

CORDELE · CRISP

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 2015

Administrative Professionals Luncheon

The 23rd annual Professional Administrative Day luncheon was enjoyed this year by almost 200 guests. The hard working professionals from all over Cordele/Crisp County enjoyed a lunch catered by TJ's Italian America Restaurant. Special thanks to the Cordele First United Methodist Church for hosting the event in the Activities Center and for door prizes donated generously by local businesses! The guest were treated to a One Act Play by the CCHS Drama Club. Special thanks to the Ambassadors for coordinating the event.

Thank you to our sponsors...

Platinum:

Cook Industrial Electric

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**Cordelia Manor Independent & Personal Home
Care**

Culpepper-Wade Oil Company

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State Farm Insurance



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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."**



Thank you to the businesses who generously donated door prizes!

- 16 East
- Adams Drug Store
- ADM Alliance Nutrition
- Agri AFC
- Albany Tractor Company
- Ameris Bank
- Betty's Custom Framing
- Bud's Barber Shop
- Burger King
- Calhoun Produce
- Carter Burgers
- Chic-Fil - A
- Colony Bank
- Comfort Inn & Suites
- Cook Industrial Electric
- Country Financial/Whiddon Ins.
- Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce
- Cordele Housing Authority
- Cordelia Manor Independent & Personal Home Care
- Cracker Barrel
- Crenshaw Jewelers
- Crimson & Clover
- Crisp Area Arts Alliance
- Crisp County Power Commission
- Crisp Farms
- Crisp Regional Hospital
- Culpepper-Wade Oil
- Daphne Lodge
- Destiny Fitness
- Doherty, Duggan, Hart & Tiernan Insurers
- Edward Jones/Jeff Whelchel
- Edward Jones/Ricky Smith
- Ellis Bros. Pecan
- Empire Dance & Performing Arts Studio
- Flint River Pottery
- Game On
- Gardner Electric, Inc.
- Golden Corral

Connect with us!

We're social!!!



New Members

Dorie Griffith
 820 Jalappa Road
 Byromville, GA 31007
 478-244-6827
 478-953-8394 Fax

Allison Brown
 ADM Alliance Nutrition
 2201 East 13th Avenue
 Cordele, GA 31015
 229-273-7400
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Renewals

Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity

First United Methodist Church

Insure Logic

Piedmont Construction Group, LLC

Rags To Riches Boutique

RDR Car Truck Van Rentals

Robert Powell

Calendar of Events

May 1st - 8th
National Tourism Week

May 1st
10:00 a.m.
Ribbon Cutting
Empire Dance & Performing Arts Studio

May 1st
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Lunch in the Park

May 1st

Harris Waste Management
Harvey's Super Market
Hughes & Wright Funeral Home
Hurt Family Denistry
H & R Block
Impact Sports & Fitness
Jack's Downtown Gym
Katz Veterinary Services
Keep Crisp Beautiful

Krystal
Labor Finders
Leger & Son
Lisa Cross LMT
McDonald's

M. D. Whitest Medical Institute
Mike Fraser's Auto Repair
Murray Printing
Perlis Realty Company
PlantersFirst Bank
PlantersFirst Operations
Pruitt Hospice
Regions Bank
Riley's Deli

SAM Shortline Excursion Train
Smoakies Bar-B-Que
Sonic Drive In

South Georgia Banking Company
South Georgia Technical College
State Farm Insurance
Subway/BP Station
Sunbelt Ford of Cordele

The Breeze Way/Teresa Watson
The Cove at Lake Blackshear
T. J.'S Italian Restaurant
Three's Company
U-Save-It Pharmacy

West Central Georgia Community Center
Wildes Electric Incorporated

Relay for Life
Lions Park

May 2nd
Pickers in the Park
Crisp County Lions Club
Yard Sale
Crisp Regional Park

May 2nd
7:00 p.m.
Gospel Sings by Grace
Community Clubhouse

May 4th
11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Badges for Life Blood
Drive
Community Clubhouse

May 5th
Mike Roobin Classic
Golf Tournament
Pine Hills

May 8th
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Crisp Area Arts Alliance
Casino Night
Pine Hills Country Club

May 9th
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Touch -A-Train
Georgia Veterans
Memorial State Park

May 11th
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Job Fair & Career Expo
Community Clubhouse

May 12th
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Red Cross Blood Drive

May 13th
9:30 a.m.
Tourism Committee
Chamber Boardroom

May 14th
8:30 a.m.
Watermelon Days
Committee
Chamber Boardroom

May 18th

Ribbon Cutting



Railway Freight

Manufacturer of the Year Norbord Cordele



Pictured:

Front row: Catherine Harrell, Christy Bozeman, Monica Simmons, Michelle Sealy
Back row: John Watford, David Jones, Wally Summers, & Katie Chasteen

National Tourism Week

Did you know?

Travel and tourism is one of America's largest industries

- Generated \$2.1 trillion in economic output in 2014, with \$927.9 billion spent directly by domestic and international travelers.
- Directly generated \$141.5 billion in tax revenue for local, state and federal governments.
- Direct spending by resident and international travelers in the U.S. averaged \$2.5 billion a day, \$105.8 million an hour, \$1.8 million a minute and \$29,398 a second.
- Each U.S. household would pay \$1,147 MORE IN TAXES without the tax revenue generated by the travel industry.

Travel and tourism is one of America's largest employers

- Travel supports 15 million jobs in the U.S.-8 million direct tourism jobs and 7 million indirect and induced jobs.
- One in every 9 American jobs depends on travel.
- \$221.7 billion in travel-generated payroll for those employed directly in U.S. travel industry.
- Travel is among the top 10 industries in 49 states and D.C. in terms of employment.
- Since the employment recovery began, the travel industry has added 865,600 jobs and has outpaced job growth in the rest of the

12:00 noon
Executive Committee
Chamber Boardroom

May 18th
5:30 p.m.
EZ Annual Meeting

May 19th
8:30 a.m.
Board of Directors
Crisp Regional Hospital

May 19th
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Professional Polish
Pine Hills Country Club

May 20th
9:00 a.m.
Keep Crisp Beautiful
Chamber Boardroom

May 20th
12:00 Noon
Ambassador 101
Darton College
Downtown

May 21st
Crisp Academy
Graduation

May 22nd
Crisp County High
School Graduation

May 25th
Memorial Day
Chamber Office Closed

May 25th
Kiwanis Club Road Race
Georgia Veterans
Memorial State Park

May 28th
10:00 a.m.
Ribbon Cutting and Re-
Grand Opening
Comfort Inn & Suites

May 30th
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Paint Cordele Red
Cordele-Crisp Chamber
of Commerce

economy by 37 percent.

Wally Wednesday

The Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce, in an effort to continue to promote shopping with our local member merchants is excited to announce a new shop local campaign "Wally Wednesday".

How does Wally Wednesday work?

- Each week a participating business is chosen to be the Business Spotlight of the Week. All chamber member businesses are eligible.
- The business's picture and information will be posted on social media Wednesday morning.
- Wally will be hidden in the business chosen for the week. The first customer to find Wally will receive a \$25.00 gift card to the store.
- Businesses will be chosen for the spotlight on first come, first serve basis.

How to participate?

- Contact the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce by phone or email.
- We will send you a form to fill out your business information.
- We will contact you the week your business is spotlighted.

This shop local campaign addresses the pressing need - getting more customers. "Wally Wednesday" encourages locals every week to shop local.

So far we have had Wally Wednesday at TJ's American Italian Restaurant and Wells Hardware on 16th. This week Wally will be hiding in the Crisp County Power Commission!

Watermelon T-shirt orders available



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!



Kimball Receives Honor

Marlene Kimball was awarded the Quality Service Pinnacle Award and Outstanding Sales & Service. This award is recognized to those who receive a high score from 60% of their customers. She has almost 15 years of experience in this industry.

Congratulations!

Crisp Regional Hospital Job Fair

Monday May 11th

11:00am - 2:00pm

The Cordele Community
Clubhouse
108 N 15th

To sign up or for more information, please contact
Elliot Coffee
@ (229) 276-3113 or
emartin@crispregonal.org

Open to ALL Job Seekers

First Books

Sign up to get new books for the kids you serve!

First Book is a nonprofit that provides new books and educational resources - for free and at low cost - to schools and programs serving children in need, from birth to age 18.

Why Do I Need To Register?

First Book is able to make new, high-quality books available to schools and programs like yours thanks to our partners in the publishing industry, who want to be sure the books are going to organizations serving children from low-income families. We take that promise to our partners very seriously, so by registering, you're giving us the information we need to ensure that the books are reaching the children in greatest need.

Chamber of Commerce Members - We want to ask you for your help will bring much needed resources to Crisp County. Please have your employees register at First Book to help us!!

GO TO:
www.firstbook.org/crisp to register today!

2015 Watermelon Festival Shirts Order Form

Business Name: _____

Business Number: _____

Contact Name: _____

CHILD

X-SMALL	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	TOTAL

ADULT

SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XX-LARGE	TOTAL

TOTAL NUMBER OF SHIRTS: _____

ADD SPONSOR NAME ON BACK:

Prices

Resale Locations \$10.00 each **minimum** order of **12**

Business \$10.00 each **minimum** order of **12**

\$12.00 each if order **less than 12**

\$12.00 each with Sponsor name on back **minimum** order of **12**

Retail \$15.00 each

TOTAL COST OF ORDER \$ _____

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Paint Party



Tuesday, June 2nd
6:00 pm -9:00 pm
Cordele Main Street Downtown Office

\$25.00 per person
Deadline to register May 26th

Lemonade Glass



Beach Ball

Flip Flops



Watermelon
(Pink or Red Base)

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YPN Professional Polish



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Polish your Professional Image

10 Tips to Polish your Professional Image for greater Career & Business success

1. Update your Professional photo for promoting your business & a social media update
2. Understand the art of Business Etiquette
3. Dress the part...not too much skin & are you wearing the right color?
4. Know the importance of a good tailor & polished shoes
5. Keep your hair cut and color current
6. Knowing and creating the right "look" of professional presence
7. Take care of your hands
8. Stress Relief and Relaxation
9. Keep Makeup tips and tricks for the professional up-to-date
10. Be your own unique "BRAND"

Sign up today for Professional Polish

May 19th 4:00—7:00 p.m. at Pine Hills Country Club

Limited Availability!!!!

Paint Cordele Red!

The Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce, in an effort to kick off this year's Watermelon Days Festival,

has created Paint Cordele Red. Paint Cordele Red, will be on May 30, 2015 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce location.

All ages are welcome to come enjoy the event. There will be games for children of all ages, snacks, face painting, watermelon home décor, watermelon items and family fun. A South Georgia car artist will be on site to decorate cars with painted watermelons.

"Participating in this 1st annual event is a great way to show your support for the local Watermelon Days Festival." -Monica Simmons

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