

**Chamber good
for business**

ic As someone invested in
the Valdosta-Lowndes
County community for
more than 12 years, I was
honored to be asked to
serve as the 2011 chairman
of the Valdosta-Lowndes
1 County Chamber of Com-
2 merce Board of Directors.
My company realizes that
being a chamber member
is not only good for our
business but beneficial to
the business community
at-large.

Joining the chamber is
a great thing to do, but do
you really know everything
it communicates about
your business? Research
shows that being active in
the local chamber of com-

merce is an effective way to
convey to consumers that
you utilize good business
practices, are involved in
the community, care about
your customers and are
reputable.

The chamber is holding
its membership drive this
month. If you are not a
member, I strongly encour-
age you to give them a call.
Find out what being a
chamber member is really
about — moving our mem-
bers and the Valdosta-
Lowndes County business
community forward.

Join the 1,500-plus lead-
ing businesses of Valdosta-
Lowndes County today!

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