



## Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce

March 2009



### Welcome New Board of Directors

#### Chamber Officers:

President: [Bruce Maloy](#)  
 President-Elect: [Allen Parham](#)  
 Past-President: [Greg Schmieg](#)  
 Treasurer: [Allen Parham](#)

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

[The Village Art Studio, Inc.](#)  
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[barbarts1@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarts1@yahoo.com)  
[www.barbarasmenner.com](http://www.barbarasmenner.com)

[EuroCraft Classics, Inc.](#)  
 P.O. Box 508  
 Manchester, GA 31816  
 Mike Marcelic, Owner  
 706.846.8690  
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[Waste Management](#)  
 7144 Lone Oak Road  
 Hogansville, GA 30230  
 Matthew Hyde, Dx Manager  
 404.397.5723  
[mhyde@wm.com](mailto:mhyde@wm.com)  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

[Parker Well Company](#)  
 4436 Roosevelt Highway  
 Warm Springs, GA 31830  
 Robin Parker, Manager  
 706.655.3833

Thank you to everyone who responded with their vote for our new Board of Directors. The Board has held a planning retreat and will be discussing some exciting plans for the upcoming year during our Annual Dinner on March 26, 2009. We will formally welcome these Board Members and Officers for the 2009 term:

#### Officers:

**Bruce Maloy - President**  
*AngioDynamics, Incorporated*  
**Allen Parham - President-Elect and Treasurer**  
*F & M Bank and Trust Company*  
**Greg Schmieg—Past President**  
*Roosevelt Warm Springs*

#### New Board Members:

**Howard Ayers, Paragon Consulting Group, Inc.**  
**Jon Hale, Meadows Insurance and Meadows Hale Realty**  
**Ernest Kaufmann, GreenFirst, LLC**  
**Jean McCoy, McCoy Grading, Inc.**  
**John McEwen, Cotton Pickin' Fair**  
**Robert Trammell, Sr., Mayor, City of Luthersville**

#### Returning Board Members:

**Harry Carr, Warm Springs Medical Center**  
**Virginia Hill, Hill's Funeral Home**  
**Linda Jones, West Georgia Technical College**  
**Carol Lane, Meriwether County School System**  
**Sabra McCullar, FDR's Warm Springs Welcome Center**  
**Kip Purvis, Meriwether County Development Authority**  
**Lori Quinlan, Georgia Power**  
**Lisa Thompson, Concepts-Ideas Done Right**

### **Make Your Reservations Now!**

**The Board of Directors is hosting the Chamber's Annual Dinner on March 26, 2009. It promises to be a great event hosted by outgoing President Greg Schmieg. Our keynote speaker is Tyron Elliott and his presentation title is "The Flint River: Refugee of the Water Wars". Faye Perdue is our event organizer and she always does a great job. The event is being held at Roosevelt Warm Springs where we can count on delicious food, a beautiful atmosphere and lots of opportunities for networking. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. with a cost of \$35.00 for chamber members and \$40.00 for non-Chamber members. Call 706.655.2558 or email [meriwetherchamber@windstream.net](mailto:meriwetherchamber@windstream.net) to make your reservations.**

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

West Georgia AMP  
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LaGrange, GA 30240  
Diethard Linder, Manager  
706.884.8671  
[linder@charter.net](mailto:linder@charter.net)

Patriots Corner Mart  
P.O. Box 684  
Luthersville, GA 30251  
706.927.0709  
Maria Pendergrass,  
Manager

THANK YOU  
RENEWING MEMBERS

AT&T, Columbus

Upson Regional  
Medical Center  
Thomaston

Girl Scouts of  
Greater Atlanta

Sherwin-Williams  
Manchester

Meriwether Four  
Points Gas  
Woodbury

City of Greenville

Heritage Health Care  
Greenville

Linda Glenn Wilburn  
Greenville

Georgia Power

City of Warm Springs

Patty Threadgill  
Manchester

## Leadership Meriwether Heads to Atlanta!



Hosted by Lori Quinlan, Area Manager for Georgia Power, the Leadership Meriwether class had an interesting visit to Atlanta this month to Georgia Power's Georgia Resource Center. Located in mid-town Atlanta, the Resource Center is a state-of-the-art economic development resource. The facility features an impressive visual database packed with information about Georgia communities, available industrial and office buildings and industrial/business parks throughout Georgia. Additionally, a menu of 10 digital highlight videos covering all location factors and the advantages Georgia presents to a prospective company are available. The group was very impressed with the wealth of information and the technological sophistication available through this impressive center. For more information visit their web site at [www.georgiapower.com/grc](http://www.georgiapower.com/grc)

### Did you Know?

Meriwether County is designated as a HUBZone under the U. S. Small Business Administration HubZone Program. The program provides certified firms an opportunity to compete for federal contracts and provides local employment in distressed communities. Essentially the program provides Federal contracting preferences to small businesses. Under the SBA, small businesses are defined based on number of employees or revenue generated. With the expansion at Fort Benning; there are many contracting opportunities for your business. Your firm must be certified under the HUBZone program and the certification process can be accessed on line. For more information on the HUBZone program, or to apply for certification go to [www.sba.gov/hubzone](http://www.sba.gov/hubzone)



### Member News:

Terry McMillian of McMillian & Associates recently presented a very informative Tax Credit Seminar to Chamber members. If you missed it and are looking for ways to save your company money, you will want to contact them at 706.885.9112

Dodelin Gourmet has had one of their products selected as a finalist in the 2009 Flavor of Georgia Contest

The Studio by Kim Foster has a new email address: [kimfoster3@windstream.net](mailto:kimfoster3@windstream.net)

AngioDynamics, Incorporated has been nominated for Manufacturer of the Year by the Economic Development Division of West Georgia Technical College

### Renewing Members Continued:

Bryan Oglesby-Edward Jones-Thomaston  
To the Max Advertising—Woodland  
U. S. Ag, LLC—Luthersville  
Wilson's Fine Furniture—Manchester  
Pattillo Construction Company—Tucker  
Greenville Economic Preservation Society  
Durable Medical Equipment, Inc.—  
Manchester

Georgia Pacific—Durand  
Pleasant Hill Grading and Hauling, LLC  
Manchester  
First Baptist Church—Warm Springs  
Faye Perdue—State Farm Manchester  
Pathways Center-LaGrange  
Ron Hall—Woodbury  
Traceable Creations—Cataula

Watch for more  
info

Membership Meeting  
May 21, 2009  
Post-Legislative Briefing from the Georgia Chamber of Commerce



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