



## Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce

April, 2010  
*Annual Dinner Huge Success!*



### Chamber Officers:

President: Allen Parham  
 President-Elect: Jon Hale  
 Past-President: Bruce Maloy  
 Treasurer: Jean McCoy

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Thank You Renewing Members  
 Greenville Lions Club

B. A. Construction

Mountain Crafts

The Village Art Studio, Inc.

Roosevelt's Little White House

Parker Well Company

Evans Realty

With over 160 guests, the Chamber's Annual Dinner was a great evening! President Allen Parham, served as host for the evening on the grounds of the historic Roosevelt Warm Springs. With the dinner coordinated by Ms. Faye Perdue, the evening included a timely update from keynote speaker Mr. George M. Israel, III, President and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Israel shared the latest information on state and federal legislative topics and reviewed the Georgia Chamber's position on each of these issues. Another highlight of the evening was the opportunity for Chamber members to showcase their products and services in the beautiful display area in Georgia Hall. The varied, attractive and informative displays included:

Amedisys  
 Heritage Healthcare  
 Cotton Pickin' Fair  
 Sledge Automotive  
 United Home Care  
 Lone Oak Tree Farm  
 Star Mercury Publishing  
 The Studio by Kim Foster  
 The Village Art Studio, Inc.  
 Roosevelt Warm Springs  
 AngioDynamics, Incorporated  
 Meriwether County Artists Guild  
 Hotel Warm Springs Bed and Breakfast  
 West Georgia Technical College  
 Hill's Promotions/Chip & Company  
 Friends of Roosevelt's Little White House  
 Friends of Meriwether County Animal Shelter  
 Meriwether County Development Authority  
 The President Theatre Community Arts Center

A touching tribute was made to Kip Purvis, former President of the Meriwether County Development Authority who unexpectedly passed away in February. Allen Parham read a resolution renaming the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award in honor of Mr. Purvis, with Howard Ayers of Paragon Consulting Group, Inc. receiving the award. McCoy Grading, Inc. was honored as the business member of the year and outgoing President Bruce Maloy was saluted for his dynamic leadership as 2009 President.



*A special thanks to Event Sponsor  
 McCoy Grading, Inc.*

## News You can Use

### Renewing Members Continued:

Georgia Pacific  
 Will's Big Chic  
 Amedisys  
 State Farm Insurance  
 Faye Perdue  
 Heritage Healthcare  
 Connie Walton  
 Linda Glenn Wilburn  
 The Studio by Kim Foster  
 Sherwin-Williams  
 4-Point LP Gas  
 Bob Oxford  
 City of Greenville  
 Georgia Power  
 Danny Graddy  
 Pathways  
 J. H. Hauling and Construction  
 Dr. Abel Aguilar  
 Ron Hall  
 Pine Mountain Reg. Library  
 Traceable Creations  
 Georgia LP Gas  
 Durable Medical Equipment, Inc  
 Patty Threadgill  
 U. S. Ag, LLC  
 AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA  
 First Baptist Church—WS  
 Star-Mercury Publishing  
 Meriwether Bank & Trust  
 Quality Auto Parts—Barnes  
 Paragon Consulting Company  
 Euro Craft Classics, Inc.  
 Turkey Run Landfill  
 Georgia Department of Labor

- \* Annual Performance Reviews are a challenge for many supervisors. Here is a resource which offers some good information on planning for the review; handling raises and promotions and how to take the sting out of critical evaluations.  
[www.inc.com/conducting-performance-reviews](http://www.inc.com/conducting-performance-reviews)
- \* Discounts on Health Insurance— as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, your company is eligible for reduced premium rates through the MemberCare Alliance ( Blue Cross and Blue Shield product) of Meriwether County. The program includes a variety of discounted insurance products, such as health; life; dental, long and short term disability; accidental death and long term care. For more information contact Chamber of Commerce.
- \* Gustav-Wiegard—construction is underway at Meriwether Park. Gustav-Wiegard of North America will refurbish and manufacture tubular steel rollers and when operational, is expected to hire a work force of approximately 65.

### Member News-Chamber Welcomes High Cotton Antiques and Uniques



High Cotton Antiques and Uniques is one of our newest Chamber members and newest businesses to the area. Co-owners Cathy Oliver, Lane Farmer and Alan Brown are shown here with their sign at their grand opening held last Saturday, March 27th. Go by and visit if you haven't done so yet, as they have an amazing array of antiques and collectibles. They are located at 18178 Main Street in Woodbury and their 15,000 square foot building is almost full of vendors ready to show you some very interesting items. Email: [croucholiver@aol.com](mailto:croucholiver@aol.com)

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 Custom Truck & Body Works  
 Warm Springs Medical Center  
 Crawford Grading and Pipeline, Inc.  
 The President Theater Community Arts Center

**Invitation Soon!**  
**Small Business Summit**

**May 13, 2010—Tentative start time 1:00 p.m.**

**Roosevelt Warm Springs**



**Remember, your Chamber is working for you—let us hear from you!**

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