart for coverage in The Courier-News

• Jim Young

• Gary Long and the Anderson County Highway Department for the use of safety vests.

• Janet Hawkins, coordinating Parade

• All our participants and spectators – the entries were outstanding this year – the best ever!

• We hope we have not missed thanking anyone who helped make this Parade such a success. If so, we apologize...and **THANK YOU!!!**

Jackie Nichols, President

Anderson County Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Board & Staff



Joel Dew, Associate Pastor for Children and Students, accepts the first place check for Second Baptist Church's entry, "Christmas on the Farm".



HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Thank you to all who attended the Chamber's Annual Holiday Reception! And thank you so much for your generosity in supporting the Chamber Ambassadors Food Drive and Toys for Tots. Your response has been overwhelming!

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Parade winners announced

Clinton Christmas Parade “A Christmas to Remember” highlighted 92 entries on Saturday night, the largest to ever enter the parade. Even though it was a cold and windy evening, a large crowd lined Market and Main Streets to enjoy the hours of work on display in the floats, cars, trucks and motorcycles.

Judges had their work cut out for them.

Final selections were: 1st Place – Second Baptist Church, 2nd Place – Andersonville Brownies Elementary Troop #20087 and Juniors Elementary Troop #20201, 3rd Place – Mayfield’s Maggie the Cow, Honorable Mention – Clinton FFA.



Kathy McGrew, Andersonville Girl Scouts Brownies Elementary Troop #20201 and Juniors Elementary Troop #20087 accept the second place check for their entry “Daddy.”



Don Parkins with Mayfield Dairy accepts the third place check for Maggie the Cow. This year’s parade theme was “A Christmas to Remember.”



TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTED

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Town of Oliver Springs to collect Toys for Tots. Pictured here, residents of Morning Pointe of Clinton visited the Chamber office to drop off toys their families had collected. Pictured with the residents: Morning Pointe Executive Director Katie Hinch, Life Enrichment Director Alex Bustle and Chamber President Jackie Nichols. Thanks to all who helped make Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate.



AMBASSADOR CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Anderson County Chamber Ambassadors partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee to provide non-perishable food items for Anderson County’s Office on Aging. L-R: Chamber Ambassador Co-Chair Sandra Shannon, Anderson County Office on Aging Volunteer J.C. Disney, Anderson County Office on Aging Gail Disney, Zade Shannon, and Chamber Membership Development Heather Emert. Thanks to all who contributed the truckload of food!

Leadership Anderson County Class of 2014 Gives Back to the Community

The Leadership Anderson County Class of 2014 donated excess project funds to local non-profit organizations. During the November program day, the 2014 class made presentations to the following organizations: Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) of Anderson County, The Boys & Girls Club of North Anderson County, The Education Foundation for Clinton City & Anderson County Schools, The Emory Valley Center, and Junior Achievement of East Tennessee. The funding for the donations was contributed by members of the Leadership Anderson County class of 2014 and their employers as part of their class project.

The Leadership Anderson County "Community Connection" Program is presented each year by the Anderson County Chamber Commerce. The program is designed to develop leadership and project management skills and promote community involvement while providing a better understanding of local business, education, and government.

For further information contact: Anderson County Chamber of Commerce at 865-457-2559 or email: accc@andersoncountychamber.org



Accepting Leadership Anderson County Class of 2014 Donations: Prevention Coordinator Michael Foster, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) of Anderson County, Grace Isbel, Mike Swisher and the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of North Anderson County, Director of Anderson County Schools Larry Foster and Director of Clinton City Schools Dr. Vicki Violette for the Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools, Vice President of Operations Heather Gann, The Emory Valley Center, President Chip Reed, Junior Achievement of East Tennessee. Presenting the donation to Boys & Girls Club of North Anderson County is Leadership class member David Erb. Leadership class member Caleb Tipton presented donations to ASAP, the Education Foundation, Emory Valley Center, and Junior Achievement.



**Hackworth Graduates
ETRLA**

Michael Hackworth recently graduated from the East Tennessee Regional Leadership Association 2013 class after completing the 10-month program. ETRLA consists of participants from 15 counties and an education session is hosted in a different county each month. Hackworth is a graduate of the 2012 Leadership Anderson County Class, which is presented by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce.

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Roane State Community College is seeking adjunct instructors to teach a new series of business-related non-credit courses. For more information contact Kim Harris 865-882-4695 or harriskb@roanestate.edu. **Roane State** is also offering behind-the-scenes healthcare career courses such as health unit coordinators or medical scribes to enable students to become a healthcare worker in one or two semesters. For more information contact Linda Marsh 865-481-2012 or markshls@roanestate.edu.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory has received a total of 14 MarCom Awards, eight platinum and six gold awards, in the Association of Marketing and Communication's annual international competition for marketing and communications professionals. **ORNL** also received six honorable mentions. **ORNL** is managed by **UT-Battelle**.

B&W Y-12 has received the National Safety Council's Occupational Excellence Achievement Award for the tenth consecutive year. The U.S. Department of Energy Voluntary Protection Program Star of Excellence was also received.

Pellissippi State Community College took top honors in the state in a number of recent reports involving

learning support mathematics courses. Learning support mathematics prepares students for college-level math courses. A National Community College Benchmark Project report for 2012 and 2013 recognized **Pellissippi State** as having the highest completion rate of all community colleges in Tennessee for students taking developmental math classes. Another study, by the Tennessee Board of Regents, found that **Pellissippi State's** learning support mathematics students were 189 percent more likely to pass their courses in their first term of enrollment than students in similar developmental math classes at other community colleges. A third study, the 2013 Metric Report for the Complete

College Tennessee Act of 2010, showed that Pellissippi State students are among the top in the state to complete learning support mathematics classes. They also were found to be among the top in the state to succeed in finishing subsequent college-level math courses.

Century 21 announces **Kim Haase**, who has the Historic Home Specialist Designation, was named Top Listing Agent for the second month this year.

Aisin Automotive Casting Tennessee, Inc. has announced its second ma-

jor business expansion since locating in Clinton in 2004, to invest \$53.8 million in equipment and create 81 new jobs over the next two years.

John Manuck, Techmer PM CEO, was honored by the Royal Society of the Arts (RSA) during a recent visit to The Cooper Union, Manuck's alma mater, for Techmer PM's founding sponsorship of the RSA's Student Design Awards (SDAs).

Anderson County Schools and **Clinton City Schools** received \$25,000 each from The Coca-Cola Foundation to support programs that will promote physical activity and balanced diets within their schools and the local community.

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