

Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available for 2008 !!

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| <p>--- May 15th – 2nd Annual Tourism Tour \$1500.00 or 3 @ \$500.00/each Lunch at Blue Willow Inn Approximate Attendance 60</p> <p>--- X 3 - Web-Site Sponsors 1-NBWC</p> <p>--- August 9th – Senior Resource Fair \$1500.00 or 5 @ \$300.00/each Approximate Attendance: 250</p> <p>--- August 22nd – Casino Night & Auction 8 Game Table Sponsors @ \$500.00/each Monroe Golf & Country Club Approximate Attendance: 150</p> | <p>--- X August 27th – Network Luncheon 3 @ \$167.00/each Approximate Attendance: 60 1/3 Meridian Homes</p> <p>--- September 25th–Fall for Walton Expo \$3000.00 or 3 @ \$1000.00/each Walton Career Academy Approximate Attendance: 400</p> <p>--- X X 3 - Web-Site Sponsors 1-NBWC 2- Meridian Homes</p> <p>--- X X 3 - October 9th- Wake Up Walton \$1500.00 or 3 @ \$500.00/each Monroe Golf & Country Club Approximate Attendance: 130</p> |
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Hot Deals have changed !!

Log onto www.waltonchamber.org, go to the Membership tab and you will find Hot Deals! As a part of your membership, any member can advertise under this listing. To receive your log in name and password contact Shirley Stone at the Walton Chamber of Commerce (770.267.6594), she will give you instructions on how easily your business can be included. By advertising in Hot Deals, you manage your own advertisement and it can be updated weekly at your convenience. Also, Hot Deal is visible to any member that logs onto the Chamber web site, meaning more exposure for your business. This is another great benefit of your membership!

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14th Annual Horton-Chamber Challenge a Success

On Friday, April 18th, the Walton County Chamber of Commerce held its 14th Annual Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament with great weather, 31 teams, 124 players, 20 volunteers and lots of fun! The golf tournament proceeds are used to fund the small business programs, leadership programs and educational programs that the chamber sponsors.



A very special thank you to Horton Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac, GMC for being our Presenting Sponsor! Horton has sponsored the tournament and the hole-in-one contest since it's beginning and we appreciate their support! During our tournament restructure this year, we also added additional sponsorship levels. We appreciate the businesses who sponsored our new sponsorships: Athens First Bank & Trust - Front 9 Sponsor, Your Community Phone Book - Back 9 Sponsor, Grace Realty Professionals - Putting Contest and to Oasis Church, OC Fitness & Next Level Leadership for sponsoring the Longest Drive Contest. Our Beverage Cart Sponsors were Eastside Furniture and Walton Regional Medical Center. Thanks to Coca-Cola and to Northeast Beverage for donating our drinks for the tournament, to Chick-Fil-A of Loganville for donating lunch for the players and volunteers and to the Monroe Golf & Country Club for the mixer event following the tournament!



Immediately following the tournament, Tim Nash assisted us with our Helicopter-Golf Ball Drop and congratulations to Lamar Palmer for winning the Golf Ball Drop...\$1000.00!



As always, we appreciate the support from the Monroe Golf & Country Club Staff in helping us make the Walton County Chamber of Commerce Horton-Chamber Challenge Tournament a Premier Tournament for Walton County!

NETWORK Luncheon

Van Horne Manor
 410 East Church Street Monroe, Ga 30655
April 30, 2008 12:00 PM
 Registration: 11:45 a.m.
 Lunch & Networking: Noon

Membership Luncheon

Monroe Golf & Country Club
May 8, 2008 12:00 PM
 Registration: 11:45 a.m.
 Lunch & Networking: Noon
 Sponsored by



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Joined as of January 1st, 2008

Edward Jones - Walter Hawk

301-B S Broad St Monroe, GA 30655
(706) 557-8538 <http://www.edwardjones.com>

Allstate Insurance - Sean Ellerbee

2395 Wall Street Suite 705 Conyers, GA 30013
(770) 922-4220

Kirk's Speed & Automotive, Inc.

524 E Spring St Monroe, GA 30655
(770) 207-7381

The Peoples Bank

71 N Broad St Winder, GA 30680
(770) 867-9111 <http://www.tpbonline.com>

Seasons by Design

1801 Oak Branch Way Loganville, GA 30052
(770) 817-8177 <http://www.seasonsbydesign.com>

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(770) 867-2485 <http://www.corebanking.net>

Enchanted Journeys

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(770) 605-3743 <http://www.enchantedjourneys.info>

David E Weaver dba Bobcat & Concrete

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(770) 316-5735
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(770)855-3340 www.wildchildarts.net

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(678) 595-1976
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RIBBON CUTTINGS



Best K Automotive

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Loganville
Owners- Steve and Betty Kocsis



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Builders - Mike Yarbrough, Mercer Harris,
Steve Dubois



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142 Highway 138, Monroe
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1901 W Spring St Monroe
President- Dawn Griffin



Precision Planning

802 E Spring St, Monroe
Vice President- Jimmy Parker



Watchmen Inc

140 South Broad Street, Monroe
Owner- John Kracht



Eastside Furniture

2887 Highway 78; Bldg 1, Suite 103, Loganville
Owner- Mac McDaniel



Renee's Day Salon and Spa

121 N Midland Avenue, Monroe
Owner- Renee Day



Los 3 Mariachis

730 Highway 138, Monroe
Owner- Vladimir Hernandez

Walton County Chamber of Commerce 2008 Calendar Membership Events

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| April | 3 | 7:30 am | Wake Up Walton Breakfast | Sept | 11 | Noon | Membership Luncheon |
| | 18 | | Golf Tournament | | 17 | 8:00 am | Coffee Connections |
| | 30 | Noon | Network Luncheon | | 24 | 8:00 am | Board of Directors Meeting |
| May | 8 | Noon | Membership Luncheon | 30 | 5:00 pm | Fall for Walton Business Expo | |
| | 15 | 7:30 am | 2nd Annual Business Tour | Oct | 9 | 7:30 am | Wake Up Walton Breakfast |
| | | 5:00 pm | JAM Session | | 22 | Noon | Network Luncheon |
| | 21 | 8:00 am | Coffee Connections | | Nov | 13 | Noon |
| 28 | 8:00 am | Board of Directors Meeting | 22 | 7:00 pm | | Holiday Ball | |
| June | 12 | 7:30 am | Wake Up Walton Breakfast | 26 | | 8:00 am | Board of Directors Meeting |
| | 25 | 8:00 am | Coffee Connections | Dec | 11 | 7:30 am | Wake Up Walton Breakfast |
| July | 30 | 8:00 am | Board of Directors Meeting | | 18 | 5:00 pm | JAM Session |
| Aug | 9 | Morning | Senoir Resource Fair | Mark your calendar for these exciting upcoming events ! | | | |
| | 14 | 7:30 am | Wake Up Walton Breakfast | | | | |
| | 22 | 7:00 pm | Casino Night & Auction | | | | |
| | 27 | Noon | Network Luncheon | | | | |

Food, Facts and Photos!

March's Membership Luncheon

Sponsored by:



Special Guest Speaker:
Larry Witcher

On March 13th, 2008 Larry Witcher gave a photographic history presentation on Walton County. Over 100 members joined us for this event. Larry's slideshow presentation was a blast from the past showing many of the historical businesses and buildings of Walton County and how they have changed throughout the years.



Coffee Connections

Ready, Set, NETWORK !!!



Sponsored by:



In January, our version of speed networking, Coffee Connections, was held at Twisted Oak Restaurant in Monroe. It's not what you know but who you know that makes the difference. So, grab a handful of business cards and start your day at our next coffee connection on May 21st at 8 a.m. to make rewarding and lasting relationships with other business people in our community.

Wake UP Walton Breakfast

THE WAKE UP WALTON BREAKFAST was held Thursday February 14, 2008 at the Monroe Country and Golf Club, sponsored by Walton EMC. Brenda Moody, the Director of student Affairs at the Athens Technical College Monroe Campus, spoke on the topic of "Using State Dollars to Develop Work Place Knowledge and Skills".

Sponsored by:



The 60th Diamond Anniversary Annual Meeting



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Media Sponsor:



The 60th Diamond Anniversary Annual Meeting was held on January 17th, 2008 with over 300 in attendance.

Thank you to Lee Epting Catering for the great food, Twisted Oaks Restaurant for providing the bar, Standridge Color Corporation for the use of their facility, and DCR Media for the sound system. A huge thank you to our sponsors Landmark Dodge Chrysler and Jeep of Monroe and UNISIA of Georgia for their support of the Chamber and this event. The 2007 Chairman of the Board, Debra Smith, performed the "Passing of the Gavel" to our 2008 Chairman of the Board, Lee Garrett.



Congratulations to other award winners:

- Public Service Award** - Bruce Wright, Chief Deputy, Walton Co Sherrifs Office
- Large Business of the Year Award** - UNISIA of Georgia Corporation
- Small Business of the Year Award** - Alcovy Sign Professional, Inc.
- Ambassador of the Year Award** - Windy Crutchfield
- J.L. McGarity Citizenship Award** - Debra Smith
- Auction Winner** - Dawn Griffin, Annual Meeting Chairperson

Mentor Luncheon & Training

The Mentor Luncheon was held at Carver Middle School on Tuesday, January 8th. Mentor's were introduced to their Mentees. Lunch was provided by Carver Middle School. The Training session for the next mentor group was held at Youth Middle School on February 27th. 7 Mentors were trained. Lunch was provided by Church at the Grove.



2008 Board of Directors

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Teri Wommack

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| Tim Barron – Mayor, Loganville | Dr. Timothy Lull – Walton County Board of Education |
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| Kevin Little – Board of Commissioners, Chairman | Ronnie Thompson – Mayor, Jersey |

Ex-Officio Members

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| Senator Bill Cowsert | District 46 |
| Senator John Douglas | District 17 |
| Representative Jeff May | District 111 |
| Representative Len Walker | District 107 |

2008 Ambassadors

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| Stacey Goddard - Arbonne | Dana Phelps - The Walton Tribune |
| Kirk Ivey -Print Logic | Donna Yearwood - Honey General Store |
| Olivia Carrell - Snellville Heating and Air | Don Clark - Cotton Estates |
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| Sherry Gray - Travel Scapes | Debbie Potter - Legacy State Bank |
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| Loren Roberts - City of Monroe Police Department | Christy Ellerbee - Ellerbee |
| Tracey Thompson - Liberty First Bank | Mac McDaniel - Eastside Office Furniture |
| Jerry Golden - Golden Productions | Amy Pall - First Piedmont Bank |
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| Julie Carter - United Community Bank | Lynn Stevens - Pinnacle Bank |
| Matt Shirley - Brand Mortgage Group | Christa Reynolds - Fox's Pizza Den |
| Emily Carnes - Roxy Salon and Spa | |

Local STAR Students

PAGE Student Teacher Achievement Recognition



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On February 21, 2008 the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation celebrated the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) programs 50th anniversary. To be eligible for such an award, high school seniors must attain the highest SAT scores as well as be in the top 10 percent of their class based on grade point average. Each STAR student then chooses their STAR teacher. This year's STAR banquet was sponsored by the Walton County Chamber of Commerce, where we recognized STAR students from George Walton Academy, Loganville Christian Academy, Loganville High School, Monroe Area High School, and Social Circle High School.

George Walton Academy

STAR Student.....Dillon Horne
 STAR Teacher.....Jo Taylor

Loganville Christian Academy

STAR Student.....Kyle Christopher Parkin
 STAR Teacher.....Lorna Wilmot

Loganville High School

STAR Student.....Jordan Blair Mitchell
 STAR Teacher.....Donald Wisdom

Monroe Area High School

STAR Student.....Kimberly Ann Arguto
 STAR Teacher.....Casey Bond

Social Circle High School

STAR Student.....John Farrow
 STAR Teacher.....David Smith



Network, Network, Network!

If you have not attended of our networking functions, what are you waiting for? We encourage you to come and see what it's all about.

April 30th, 2008
 Van Horne Manor
 410 East Church Street
 Monroe, Ga 30655