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THE GAVEL HAS PASSED AT LUMBERTON CHAMBER GALA

The Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Gala was held January 25th at Adelio's Ristorante. The event was a huge success and was well attended.

"The new venue and attendance was great this year," said Mickey Gregory, new Chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors. "I am very excited about the new year." Mickey is with Canal Wood, LLC. She replaces Suzanne Abbott of Abbott Insurance Services, LLC as board chairman.

"The event was a fabulous 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 awards this year. Suzanne Abbott presented Martha Mahlke the Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award for her dedication to the Chamber. Cindy Kern presented the Chamber Fundraisers of the Year Award to Maureen Metzger and Suzanne Abbott. These ladies are always willing to work on sponsorships for all Chamber functions.

During the Gala, the retiring Board of Directors were recognized. These members include Cheryl Page - BB&T, Al Locklear - Lumber River Trading/True Value, Ann McLean - Southeastern Health, Michele Smith of SpartanNash and Martha Mahlke.

The Chamber also recognized the newly elected Board members: Lisa Lovato - Sanderson Farms, Joseph Martin - Allstate Insurance, Stphen McIntyre - Musselwhite, Musselwhite Branch & Grantham, Wanda Sayer - First Bank, Jennifer Stephenson - Speech Pathology Services of Robeson, and Beth Terranova - Air Production and Service, Inc.

Also recognized were the Committee Chairs for 2019: Community Development - Connie Russ - Wallwork, Membership - Maureen Metzger, Amy Hammond - Ambassadors Club, Education - Jay Britt, Legislative - Bo Biggs, Travel & Tourism - Angela Summer, Special Events - Ann McLean, Golf Tournament - Suzanne Abbott, and Image Committee - Richard Monroe.

The Chamber Ambassadors are the Public Relations arm of the Chamber and were recognized: Connie Russ Wallwork - City of Lumberton, Angela Summer - Lumberton Visitors Bureau, Sara Collins - BB&T, Faye Spaulding - Retired, Maureen Metzger - Southeastern Health, Suzanne Abbott - Abbott Abbott Insurance Services, Bebe Wright - Comfort Inn/Country Inn & Suites, Owen Thomas - Dial Insurance, Amy Shooter - Wesley Pines Retirement Community, Rhonda Williamson - WBTW, Mickey Gregory - Canal Wood, LLC, Pam Renfrow - Wesley Pines Retirement Community, Rose Avant - Rodan & Fields, Debbie Branyon - First Bank, Laura Harrell - First Bank, and Beth Terranova - Air Production and Service, Inc.

The Officers for 2019 are Mickey Gregory - Chair, Suzanna Abbott - Immediate Past Chair, Bryan Britt - Chair Elect, Maureen Metzger - Vice Chair, and Patty Dunn - Treasurer. After a cocktail buffett, the guests enjoyed a night of dancing to the music of Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot.

The Chamber would like to thank Adelio Cruz, Judy Monroe and Billy Davis of Flowers By Billy for making this night one to remember!

The Chamber Gavel has passed. Pictured l to r are Suzanne Abbott, Abbott Insurance Services, LLC Immediate Past Chair, Mickey Gregory, Canal Wood, LLC Chairperson of the Board and Cindy Kern, Executive Director.

Martha Mahlke received the prestigious "Volunteer of the Year 2018". Martha volunteers at the Chamber office one day a week and she also has served on numerous committees. Martha organized p the Dixie Youth project for the Lumberton Chamber. Congrats Martha!

Suzanne Abbott of Abbott Insurance Services, LLC and Maureen Metzger of Southeastern Health were named "Fundraisers of the Year" recently at the Chamber's Annual Chairman's Gala. These ladies always do a fantastic job with the Chamber projects. Job well done! Congratulations!

Southeastern Health Presents

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Thursday, February 28
Noon to 2 pm
Biggs Park Mall
(Main entrance, CHEC, Center Court)

- Presentation with Q&A: Allison Scott, NP
  Southeastern Cardiology & Cardiovascular Clinic
- Free health screens
- Information booths
- Red dress display
- Give-a-ways
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RUMBA ON THE LUMBER FESTIVAL

MARCH 1-3, 2019

From the Allen Orthopedics Pasta Party on Friday night at Adelio's Downtown; through Saturday's Downtown Festival, Southeastern Health 10K & 5K, North of the Border Chili Cook-Off, and Lumbee River EMC KidsZone; to Sunday's Yamaha Metric Century, Cruzbike 20-Miler, and Bicycle Shop of Fayetteville Family Fun Ride the Rumba on the Lumber has activities for the entire family! Come on out and enjoy the entire weekend in Downtown Lumberton, including three of North Carolina's favorite bands: Too Much Sylvia, Jim Quick & Coastline, and the Legacy Motown Revue.

Additional events to be noted are: River Run Art Show at the Carolina Civic Center Historic Theater — "Touch a Truck" – displaying a fire truck, law enforcement cars, ambulances, tractors; located in the Kid's Zone.

Date: March 1, 2019
Time: 8:00 am
Website: www.robesonroadrunners.com
Organizer: Jef Lambdin
Phone: 910-738-8179
Email: info@robesonroadrunners.com
Venue: Corner of 3rd and Chestnut St. Downtown Lumberton

Events on Friday
Allen Orthopedics Pasta Dinner and Dance at Adelio's Downtown Restaurant – Tickets $10
5:00-7:30 pm – Spaghetti Dinner with Accordion Music by Betty Fisher

Dance to Too Much Sylvia from 7:30 until 11:00 pm (in partnership with The Carolina Shaggers)

Events on Saturday
Downtown Plaza – 3rd Street
9:00 am – Southeastern Health 5K and 10K

10:00 am-5:00 pm - LumbeXe River EMC KidZone activities

Touch-a-Truck (in partnership with the Lumberton Junior Service League)
Business, Craft and Food Vendors galore

11:00 am – Southeastern Health Family Fun Run/Walk

11:00 am-2:00 pm – Bud Light North of the Border Chili Cook-Off with music by The Legacy of Motown

2:00 am-5:00 pm – Concert at the Plaza with Jim Quick & Coastline

Events on Sunday
(starting site- parking lot at 3rd and Water Streets)
12:00 Noon – The Yamaha of Lumberton Metric Century (100K cycling ride)

1:30 pm – The Cruzbike 20-Mile Adventure Ride

3:30 pm – The Bicycle Shop of Fayetteville 5K Family Bike Ride

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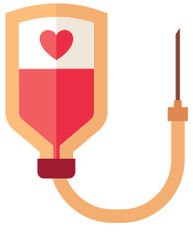
OFFICIALS CUT RIBBON AS CLINIC REOPENING NEARS

Robeson Health Care Corporation CEO Tim Hall, center, cuts the ribbon on the newly remodeled and renamed Dr. A.J. Robinson Community Health and Wellness Center, along with, from left, Lumberton Mayor Bruce Davis, RHCC Board Chair Charles Townsend, Southeastern Health President/CEO Joann Anderson, SeHealth Board Chair Kenneth Rust and Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce Immediate Past Chair Suzanne Abbott. After the ceremony, guests were invited to tour the facility, which will also be the site of a free and open-to-the-public Fun Day on Saturday, Feb. 9, to celebrate the clinic's reopening on Monday, February 18. The clinic, which closed due to damage following Hurricane Matthew, is located at 800 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Lumberton, NC.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019
Lowe's Home Improvement
5060 Fayetteville Rd
Lumberton, NC 28360
11:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Friday, March 22, 2019
Southeastern Health
300 N. 27th. Street
Lumberton, NC 28359
10:00 AM - 02:30 PM



Thursday, March 28, 2019
Robeson Community College
5160 Fayetteville Rd
Lumberton, NC 28359
09:30 AM - 02:00 PM

Saturday, March 30, 2019
Hyde Park Baptist Church-Lumberton
301 Roberts Avenue
Lumberton, NC 28359
10:00 AM - 02:30 PM

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Small Business Seminars

Spring 2019

Note: M=Monday, T=Tuesday, W=Wednesday, TH=Thursday, F=Friday, SA=Saturday

*All seminars are open to the public and there is NO FEE to attend a Small Business Center seminar.

SBC3603	"Basics of Bookkeeping" by Dennis Watts	Workforce Development Ctr.	02/23/19	S	8:30-10:00am
SBC3603	"Your Small Business Taxes" by Dennis Watts	Workforce Development Ctr.	02/23/19	S	10:15-11:45am
SBC3603	"Financing Your Business" by Dennis Watts	Workforce Development Ctr.	02/23/19	S	12:45-2:45pm
SBC3603	"The Best Small Business to Start Right Now" by Mike Collins	Workforce Development Ctr.	02/25/19	M	6:30-9:00pm
SBC3603	"Grant Writing 101" by Sam Gore	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/02/19	S	8:30-10:30am
SBC3603	"How and Where to Find Grants" by Sam Gore	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/02/19	S	10:45am-12:45pm
SBC3603	"Fundamentals of Fundraising" by Sam Gore	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/02/19	S	1:45-3:45pm
SBC3603	"Social Media Marketing for Businesses" by Todd Lyden	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/04/19	M	6:30-9:00pm
SBC3603	"How to Start a Non-Profit Business" by Sam Gore	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/09/19	S	8:30-10:30am
SBC3603	"How to Complete the 501(c)3 IRS Non-Profit Application Paperwork" by Sam Gore	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/09/19	S	10:45am-12:45pm
SBC3603	"How to Develop or Restore the By-Laws for a Non-Profit" by Sam Gore	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/09/19	S	1:45-3:45pm
SBC3603	"How to Develop a Non-Profit Board That is Onboard" by Sam Gore	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/11/19	M	6:30-9:00pm
SBC3603	"Volunteers for a Non-profit: How to Find Them and How to Keep Them" by Sam Gore	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/18/19	M	6:30-9:00pm
SBC3603	"Parliamentary Procedures Made Easy" by Sam Gore	Workforce Development Ctr.	03/25/19	M	6:30-9:00pm

The 2019 North of the Border Chili Cook-Off

"THE BIGGEST AND BEST CHILI COOK-OFF IN NORTH CAROLINA"

Downtown Lumberton (Corner of 3rd & Water), North Carolina

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

Teams get ready for the 2019 North of the Border Chili Festival as a part of the Lumber on the Rumba Festival in downtown Lumberton. Prize categories including Best Tasting, Strangest Ingredient, Spiciest and others Entertainment provided by The Legacy of Motown.

Teams arrive after 6am, cooking to start at 8am and judging begins at 10:30am. Space is limited to 50 teams. Each team is to prepare at least 10 gallons of chili. Tasting open to the public at 11am. Team entry is $25 and includes t-shirt, table and serving items. Public entrance fee is $5 and includes tasting all the chili offered and 3 adult beverages. (Must be 21 on or before March 1, 2019.)

Entry fee checks are made out to The Robeson Road Runners. Mail entry fee to RRR PO Box 31, Lumberton, NC 28359. All proceeds go to the Lumberton Football Association.

Contact: James Granger, **Email:** jamescgranger@nc.rr.com, **Phone:** 910-827-5542

Website: www.robesonroadrunners.com

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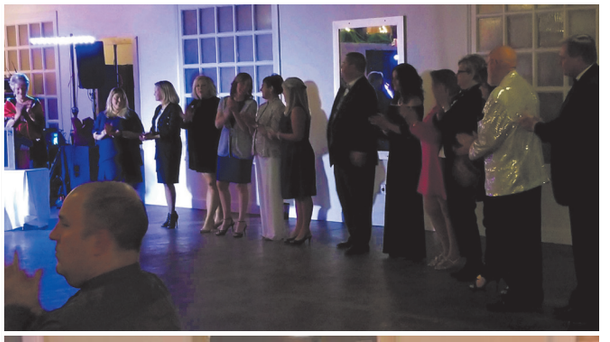

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