

Impact 2012
Honor Roll of
Investors, cont...
Darby Bank
Fred DeLoach (P)
Elliott, Blackburn, Barnes & Gooding
Ellis, Rickett and Associates
Architects
ERCO Worldwide, Inc.
Express Personnel Services
Eye Associates of South Georgia
LLC
Family Health Care
Farmers & Merchants Bank
Farmers Home Furniture Company
First State Bank & Trust Company
Fowler, Holley, Rambo & Stalvey,
P.C.
Friendly Financial Services, Inc.
Full Circle Marketing & Advertising
Fusion Creative Marketing
Gary Minchew Realty
Genesis Christian School
Georgia Power Company
Mary & Tom Gooding (P)
Great Southern Yellow Pages
J. Glenn Gregory Architects
Griffin Corporation
Griner Automotive Group
Guardian Bank
H & S Supply Company
Henderson & Godbee
The Herndon Company
Holiday Inn/Comfort Suites/Days Inn
Home Builders Association of South
Georgia
Home Instead Senior Care
Jodi's Accessories
Johnson Distributing Company
Keeman Petroleum Company, Inc.
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Lamar Advertising
Landis International, Inc.
Lovell Engineering Associates
Lowndes County
Lowndes County Farm Bureau
James McGahee (P)
Magic Media, Inc.
Mediacom
Mike Hill Real Estate
Miller Hardware Company
Moore, Clarke, Duvall &
Rodgers, P.C.
Music Funeral Services
Nexxtep Technology Services
Packaging Corporation of
America
Park Avenue Bank
Pinnacle Prime Contractors / GPM
Pleats & Creases
Presser Productions, Inc.
D/B/A Fox's Pizza @ Funstreet

Fall 2008

Expansion of Targeted Business

2008 Goal: Create a marketing outreach program to encourage young professionals to live and work in Valdosta-Lowndes County after completing their university or technical college education.



MetroOne hosted its first ever professional development seminar entitled *Critical Workplace Competencies* on Sept. 24 at Valdosta Technical College. Over 40 young professionals were in attendance. During a light breakfast, attendees learned more about MetroOne including opportunities for involvement. Each participant then attended three informational sessions of their choice.



Peter Kageyama (Creative Cities Productions) will be our November speaker in our 'Metro in Motion' Speaker Series.



2008 Goal: Create more jobs for college and university graduates in Information Technology, Environmental Technology, and Medical Services and Support.



ConnecTECH Innovation Expo was designed to help existing IT service providers grow their businesses. IT service providers had the opportunity to showcase their products and services to Chamber members on Sept. 11 at the Conference Center.

"WHAT'S NEXT?"

- The School System Study to be shared with Chamber members and the community in October-November
- VALET will release their 'Are we business-friendly' survey results in October
- Mike Beatty, Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, will address the South Georgia Partnership for Regional Development in November
- Metro In Motion Speaker Series continues with Peter Kageyama, Creative Cities Productions in November



Entrepreneurial and Small Business Development

2008 Goal: To serve 500 clients in the S.E.E.D.S. Center (Sowing Entrepreneur and Economic Development Success).
The S.E.E.D.S. Center has served over 500 clients for the year!



"The S.E.E.D.S. Center has helped my business develop new client relationships, set new goals and develop ways to grow my business during these uncertain economic times."
Pieter DeMare, DeMare Wallcovering
500th S.E.E.D.S. Center client in 2008

ENHANCEMENT OF PRO-BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

2008 Goal: Host a regular forum among elected officials, education leaders and other economic development partners regarding business issues and initiatives.

The South Georgia Partnership for Regional Development hosted George Israel, President and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, on Aug. 11. More than 100 regional leaders were in attendance at the lunch meeting.



Israel focused on creating partnerships with our neighboring communities, noting the long-standing partnerships in our region such as the S.E.E.D.S. Center of South Georgia for entrepreneurs, DRUGS DON'T WORK Partnership, and Triple Crown Hometowns. Israel commended our communities for our successful regional approach in so many areas. He also praised the regional chamber executives for recognizing the need to create successful regional partnerships, adding that when one community celebrates an accomplishment it is shared with everyone.

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Prince Automotive of
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Quillian Powell Construction
Radiology Associates of
Valdosta, PC
Regal Marine
Regions Bank
Regulatory Compliance
Services
Richard Hill & Associates
Riley Church Pew Company
Ron Borders GMAC Real
Estate
Larry Rodgers (P)
SAFT America
S. C. Barker Construction
The Scruggs Company
Scruggs Concrete Company
C. Byrd Simmons, P. C.
SMITH Northview Hospital
South Georgia Medical Center
South Georgia Vein Center
South Georgia Travel
Southeastern Capital
Management Group, LLC
Southeastern Federal Credit
Union
Southeastern Freight Lines
Sunset Farm Foods
Talk 92.1
U.S. Press Direct
Valdosta Daily Times
Valdosta Electric Company
Valdosta Insurance Services,
Inc.
Valdosta Magazine
Valdosta Technical College
Valenti, Rackley & Associates,
LLC
WALB TV10
Waller Heating & Air
Conditioning Company
Wetherington Farms