

# Chamber Chatter

## Upcoming Chamber Meetings:

- Chamber Board Meeting, April 17, 12:00pm, at the First United Methodist Church (small fellowship hall).

## Important Updates:

- The Alexander Building renovation is moving along on pace. Concrete blocks have been placed to frame the elevator shaft and now reach well above the second floor. Steel beams have also been placed inside of the building.
- Huddle House and Quail Country Plantation both joined the Chamber this month and we are excited to be working with them on various projects.
- The Chamber recently held a seminar over the Affordable Care Act insurance/tax provisions that will affect businesses in 2013 and 2014. This seminar will be held again later this year.
- As of March 1, 2013, the Chamber of Commerce had 141 members throughout 20 cities and 4 states.

The Blakely-Early County Chamber of Commerce thanks you for being a valued Chamber member. If we can ever be of service to you please do not hesitate to let us know.

## Silent Auction Slated for April 12

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Spring Silent Auction" on April 12 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Town and Country Club.

Tickets to the event are \$20 each and a lasagna/salad meal will be served. This event is expected to be one of the Chamber's major annual fundraisers and interested parties have the opportunity to sponsor a table at one of four levels:

Founding Sponsor- **\$500**  
(8 tickets)

Gold Sponsor- **\$300**  
(5 tickets)

Silver Sponsor- **\$200**  
(4 tickets)

Bronze Sponsor- **\$100**  
(3 tickets)

\*Sponsors of this event will have their name and/or business logo listed in the event program.

The items up for auction include:

Tom Glavine autographed Atlanta Braves Jersey

Autographed footballs

Gift baskets

Photography packages

Original Alexander Building foundation bricks with nameplates

Wine tasting for 10

Upcycled Artwork

Home/Décor items

Gift certificates

PLUS MUCH MORE!

Since auction items arrive weekly, an updated list will be e-mailed out a few days before the event so you can have a better idea as to what is being auctioned off.

## Administrative Professionals Day

The Chamber will be hosting an Administrative Professionals Day luncheon from 11:30-1:00pm on April 24 at the Town and Country Club. This year's national theme is "Administrative Professionals, the Pulse of the Office."

Tickets are \$15 each and chicken salad will be served for lunch. If you are interested in attending the event please contact the Chamber at (229) 723-3741.

## Recent Visitors

The Chamber recently received visitors from Michigan and South Dakota.

## February/March Businesses of the Week

Since last month's newsletter, the Chamber has awarded four businesses with the Business of the Week Award. Congratulations to the following Businesses:

Feb. 27-Mar.6: SGRITA/  
The Conner Agency

Mar.11-Mar.17: Birdsong Peanuts

Mar. 18-Mar.24: Cashwell Photography

Each week, the Chamber selects a member business who they feel has done exceptional work and presents them with a certificate and

media exposure through Facebook and the Chamber website.

If you would like to nominate a business for this award, please e-mail the Chamber at [earlychamberdirector@gmail.com](mailto:earlychamberdirector@gmail.com) or call (229) 723-3742.