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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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28th Annual Atlanta Legislative Fish Fry

On behalf of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Staff and the Atlanta Legislative Fish Fry Committee, we would like to thank our community for the support they gave for the 28th Annual Legislative Fish Fry. Not only did our businesses, organizations and individuals give monetarily, but most of all, they gave of their time. They left Cordele early on the day of the fish fry and returned home late that night, after putting in a full day's work. We had volunteers who set up displays (Darton College, South Georgia Technical College, Southwest Ga. United, SAM Shortline, Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club, Cordele/Crisp Industrial Development Council, Crisp County Community Council, Crisp County Ag Technology Center, Crisp Regional Health Services, and Crisp County School System. Thanks to Anna Hurt and Kimberly Reid, co-chairs of the Atlanta Legislative Fish Fry Committee for their leadership in putting this event together. We had over 150 volunteers who helped perform various duties at the event. Kim Gunnells (our chief decorator from Crisp County Middle School) transformed the Depot into a place which showcased all the great businesses and partners in the community. We had many volunteers who

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Mission Statement

"The Mission of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce is to support, maintain, and promote members businesses and quality of life in our community."

Connect with us!

We're social!!!



New Members

Mandy Mercer

111 North Cedar Creek
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Father Scott Winchel **St. Theresa Catholic Church**

807 South 3rd Street
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Dr. Charles E. Sauls DMD

106 Willingham Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
229-776-6888

Peggy Morris

Larue's Accounting
702 Stewart Avenue

of hushpuppies (donated by Captain D's). The cookers were headed up by James Gilliam. Volunteers helped greet and host, which was headed up by Mike & Kathy Browning (State Farm). Connie Carney chaired the Hostess Committee. We also had volunteers help with the name tag table, which was headed up by Gail Reynolds. Chamber Chairman Ron Cruz (Pridgen Brothers), Past Chairman Briley Edwards (Ameris Bank), Jerry Carney and Eli Tinsley (PlantersFirst Bank) handled coordinating the interviews which were covered by WSST-DT51 (Lee Wright & Jacob Smarr). The event was held on Feb. 10th at the Georgia Railroad Depot in downtown Atlanta. This event started 28 years ago as a way to promote our community and a way to communicate our needs to the legislator. Over the past 28 years, our community has had much development and growth due to this event. The first project was the building of the 18-hole golf course at Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park and was followed by the conference center, lodging, marina and grill at the State Park. We then asked for funding of a satellite center of South Ga. Technical College and just a few years after it was built we asked and received funding for an expansion to that facility. We also have received funding for the S.A.M. Shortline Excursion Train, railroad improvements for the HOG Railroad and for the Cordele Inland Port as well as funding for many industries, which have located here over the last 28 years.

This year we primarily asked for funding for rail improvements for the Cordele Inland Port. It is essential that the track conditions between Cordele and Vidalia are brought to solid Class 2 standards. This will allow trains to operate safely at 25 miles per hour creating efficient service of intermodal traffic moving to the Port of Savannah. Crisp County is attracting new industry due to the presence of the Inland Port. Many of these businesses ship general cargo by rail, and we must continue to upgrade the rail line and add new capacity to handle increased traffic. Without investment new industry will be turned away due to physical constraints of the railroad.

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Tammie Sims
eRecycling Georgia LLC
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Cobb, GA 31735
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Dr. Randall Jordan
Jordan Eye Care
1107-E South Greer Street
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Dr. Daryl Chapman
Chapman Family Dentistry
706 East 16th Avenue

State College to complete Darton Downtown Cordele. This project is to complete the second floor classroom space and a large school auditorium/meeting space.

In addition we asked for funding for the new \$3 million Ag Technology Center for education, which will be located on a 30 acre tract at new school complex. Includes classroom, kitchen, greenhouse, arena, teaching farm and livestock housing

Special thanks to John Watford (South Ga. Technical College) for providing the training session for volunteers who attended the fish fry. Special thanks to the Youth Build workers and staff who attended and help prepare the fish for cooking and then helped clean up afterwards. Also, special thanks to Gary Youngblood with the CCPC for all that he did from preparing the cookers, filling propane tanks, to loading and unloading, cooking haul supplies and clean up. Special thanks to Chuck Christmas of Marvair for pulling the trailer donated by Big Tex Trailer to and from the event.

We would like to also thank our many sponsors: Platinum: Big Tex Trailers, City of Cordele, Crisp County Board of Commissioners, Crisp County Power Commission, Ameris Bank ; Gold Sponsors: Colony Bank, Cordele Inland Services, Friends of Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park, Cordele-Crisp Tourism, Johnson Electronic Systems, Lake Blackshear Resort, Marvair, Impact Sports & Fitness, Southern Fiber Worx, Woodard's Nursery, Silver: Michelle Smith, Attorney at Law, Easter Seals of Southwest Georgia, South Georgia Technical College, Darton College, Crisp Regional Health Services, Planters First Bank, WSST-TV, South Georgia Banking Company, Cook Industrial Electric, Cordele Metal Works, Norbord, Helena Industries, Culpepper-Wade Oil, Marvair, State Farm Insurance (Mike & Curt Browning), Melody Godfrey Insurance, Lawson & Reid LLC, Wells Hardware & Supply, Williams-Pitts Oil, Rainey Funeral Home, Harris Waste Management Group, Mike Fraser's Auto Repair, Crumley's Construction Company, Friends of SAM Shortline Excursion Train, Edward Jones, Ricky Smith, Gene Ford,

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Cordele, Ga 31015
229-805-0610

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Cordele, GA 31015

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D's, Georgia Peanut Commission, Cordele Public Works, Crisp Co. Public Works, Crisp Co. School System, Ag Technologies, and Culpepper-Wade Oil, Inc.

We would especially like to thank Rep. Buddy Harden and Sen. Greg Kirk for all that they did to help make the event a success and all that they do for our community throughout the session and year.

The chamber is grateful for those who helped make this a successful event, which showcased our community to several hundred guests. If you have never participated in this event, we invite you to go with us to Atlanta in February 2017 and be part of an event which brings much attention to our community!



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Steve Gautney
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Lori Hobbs
Crisp County Health Dept.

67th Annual Dinner

The 67th Annual Dinner & Meeting was held on March 3rd at the Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club.

Entertainment for the dinner was provided by Georgia

Southwestern State University Jazz Band under the direction of Dr. Mark Laughlin.

Outgoing chairman Briley Edwards recognized the following retiring directors for their service: William Edwards, C.J. Griffin, Jeff Hulett, Bridget Milani, Jeff Whelchel, Anil Makiklal, Brad Westenfield, and Richard Grogg

Several awards were presented:

Sara Alford was named the Exceedingly Excellent Teacher of the Year

Trisha Bush (Century21) was named the Ambassador of the Year

Laura Garland (Colony Bank) was named the Volunteer of the Year

Mr. A.J. Rivers received the "Lifetime Achievement Award for his 44 years of service to the chamber and to the City of Cordele

Small Business of the Year: Southwest Ga. Rehab
Medium Business of the Year: Stripling's General Store

Large Business of the Year: Helena Industries
Manufacturer of the Year: Norbord Georgia

Special thanks to the annual dinner sponsors:

Platinum

Ameris Bank

Impact Sports & Fitness

Johnson Electronic Systems

Planters First Bank

Southern Fiber Worx

South Georgia Technical College

Woodard Nursery

Gold

Lawson & Reid, LLC

Silver

Colony Bank

Cordelia Manor Independent & Personal Care Home

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Renewals

16 East Restaurant

Adventist Community Services
South Georgia

Carter Burger's

Cordele Tire Company, INC.

Crisp Regional Health Services

Daphne Lodge

Ford Family Dentistry

Gene Ford

GTC Fitness Center

Harris Waste Management Group

McDonald's of Cordele

Ben Morris

Frank Olson

Penia Baptist Church

Pettis Tire Company, LLC

Premier Orthopedics

Sherwin-Williams Company

Farmer's Appreciation Dinner

The 17th Annual Farmer's Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for March 24th.



Sponsorship Opportunities available!

Also, if you or your company would like to provide a door prize, please bring it by the chamber or call and we can pick it up.

For every \$50 donated, you receive a ticket to attend.

Deadline is March 20th in order to be included in the program.

Call the Chamber today at (229) 273-1668

Leadercast

May 6, 2016

The Chamber along with Crisp Regional Hospital and Cordele First Baptist Church are sponsoring Leadercast in Cordele on May 6th, 2016



Tickets:

**Now until - March 15th \$ 60.00 each
after March 15th \$75.00**

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum \$1,000

Wallace Summers

TJ's Italian American
Restaurant

Dr. Rick Weidner

Wilkinson Foods
International Ltd.

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Thank you for renewing your membership in the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce.

We would not be able to sponsor the many events and provide services without your support!

Calendar of Events

March 9th
9:30 a.m.

Tourism Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

March 15th
10:00 a.m.

Leadership Crisp Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

March 16th 9:00 a.m.
Keep Crisp Beautiful
Chamber Boardroom

March 16th
12:00 Noon
Ambassador Meeting
Golden Corral

March 17th
8:30 a.m.

Gold \$750
Silver \$500
Bronze \$250
Supporting \$100

**For information on sponsor levels
call the chamber 273-1668**

Ambassador of the Month



Eve Pope

Eve Pope is currently employed through Planter's First in Cordele where she works as a Commercial Drive-thru Teller. She is a member of Vienna Church of God and enjoys gardening, scrap-booking, and walking. Eve became a Chamber Ambassador because she enjoys networking with new people and to promote the Chamber and community.

Board Member of the Month

Watermelon Days
Chamber Boardroom

March 22, 23 & 24th
Teen Maze
Crisp County High School

March 24th
4:00 p.m.
Great American Kick-Off
Crisp Co. Extension Office

March 28th
12:00 Noon
Executive Committee
Chamber Boardroom

March 29th
8:30 a.m.
Board of Directors
Crisp Regional Hospital

Newsletter Guidelines



In order to ensure the quality of our newsletter, the following guidelines have been compiled for those making a contribution.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact Monica Simmons (229) 273-1668 or email msimmons@cordele-crisp-chamber.com

To ensure quality we ask that all content be sent in via



Bambie Hayes

Bambie Hayes is a Cordele native and graduate of the Shorter University. Bambie is currently the Executive Director of Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity, a Doctor of Business Administration student, Certified Economic Development Professional, and licensed Real Estate broker. Bambie serves as President Elect for the Cordele Kiwanis Club and 1st Vice President of the American Legion Auxilary Post 542. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering with youth and veterans. she is a member of the Chamber to assist the Chamber and its partners to improve our community

Business of the Month



Impact Sports and Fitness

Impact Sports and Fitness Gym offers Group Exercise, Personal Training, Childcare (included with membership) Available Mon-Thurs from 4-7, City Blends Juice Bar and Smoothies, Various Brands of Supplements, Cooler Drinks,

email only.

You may send to Monica Simmons msimmons@cordele-crisp-chamber.com or Catherine Harrell cmays@cordele-crisp-chamber.com

- Deadline to submit is the 25th of each month by 5:00 PM.
- Submissions are not to exceed 250 words.
- We ask that any documents be formatted in Times New Roman 12pt font, be single-spaced, and use 1-inch margins on all sides. This helps keep our newsletter looking more streamlined.
- We ask that any photos emailed in be in jpeg format to ensure the quality of the image.



Congratulations to John Watford being

Tanning, Exercise Machines, Free Motion, Cardio Theater, Nutrition, Counselling, and a Speed & Strength Program. They are open Monday-Thursday 5:30 am -10 pm, Friday 5:30 am - 7 pm, Saturday 8 am - 3 pm, and Sunday 2 pm - 6 pm. They are located at 1107 South Greer Street Suite C in Cordele. They may be reached at (229) 271-1900.



Keep Crisp Beautiful Upcoming Events

Spring County Wide Cleanup Saturday, March 19th

We need YOU to participate in helping clean up our community! If you see trash or unsightly areas, make it a priority to do something about it! Keep Crisp Beautiful will provide gloves and trash bags to those who wish to participate.

Trash bins will be located at Williams Field to collect overflow!



Be sure to SHARE pictures of you cleaning up with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Google+, and Pinterest using hashtag #crispandclean

Call Catherine Harrell at 273-1669 to reserve your supplies!



Sponsored by:
Keep Crisp Beautiful
& Advanced Disposal Services

named President of South Georgia Technical College!

Goody Items Needed!

We are in need of your goody items for our newcomer baskets and upcoming events!

You may drop them off at our office ANY time!



67th Annual Watermelon Days Festival

June 4th - 25th, 2016



For a list of events, call or email the chamber.
(229) 273-1668
info@cordele-crisp-chamber.com

**Great American Cleanup
Kickoff**

I "moustache" you
to keep our community clean!!

March 24th

4:00 PM

**Crisp County Extension Office
110 W 13th Ave # C
Cordele, GA 31015**

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