



Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce

January 2009



Candlelight Tour Run Huge Success!!



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Thanks to **Wanda Crowder** and her enthusiastic volunteers, the Annual Candlelight Tour Run was a big success again this year. Held on a very cold night and coinciding with the kick-off of the Christmas Candlelight Tour in Warm Springs on November 17th; the tour attracted runners from all over Georgia, Alabama and Florida. There were 158 participants in the race including both the one mile and 5-K distances. There are so many volunteers and sponsors who make this event a success and we especially thank all of our law enforcement officials, the staff of Roosevelt's Little White and the staff of Roosevelt Warm Springs. We also thank our sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

[Friends of Meriwether Animal Shelter](#)
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 Greenville, GA 30222
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bgcoffee@earthlink.net

[FoxxDen Coffee Café](#)
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 Greenville, GA 30222
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[McMillian & Associates, Inc.](#)
 204 S. Lewis Street
 LaGrange, GA 30240
 John Thompson, Sales Exec.
 706.885.9112
jthompson@mcataxcredits.com
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[True Blue Promotions](#)
 640 Shiloh Church Road
 Carrollton, GA 30116
 Jim Dillard, Owner
 770.854.6959
jdillard88@aol.com
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[Georgia Power](#)
[Meriwether County Development Authority](#)
[F & M Bank and Trust](#)
[WFDR-Mountain FM](#)
[AngioDynamics, Incorporated](#)
[Roosevelt Warm Springs](#)
[West Georgia Technical College](#)
[Star Mercury](#)
[Abbott, Jordan and Koon, LLC](#)
[Quality Auto Parts](#)
[Georgia LP Gas](#)
[Southern Belles](#)
[Taylor-Foster, Inc.](#)
[Sledge Automotive](#)
[Cotton Pickin' Fair](#)
[Big Chic](#)
[FDR's Warm Springs Welcome Center](#)
[Pine Mountain Regional Library](#)

[Crown Technology](#)
[Hill's Funeral Home](#)
[Custom Truck and Body Works](#)
[Paragon Consulting](#)
[Warm Springs Medical Center](#)
[A T & T](#)
[Warm Springs Trading Company](#)
[Roosevelt's Little White House](#)
[Jones Body Shop](#)
[Hudson Orchard](#)
[Cato Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.](#)
[Thomaston Ford-Chrysler](#)
[McCoy Grading](#)
[The Bulloch House](#)
[Meadows Insurance & Meadows Hale Realty](#)
[Woodbury Pharmacy](#)
[Trammell Camp LLC](#)
[Sheriff Steve Whitlock](#)



Leadership Meriwether Gets "Educated"

County School Officials coordinated the most recent Leadership Meriwether program which met at the newly constructed Manchester Middle School. The program enabled the participants to gain an understanding of how education is changing; what is happening in the public school system; how education is financed in Georgia and how technology is being used to assist both student and parent. Carol Lane and her staff did an excellent job of helping the participants realize the significant philosophical and operation shifts in which the school system has been engaged. Especially significant was the emphasis being placed on research-based educational methodology. County leaders were also impressed with the emphasis being placed on graduation beginning with the students entering kindergarten. It is important for all our citizens to understand more about our changing school systems and the impact our educational programs are having on children's lives in this county.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

Winter-RLG –Construction

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Norcross, GA 30092

Pricella Mowery, Proj. Mgr.
404.931.8656

pmowery@winter-industrial.com

Winter-construction.com

Will's Big Chic

148 N. Washington Street
Talbotton, GA 31827

Will Keller, Owner

706.665.8318

THANK YOU
RENEWING MEMBERS

Sledge Automotive, Inc.
Manchester

AngioDynamics,
Incorporated
Manchester

Thompson Clinic
Manchester

Harvey Lumber
Manchester

Sheriff Steve Whitlock
Greenville

Windstream
Thomaston

Warm Springs Medical
Center

Warm Springs Trading
Company—Manchester

Transportation—Early and Forcefully...

According to Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, the issue of transportation will be addressed early and forcefully in the upcoming Legislative Session. A package to fix metro Atlanta's traffic congestion and to build new roads in rural Georgia will be one of the first issues addressed when the Legislature convenes in January. Last year, an attempt to pass an optional sales tax for regional transportation projects failed by three votes in the Senate. Cagle noted that some changes have been made in what was offered last year. Two popular votes would be required—a 2010 constitutional referendum, then a local vote by the counties involved, after projects for spending have been identified. In what is likely to be a controversial legislative environment, passing a tax increase in the middle of our current economic challenges is likely to give some lawmakers pause. However, Cagle framed the effort as an "economic stimulus" that could produce 230,000 jobs. Whatever happens on this issue, it is likely to be an interesting session.



Managing Your E-mail



Many businesses and employees rely on email for current information; customer feedback and things you need to do. The U. S. Chamber suggests some easy steps to increase your email efficiency:

1. **Prioritize**—recognizing that not all messages are equal, use flags to assign priority to your emails and respond accordingly. Most email programs will let you set different types of flags on messages and sort by flag type. After concluding an action on a flagged message; be sure to reset or remove the flag. For messages that don't require action; move those out of your inbox to your email files.
2. **Organize**—creating email folders for specific projects or specific people and filing them as they come in can keep your main inbox relatively clear and make it easier to find specific messages.
3. **Archive**—when a project or email exchange is completed, move the messages to the archive section for future reference.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions which can help your Chamber better serve you, please contact Carolyn McKinley at 706.655.2558 or email meriwetherchamber@windstream.net

Renewing Members Continued

Subway—Manchester

Evans Realty—Manchester

Box Oxford—Woodbury

Frix, Inc.—Woodbury

New or Not, Inc.—Shiloh

The Honorable Carl Von Epps—LaGrange

The Studio by Kim Foster—Manchester

J.H. Hauling and Construction –Shiloh

Arthur Pearson—Woodbury

Greenville Lion's Club

Mac's Barbecue—Warm Springs

Louise Garrett—Clerk of Court—Greenville

City of Luthersville

Dr. Kenneth Dobbs—Greenville

The Elliott Law Firm—Manchester

Moore Eye Care—Manchester

Cato Heating and Cooling, Inc.—Manchester

Custom Truck & Body Works—Woodbury

Elliott Realty & Appraisal, Inc.—Manchester

Meriwether County Health Department

Unity Elementary—Luthersville

*Watch for more
info*

**Membership Meeting
January 22, 2009
Update on Ft. Benning Expansion**



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