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Gavel is passed at Chamber Gala

The gavel was passed at The Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Gala on January 26, 2018. Al Locklear passed the gavel to Suzanne Abbott, owner of Abbott Insurance Services, LLC in Lumberton. The Chamber also presented awards to Mickey Gregory Community Volunteer of the Year and Suzanne Abbott Chamber Volunteer of the year. From left are Al Locklear, Suzanne Abbott and Cindy S Kern, Executive Director.

Mickey Gregory receives Community Volunteer of the year from Al Locklear.

Al Locklear presented Suzanne Abbott Chamber Volunteer of the Year at the recent Chamber Gala.

The Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Gala was held January 26th at the Pine Crest Country Club. The event was well attended.

"The attendance was great this year," said Suzanne Abbott, new chairman of the chamber's board of directors. "I am very excited about the new year." Abbott is owner of Abbott Insurance Services, LLC Lumberton. She replaces Al Locklear of Lumber River Trading/True Value Hardware as board chairman.

"The event was a huge success," said Cindy S. Kern, the chamber's executive director. "This event allows the Chamber to recognize our Chamber Board of Directors, present awards and also recognize our many volunteers for their dedicated service to the Chamber."

The Chamber also presented two awards this year. Al Locklear presented Mickey Gregory the Community Volunteer of the Year for her dedication to the numerous organizations in the commu-

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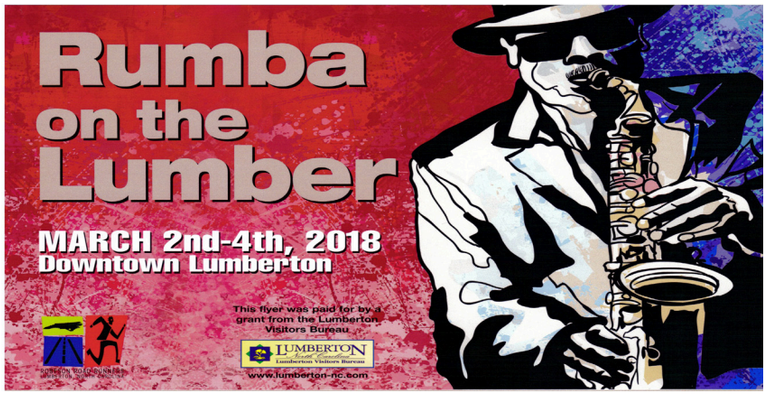

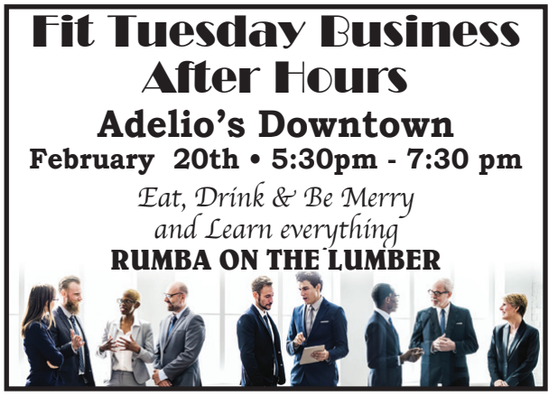

Gala

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nity. Mickey has a passion for Lumberton and Robeson County and is involved in all aspects. Cindy Kern presented the Lumberton Chamber Volunteer of the Year to Suzanne Abbott. Suzanne is always ready and willing to assist the Chamber with any project and does an excellent job in securing sponsorships. She is a firecracker and we are most happy to also have her serve as our Chamber Chairperson for 2018.

During the Gala Retiring Board of Directors were recognized. These members include Brad Martin, Abe Marshall, Lee Grissom, Angela Sumner, Jennifer Hickman, Debbie Branyon, Robert Britt Owen Thomas, Renee Perry and Buddy Bodiford.

The Chamber also recognized the elected board members: Chelsea Biggs-Biggs Park Mall/Century 21, Dr. Kimberly Gold-Robeson Community College, Linda Branch-Coldwell Banker Premier Team Realty, Adelio Cruz-Adelio's Downtown, Tanner Smith-First South Bank, Rose Avant-Rodan & Fields, Myra Norton-GreenState Landscaping, Richard Monroe-Retired, Michele Smith-SpartanNash and Martha Mahlke-Jimmy John's of Lumberton.

Also recognized were the Committee Chairs for 2018: Community Development-Connie Russ Wallwork, Membership-Maureen Metzger, Amy Hammond-Ambassadors Club, Education- & Jay Britt, Leadership Lumberton-Merle Summers, Legislative-Bo Biggs, Travel & Tourism-Angela Sumner, Special Events-Ann McLean, Golf Tournament Suzanne Abbott, clean & Green-Ron Ouelette-Rust Enterprises.

Chamber Ambassadors which are the Public Relations arm of the Chamber in attendance were: Connie Russ Wallwork-City of Lumberton, Angela Sumner-Lumberton Visitors Bureau, Sara Collins-BB&T, Faye Spaulding-Retired, Bob McKee-Retired, Maureen Metzger-Southeastern Health, Suzanne Abbott-Abbott Insurance Services, Bebe Wright Comfort Inn/Country Inn & Suites, Alan Fowlkes-ComTech, Owen Thomas-Dial Insurance, Joseph Martin-the Martin Agency, Amy Hammond-Wesley Pines Retirement Community, Rhonda Williamson-WBTW, Chelsea Biggs-Biggs Park Mall/Century 21,Mickey Gregory-Canal Wood, Josh Jackson-Edward Jones Investments, Rose Avant-Rodan & Fields and Debbie Branyon-First Bank.

After a cocktail buffet guests enjoyed a night of dancing to the music by Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot.

Southeastern Health Presents
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11 am to 1 pm
Biggs Park Mall
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Join us for the Women's Heart Event!

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"How to Develop or Restore the By-Laws for a Non-Profit Organization"
S 1:30 pm-3:30 pm 02/24/18

The Grant Writing Series -
"Grant Writing 101" S 8:30 am-10:30 am 03/03/18
"How and Where to Find Grants" S 10:45 am-12:45 pm 03/03/18
"Fundamentals of Fundraising" S 1:30 pm-3:30 pm 03/03/18

How to Purchase and Rent Your Own Property (FREE)
TH 6:30 pm-8:30 pm 03/05/18 WDC Dennis Watts

How to Start a Drone Business (FREE)
S 9:00 am-12:00 noon 03/10/18 WDC Air Probe UAV

How to Start a Food Truck Business (FREE)
M 6:30 pm-9:00 pm 03/26/18 WDC Fenton Wilkinson

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M 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm 04/30/18 WDC Sam Gore

Financial Literacy for Small Business Owners (FREE)
"Managing Your Cash Flow" M 6:30 pm-7:30 pm 02/26/18 WDC Crystal Sacks
"Banking Services" M 6:30 pm-7:30 pm 03/19/18 WDC Crystal Sacks

Safety Awards Banquet in June

The N.C. Department of Labor is now accepting applications from businesses that qualify for a workplace safety award. Safety awards are given to companies that have above-average worker safety and health programs.

"A safety award shows employees and the community that you are committed to a safe work environment," state Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. "A good safety record is something to be proud of, and businesses deserve to be recognized for their efforts."

Businesses that qualify for the award must meet two requirements. They must be free of fatalities at the site for which they are applying. The site's injury and illness rate also must be at least 50 percent below that of their industry's average rate.

Award recipients will be honored in their communities throughout the state at safety awards banquets co-sponsored by the N.C. Department of Labor and local chambers of commerce and other organizations. The banquet for our local area is scheduled for June 7th at Adelio¹s Downtown in Lumberton. To register for the banquet call The Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce at 739-4750..

For more information on the Safety Awards Program or to download an application, go to the NCDOL newly designed website https://www.labor.nc.gov/. Click Safety and Health, look for Recognition Programs, scroll down until you see Safety Award Program. The letter from Commissioner Berry, the Rate Chart and the Application will be found.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 16. Please contact the Safety Awards Coordinator, Eursula Joyner at (919) 807-2908 or Eursula.Joyner@labor.nc.gov, if you have any questions regarding the program.

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