

Chamber Chatter

Upcoming Chamber Meetings:

- Chamber Board Meeting, May 15, 12:00pm, at the First United Methodist Church (small fellowship hall).

Important Updates:

- The construction company working on the Alexander Building began pouring the concrete for the second floor this week.
- A ribbon cutting was hosted on April 12 for Ms. J's Boutique on South Main St. We will be hosting another ribbon cutting in May and will provide you with more information as the ceremony becomes finalized.
- Two healthcare reform seminars will be held on Tuesday, April 30, in Donaldsonville and Blakely. A Blue Cross Blue Shield expert will conduct the seminars. The Chamber sent out an e-mail with additional information, however please contact us if you have any questions.
- As of April 25, 2013, the Chamber of Commerce had 147 members throughout 20 cities and 4 states.

The Blakely-Early County Chamber of Commerce thanks you for being a valued Chamber member. If we can ever be of service to you please do not hesitate to let us know.

Chamber Auction/Dinner a Success



The Chamber of Commerce held an auction and dinner on April 12 to raise funds for assistance with relocating the Chamber back to the Alexander Building once construction has been completed later this year.

The event began with a lasagna dinner served by the Blakely Town and Country

Club, followed by the silent auction, the Dirt Road Sports comedy show, the live auction, and the wine grab.

The event raised over \$7,000 for the Chamber and was deemed to be a huge success.

Arlington May Day Festival slated for May 4

The City of Arlington will be hosting the oldest continuous festival in the state of Georgia on Saturday, May 4.

The May Day Festival has been held in Arlington every year since 1932 and attracts many locals as well as visitors from surrounding states.

For more information regarding the parade, vendors, or entertainment, please contact the City of Arlington at (229) 725-4276.

Recent Visitors

The Chamber recently received visitors from Maine, New Jersey, and Germany.

March/April Businesses of the Week

Since last month's newsletter, the Chamber has awarded five businesses with the Business of the Week Award. Congratulations to the following businesses:

Mar. 25-Mar. 31: Advanced Hair and Nail Salon

Apr. 1-Apr. 7: H&R Block

Apr. 8-Apr. 14: Piggly Wiggly

Apr. 15-Apr. 21: Bank of Early

Apr. 24-Apr. 30: First State Bank

Each week, the Chamber selects a member business

who it feels has done exceptional work and presents them with a certificate and media exposure through Facebook and the Chamber website.

If you would like to nominate a business for this award please contact the Chamber at 229-723-3741.