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#### **Annual Banquet-January 11, 2007**

Each year the Chamber holds the Annual Banquet to celebrate the year's accomplishments. This Banquet allows the Chamber to recognize an extraordinary citizen of Kinston and Lenoir County as having "rendered outstanding services to Lenoir County" by presenting the Citizen of the Year Award. The Chairman of the Board will develop the plans for this special evening and will take this opportunity to recognize the outgoing Executive Committee and pass the gavel on to the incoming Chairman.

#### **Leadership Lenoir- 2007**

Leadership Lenoir is an educational program concentrating on a variety of areas significant to the success of Kinston and Lenoir County. It provides an opportunity for learning individual and team dynamics and how to work with different personalities and situations. Participants will study the qualities that make a leader, analyze their individual leadership roles and develop their leadership styles and skills. The achievement of these goals is the first step toward the larger goal of encouraging individual involvement in leadership roles within our community

#### **Administrative Professionals Luncheon-April**

Attention Bosses! Mark your calendar for the Chamber's Administrative Professionals Luncheon held annually during Administrative Professionals Week. Treat your "Professional" to a delicious lunch, door prizes, and entertainment. The highlight of the luncheon is the presentation of the Annual Administrative Professional of the Year Award.

#### **Festival on the Neuse/State Pork Cook Off-April 26,27.and 28**

Savor the great taste and flavor of Eastern North Carolina's Barbecue cooked by award winning cooks as the Hog Happenin' host the 2007 State Pork Cook Off. The various activities at Festival on the Neuse are a matter of time and taste...from The LMH Carolina Classics Car Show to arts and crafts and children's activities. Come and be our guest, enjoy the best of Kinston-Lenoir County with your family and friends.

#### **Small Business Awards-April/May**

Small Businesses make a huge impact on the economy in our community. Each year the Chamber recognizes the outstanding Small Business, Minority Business, and Micro-enterprise of the Year at the Small Business Awards Banquet/Luncheon.

#### **Pinnacle of Achievement Award Banquet-May**

The prestigious Pinnacle of Achievement Award is presented to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in her profession, and has served Kinston and Lenoir County in a meaningful way by incorporating the talent and expertise of women into leadership of our businesses, our communities and our government. The award is presented at a Luncheon or Banquet honoring the recipient.

#### **Business Showcase 2007- Fall**

Interested in exposing your business to someone who may not know who you are, what you do, or where you are located? Be a part of the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce 2007 Business Showcase as a patron or a vendor. .

#### **Christmas Open House-December**

Celebrate the Holiday Season with fellow Chamber members. The Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber building is a beautiful, architecturally significant building. When decorated for the holiday's it is the perfect gathering place for Chamber members to "get into the Christmas spirit" while enjoying holiday goodies, music and a good old fashion southern hospitality celebration.

#### **Wake Up Lenoir-Quarterly**

*Eggs and Issues* or *Pancakes and Politics* is a four part series designed to highlight a variety of current and pressing business, civic and political issues. It is a breakfast forum featuring prominent speakers, policy analysts and political experts specializing in issues on the local, state and federal levels.

#### **President's Forum/Straight Talk**

This evening forum will address issues of importance within the community featuring timely topics in legislative, economic, educational, and business matters. The forum draws from a pool of resources and individuals creating energy and ideas pertinent to doing business in Kinston-Lenoir County.