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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

March 2015 Newsletter

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27th Atlanta Legislative Fish Fry

February 11th the Cordele Crisp Chamber of Commerce, it's members, and officials with the City of Cordele & Crisp County headed to Atlanta for the 27th Annual Atlanta Legislative Fish Fry to have a meet and greet (and some delicious fish!) with the legislators in Atlanta.



Mini Meet & Greet

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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."



Special THANKS to our
27th ANNUAL ATLANTA FISH FRY SPONSORS:

PLATINUM

- Ameris Bank
- City of Cordele
- Crisp County Power Commission
- Impact Sports & Fitness
- Marvair, Airxcel, Inc.
- Woodard Nursery

Gold

- Board of Commissioners of Crisp County
- Cordele-Crisp Tourism

Silver

- Ag Technologies
- Colony Bank
- Cordele Intermodal Services
- Cordele Metal Works
- Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park
- Wells Hardware & Supply

Bronze

- Captain D's
- Cook Industrial Electric Company, Inc.
- Crisp County Board of Education
- Crisp Regional Health Services
- Easter Seals of Southern Georgia
- Georgia Cotton Commission

New Members

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4580 Bedgood Avenue
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Georgia Peanut Commission
Georgia Pecan Commission
Harvey's Supermarket
Helena Industries
Michelle Smith
Mike Fraser's Auto Repair
Pepsi Bottling Company
PlantersFirst Bank
SAM Shortline Excursion Train
South Georgia Banking Company
Stripling's General Store
Williams-Pitts Oil Company, Inc.
WSST DT51

Supporting
Cordele Main Street
Cordelia Manor Independent & Personal Care Home
Crumley's Construction Company
Culpepper-Wade Oil, Inc.
Darton College
Edward Jones Investments/ Richard Smith
Gene Ford
Melody Godfrey Insurance Agency
Griffin Lumber Company
Harris Waste Management Group
Heart of Georgia Railroad
Lawson & Reid LLC Attorneys At Law
State Farm Insurance

We would also like to thank the planning committee under Vice Chair Kimberly Reid and the 140+ volunteers who attended and helped make the event a success.

**Farmer's Appreciation Dinner
March 12 - Cordele Lions Club**

The Ag Committee of the Chamber will once again host the Annual Farmer's Appreciation Dinner. All Crisp County farmers are invited to attend the event. The Cordele Kiwanis Club will recognize the Top Producers for 2014.

Sponsors are needed as well as door prizes. If you would like to help with this event, email or call the chamber by March 9th.

Sponsorships

Please help us
welcome our
new members!

For each \$50 donated you will receive 1 ticket to attend.
*If a company is interested in being the "titled" sponsor,
please call for info.

Door Prizes NEEDED

Renewals

Professional Administrative Day Luncheon

Big Tex Trailers Mfg.

April 22, 2015, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

CBV Collections

Cordele First Methodist Activities Center

Carter Burger's

If you have an item that you would like to donate for door prizes, please contact your Ambassador or the Chamber Staff!

Cordele Tire Company

Cordele Trophy

Sponsorships:

Platinum \$250 Table of 8, Name on Posters, on tickets and Program and Table Topper on All Tables

Daphne Lodge

Export Packaging Company

Gold \$150 4 tickets, Name on Posters & Program

Farmer Signs

Silver \$75 2 tickets, Name on Posters & Program

First Presbyterian Church

Tickets to attend are \$13 each

GTC Fitness Studio

66TH ANNUAL WATERMELON DAYS FESTIVAL
JUNE 4th - 27th

Harris Waste Management

The Watermelon Days Festival Committee is busy making plans for the 66th Annual Festival. The main day of the festival is June 27th. Sponsors are needed to help promote and support this event, which is the oldest festival in the state.

Houston Baptist Association

Sponsorship Info:

Watermelon Days Festival Sponsorship 2015

H & R Block

PLATINUM - 750.00

GOLD - 500.00

Jean Rogers

SILVER - 250.00

BRONZE - 100.00

J. W. Williams Funeral Home

For additional information call the Chamber (229) 273-1668

Mike Brannon

STAR Student/Teacher Luncheon

Murray Printing Co.

**Pettis Tire Company,
LLC**

Phillips Appliance

PlantersFirst Bank

**Purchasing Alliance
Solutions, Inc.**

**Robert B. Moss, Jr.,
DMD PC**

**South Georgia
Technical College**

Wal-Mart Stores

Willow Apartments

**Thank you to the
following businesses and
individuals for renewing
your membership!**

Calendar of Events:

**March 3
wi-fi Meeting
9:00 a.m.
Chamber Boardroom**

**March 11th
9:30 a.m.
Tourism Committee
Chamber Boardroom**

**March 12th
8:30 a.m.
Watermelon Days
Committee
Chamber Boardroom**

The Cordele Lions Club hosted the STAR Student/Teacher Luncheon on Feb. 22nd. Representatives from the Cordele/Crisp Community League, Cordele Kiwanis Club, Cordele Rotary Club, Cordele-Crisp Chamber Board of Directors and Crisp County Lions Club were in attendance as well as representatives from Crisp County School System and Crisp Academy



Crisp County High School: Nicholas Stanley and Andrew Bell

**March 12th
7:00 p.m.
Farmer's Appreciation
Dinner
Cordele Lions Club**

**March 13th
7:00 p.m.
Cordele/Crisp
Community League
Gala
Lake Blackshear
Resort**

**March 13th & 14th
Georgia Bass Youth
Bass Tournament
Lake Blackshear**

**March 18th
9:00 a.m.
Keep Crisp Beautiful
Chamber Boardroom**

**March 18th
12:00 Noon
Ambassador
Committee
Crisp Co. Power
Boardroom**

**March 21st
Spring County Wide
Clean-up**

**March 23rd
12:00 Noon
Executive Committee
Chamber Boardroom**

**March 24th
8:30 a.m.
Board of Directors
Crisp Regional
Hospital**



**Crisp Academy: Helen Hunt, Bree Carpenter, Grant Owens,
and Phyllis Cello**

March 24th
4:00 p.m.
"How Sweet it is..." to
Live in a Clean
Community!
Great American
Cleanup Kickoff
Crisp County 4-H
Office

March 30th
12:00 Noon
CEO Quarterly
Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

Are you social?

We are too!!



Email Catherine Harrell at
cmays@cordele-crisp-chamber.com

and let us know your address
so we can like, follow, and
share today!

"How Sweet it is" ... to Live in a Clean Community!

Tuesday, March 24th 2015

4:00 PM

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

Refreshments provided!

Sponsored by:
Keep Crisp Beautiful and Crisp County 4-H

For more information, contact Catherine Harrell
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Entrepreneur & Small Business QUICKFACTS

- There are 716,838 registered establishments in Georgia (SOS: 2/2/15)
- According to the GA Dept. of Labor, 281,554 business establishments represented GA employment in the second quarter of 2014; of those:
 - 99.8% are categorized as small (fewer than 500 employees)
 - 97.6% employed fewer than 100
 - 94.6% employed fewer than 50
 - 77.5% employed fewer than 10

- **Georgia Rankings**

- GDEcD ranks #1 'best in class' state-level economic development agency in US (IEDC 11/14)
- GA ranks #5 in US and #2 in Southeast in over-the-year job creation (GDOL 11/14)
- GA ranks #1 (second year running) in US for best state for business (Site Selection 11/14)
- GA ranks #1 (up from #8) in US for top state for business and remains #1 in workforce (CNBC 7/14)
- GA ranks #1 for being the top competitive state in US (Site Selection 5/14)
- GA ranks #1 (2nd straight year) in US for fastest growth in number of women-owned firms (American Express OPEN 3/14)
- GA ranks #11 in US as a top exporting state (Trade & Economic Analysis 3/14)
- Emory University and Georgia Tech among top 100 universities in the world (Center for World University Rankings 7/14)
- Georgia Tech among top 12 universities for creating economic impact through innovation (Innovation U 2.0 5/14)
- 89% of Georgia's companies employ 5 and under (AEO/US Census)

- **Miscellaneous**

- Atlanta ranks best in US Foreign Investment Strategy, 13th globally (Global Cities of the Future 2014/15)
 - Atlanta ranks #5 in US for green office buildings and other commercial properties (Green Building Adoption Index 7/14)
 - Atlanta ranks #5 on Enterprising Cities list (US Chamber 5/14)
 - Atlanta 'burbs Sandy Springs & Marietta rank #6 in US as top ten fastest growing places to retire (Nerdwallet.com 3/14)
 - Atlanta ranks #12 for America's Fastest Growing Cities 2014 (Forbes 2/14)
 - Atlanta ranks #1 in US as the Top City to which people are moving (CNNMoney 1/14)
 - Metro Atlanta in Top 5 nationally (out of 100) for the "World's Most Competitive Cities" (IBM/Site Selection 12/13)
 - Atlanta gets an "A-" for overall Small Business Friendliness (Thumbtack/Kauffman)
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Chamber Staff visits Blackshear Villas



Catherine Harrell the Keep Crisp Beautiful Director and Tamala Arnett, Social Media Coordinator at the Chamber brought balloons courtesy of the Chamber and books from KCB's book drive to the residents at Blackshear Villa.

SGTC Honor Society helps KCB



South Georgia Technical College National Technical Honor Society of Crisp County Campus helps Keep Crisp Beautiful "Save the Books" with their Book Recycling Week!

Spring County Wide Cleanup Saturday, March 21st

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 **#erispandeclean**

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



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Advanced Disposal Services

Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park Update

1) Lake Blackshear Resort & Georgia Veterans State Park will be holding a job fair on March 5, 2015 from 9am to 4pm. This will be ALL departments; front desk, kiosk, engineering, maintenance, Cypress Grill servers, Cordelia's servers, housekeeping and much more. Applications will be available that day and interviews will be conducted on site so please come prepared and dressed appropriately.

2) Friday the 13th is next weekend! The Cordele-Crisp Community League will hold their annual Spring Gala and this year it is the Superstitious Ball. There is a silent auction, cash bar and door prizes. The featured band is Loose Chain Band. Call CCCL at (229) 273- 5151 for tickets. This annual event is one

that you never want to miss! Flyer is attached

3) Cypress Grill will reopen for the season on March 21st for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration! We will have Highway 55 Band on stage. Doors open at 5pm. \$5.00 cover after 9pm. There will be a soft opening of Cypress Grill on March 20th with DJ Dangerous playing all of our favorites. Doors open at 5pm. Flyers are attached.

Mini Meet & Greet



ypn | *Young Professional Network*
Of Crisp County, GA

March 19th

Chick Fil A

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM



If you are a professional looking to connect and develop your social network of people who share your interests, join us for our "Mini Meet & Greet" Event Thursday, March 19th at Chick Fil A. The event will be drop in from 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM with the opportunity to enjoy minis and coffee while learning about what YPN can do for you!

Don't miss this opportunity to connect.

Sponsored by Young Professional Network of Crisp County