

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joel Barber	Gibson McDonald Furniture	259-5655
Frank Brown	Mercantile Bank	259-1628
Dr. James Cardozo	BC Chiropractic Center	259-2999
Elco Carrasco	greatwide dedicated transportation	259-3179
Patricia Conner	BC Health Department	259-6291
Tippy Conner	NEFCOM	259-2261
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Melba Dedmon	Margaret Romeo, DMD, PA	259-5007
Peggy Driggers	Westside Nursery/Preschool	259-4899
V. Todd Ferreira	V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services	259-5700
Jamey Hodges	American Enterprise Bank	259-6003
Joe Infantino	Northeast Florida State Hospital	259-6211
Sam Kitching	Sheriff's Department	259-2231
Clay Lyons	Lyons and Lyons, CPAs	259-4307
Sherrie Raulerson	Superintendent of Schools	259-6251
Cyndi Ray	FSI Mortgage	259-9600
Jackie Robinson	VyStar Credit Union	259-6203
Gary Rosenstone	Genesis Financial Partners	716-4780
Bobby Steele	Wal-Mart DC #6099	653-4000
Dana Wood	First Federal Bank of Florida	653-5400
Brian Yarbrough	Country Federal Credit Union	259-6702



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## Message from Executive Director Darryl Register

Will the economy be better in 2010? I don't know that anyone really has the answer to that question, but I do know that each and every one of us can do our part to help improve the economy in Baker County. If everyone does their part at the local level, it will make a difference.

Thanks to the increasing availability of local goods and services within our county. There have become fewer reasons for shopping outside Baker County. The majority of the business members of our Chamber have fewer than 5 employees. But it's these small businesses that are the heart and soul of our county. Some of our small businesses offer unique products and services, but many provide the same products and services that we purchase everyday from businesses located outside Baker County. And when you add them all together, they provide several hundred jobs in our community. Do you always consider local options for goods and services?

Chamber members understand that you can market your business in many ways, but nothing compares to face to face, person to person, connections that build relationships. These relationships not only grow friendships, but they create loyal customers for your business. The people you meet at Chamber events are not only marketing their businesses, they are searching for opportunities where a local company can provide them with the products and services that they require.

How can you help make the economy better in 2010? If you seek out local businesses to fill your needs, you will make a difference. The money you spend in Baker County will probably be spent again to other local businesses and just might find its way back to your business.

So starting in 2010 and continuing beyond, let's look for ways to make our county economy stronger!!

BAKER COUNTY CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE CELEBRATING  
30 YEARS



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Baker County Young Republicans  
8400 Penny Place  
Macclenny, FL 32063  
(904) 509-0904

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida  
4800 Deerwood Campus Parkway  
DCC3-3  
Jacksonville, FL 32246  
(904) 905-5029

Edward Jones Investments  
1161-B South Sixth Street  
Macclenny, FL 32063  
259-6400

Fresh Scent Air Freshner  
Service & Sales  
7020 Oakwood Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32211  
(904) 626-8991

GF Florida Operating Alpha, Inc.  
8186 Baymeadows Way West  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
(904) 731-1555

Genesis Financial Partners  
4651 Salisbury Road, Suite 474  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
(904) 716-4780

Reflections Photography  
43 West Macclenny Avenue  
Macclenny, FL 32063  
259-9500

The Blood Alliance  
7595 Centurion Parkway  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
(904) 353-8263

### NEW FEATURES TO THE NEWSLETTERS

We've added several new features to the newsletter for the this year.

- 1- Meet your directors. A short bio and picture of a Director.
- 2- Let us know "the most important thing you would like other Chamber members to know about your business". Send us an e-mail [bblackshear@bakerchamberfl.com](mailto:bblackshear@bakerchamberfl.com) and we will list the responses in our newsletters to let other members know what you think is important about your business.



A ribbon cutting was held Thursday, November 19 for the \$512,000 addition to the Emily Taber Public Library, which now contains an elevator. The addition was made possible by a grant secured by the county commissioners. Executive Director, Darryl Register reads a letter from US Senator Bill Nelson as Commission Chairman, Alex Robinson and Library Director, April Teel, prepare to cut the ribbon.

### BUSINESS PROFILE

The Baker Community Counseling Service located at 213 East Macclenny Avenue offers outpatient substance abuse counseling, intervention counseling, AfterCare and a prevention program. BCCS has been open since 1999 and the CEO of the corporation is Christopher Thomas. Chris has a master's degree in business administration and has been with BCCS since 2006. BCCS also offers drug testing, a basic driver's improvement class, a money management class, anger management and a 1st time driver's course (START). They have drug court and DMAP program.



# for renewing your membership

American Enterprise Bank  
 BCCS, Inc.  
 Bob's Sign Shop  
 Clay Electric Cooperative  
 Comp. Community Service  
 Community Hospice  
 Designers' Daughters  
 Douglas Klotz Appraisal Service  
 E.I. Dupont de Nemours  
 EBA Environmental, Inc.  
 First Federal Bank of Florida  
 George Weeks, DDS  
 Grace Technologies  
 Guerry Funeral Home  
 Hall's Printing and Advertising  
 Macclenny Church of Christ  
 Macclenny Housing Authority  
 Margaret L. Romeo DMD PA  
 NEFCOM  
 Nina's Hairstyling

Northeast Florida State Hospital  
 O'Reilly  
 Osceola Land Title  
 Prudential Financial  
 R&E Environmental  
 Scaff's d/b/a S&S  
 Southeast Propane  
 State Farm Insurance  
 Studio One Hair & Skin  
 The Local Needle  
 The Office Mart  
 Tim-Prep  
 Triple A Dairy Farm  
 United States Post Office (Glen)  
 United Way  
 Vystar Credit Union  
 Walgreens  
 Walker Rentals  
 Wells Insurance  
 Walmart Supercenter

The Baker Woman's Political Network will hold a fundraiser Saturday, February 13 at the Ag Center to raise money to assist the family of Maggie Shook. Maggie was a liver transplant recipient last year. Tickets are \$35 per person for dinner. If you are interested in decorating a table for this event, please let me know at [bablackshear@nefcom.net](mailto:bablackshear@nefcom.net).

## Things we can do for our members:

- ♦ Free notary service
- ♦ Advertise your events in our newsletter for free
- ♦ Copy service
- ♦ Free fax service
- ♦ Low costs for inserts in the newsletter
- ♦ Use of Chamber facilities for meetings relating to your business
- ♦ ChamberPerks
- ♦ Member-to member discounts
- ♦ Discounted rates on Pre-Paid Legal Services



### Meet your Directors

The latest addition to our board of directors is Joe Infantino. Joe is the administrator at Northeast Florida State Hospital. He has been on staff at NEFSH since 1989 and has more than 32 years of leadership experience in adult and child mental health services and programs. Joe has a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. Joe and his wife, Karen have been married 37 years and have one son, Michael. Joe and Karen enjoy shopping for antiques, fishing, boat riding and photography of area rivers.

### Member Network

- ☛ Wendys has kids' meals \$1.99 on Saturdays and Sundays.
- ☛ The Local Needle ships worldwide! They have open stitch events—bring a project and pull up a chair. They have crochet & knit lessons, magazines, books, yarns & notions.
- ☛ Nina's Hairstyling employs a massage therapist, an Esthetician and has spa treatments.
- ☛ Days Inn f/k/a American Inn now has a conference room available for rental.

**Exciting things are happening at the Chamber. Invite your business acquaintances to become a member.**

# MEMBER-TO-MEMBER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Are you interested in **receiving** a discount from other chamber members? Are you interested in **giving** a discount to other chamber members? A member-to-member discount program is a simple way for chamber members to offer special, exclusive benefits to other chamber members. The benefit can be in the form of a discount for goods or services or a free item or service. This program is an excellent way to encourage chamber members to support our member businesses, shop local and create new relationships within the community. This program will encourage non-members to join the chamber in order to receive the discounts.

Several months ago, you received a letter from the chamber inviting and encouraging you to participate in this program. If you haven't sent in your application, think about what discount, free item or service that you can give and get the application back to us asap. We would like to get this program kicked off with the new year.

If you have any comments or suggestions for us regarding this program, please send us an e-mail and let us know your thoughts.

**The stronger we make our chamber, the stronger we make our community.**



CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
LARRY & STACEY BURKINS  
ON THE GRAND OPENING OF  
BURKINS CHEVROLET  
NOVEMBER 24TH.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To our Chamber members who won float entries and storefront entries for the Christmas parade. Walmart DC's entry won best all-around float and Davis Golf Carts was tops in the business entries. NEFCOM received first place in storefront decorations, Council on Aging won second and A Touch of Spring won third.