



## *Paul Gleeson, General Consul of Ireland, visits Chamber*



Above: Willie Paulk, Chamber President, presents Consul Gleeson with his new green blazer.

Pictured right: Former State Representative DuBose Porter, Chris Smith, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Denmark, General Consul of Ireland Paul Gleeson, Dr. Bruce Allen, Honorary Counsel of the Principality of Liechtenstein, Chamber Chairman David Roberts and Willie Paulk, Chamber President.

The General Consul of Ireland, Paul Gleeson, made a special visit to Dublin on January 18<sup>th</sup>. He was the guest speaker of a meeting held at the McGrath Keen Sr. Conference Center. Along with Consul Gleeson, Chris Smith, the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Denmark, and Dr. Bruce Allen, Head of Post, Honorary Counsel of the Principality of Liechtenstein, were also in attendance. Consul Gleeson was taken on a tour of the community with stops at the Carl Vinson Medical Center, Fairview Park Hospital, Laurens County Board of Commissioners Office, and Dublin City Hall. He ended his visit at the Chamber's January Business after Hours.



## Chamber receives accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce



Representing the Chamber and Development Authority at the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Eggs and Issues Breakfast and Dinner with newly elected State Representative Matt Hatchett were: Jeff Cannon, June Moore, Cal Wray and Willie Paulk. Serving on the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from Laurens County are: Jimmy Allgood, Allgood Pest Solutions; Louie Curry, Curry Companies; Roger Folsom, Med 1st; and Ben Hall, Dublin Construction.



# Ribbon Cuttings November 17, 2010-January 2011



Mariette's Back to Basics, LLC  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(By appointment only) 478-272-4397  
www.mariettesbacktobasics.com  
Owner: Mariette VandenMunckhof-Vedder  
Category: Service, Gift Shop, Retail



Dublin Diagnostic Center at Dublin Internal Medicine  
104-A Fairview Park Drive  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 279-0658  
Marketing Director: Lynn Whittle  
Category: Imaging Services



Sports Emporium  
2032 Veterans Blvd.  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 275-4846  
Owner: Frank Youngblood  
Category: Sporting Goods



Verline P. Copenny Community Center of Dublin  
Housing Authority  
500 West Mary Street  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 272-2450  
Executive Director: Brenda Smith  
Category: Government



J. Keyton Salon  
105 West Jackson Street  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 272-9697  
Owner: Jason Keyton  
Category: Hair Salon

# Chamber Networking Events



The November Business After Hours was held at Cullen Equipment. The event was sponsored by Cullen Equipment, Longhorn Steakhouse, and Progressive Rural Telephone. Over 130 guests enjoyed steak, salad, and sausage. Door prizes included gift baskets, tools, and gift cards. Pictured left is Chamber Chairman David Roberts, Dee Cullen of Cullen Equipment Company, the jackpot winner Wick Cochran of Cochran Brothers, Wayne Dixon of Progressive Rural Telephone, and Brad Miles of Longhorn Steakhouse

The December Business and Breakfast was held at Capital City Bank. Sponsors were Capital City Bank, Michaels Deli & Seafood, Garbutt Construction, and Major Turbine Pump & Supply. Approximately 74 guests enjoyed fresh fruit, grits, and breakfast casserole. Door prizes included gift baskets, t-shirts, and gift cards. Pictured right: Chamber Board member Chris Cook of Capital City Bank; Russell Owens of Michael's Deli & Seafood, \$100 jackpot winner Mariette VandenMunckhof-Vedder of Mariette's Back to Basics, LLC, Chamber Chairman David Roberts, Charlie Garbutt of Garbutt Construction, and Kathy and Wayne Grosch of Major Turbine Pump & Supply.



The December Business after Hours was held at the McGrath Keen Sr. Conference Center. Sponsors were the Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, Nelson, Dixon, & Poole LLC, Nichols, Cauley, and Associates, LLC, Sumner & Avery, LLC, and The Kight Law Firm, PC. Over 160 guests enjoyed chicken wings, shrimp, meatballs, sandwiches, and fudge. Door prizes included Shop at Home Checks, gift certificates, poinsettias, and gift baskets. The Business after Hours also served as the yearly event to honor all Past Chairs of the Chamber and Development Authority. Pictured left: Joseph Sumner of Sumner & Avery, LLC; Jim Nelson of Nelson Dixon, & Poole LLC; Mike Cauley of Nichols, Cauley & Associates; the \$125 jackpot winner Tommy Windham of Windham's Lawn Care; Emily Kight of The Kight Law Firm, PC; Chamber Chairman David Roberts, Ryan Dixon of Nelson, Dixon, and Poole LLC; and Jacob Poole of Nelson, Dixon, & Poole, LLC.



The January Business after Hours was held at the McGrath Keen Sr. Conference Center. Sponsors were Atlantic South Bank, Benton House of Dublin, and Deano's Italian. Approximately 161 guests enjoyed sandwiches, chips and dip, and fresh fruit. Door prizes included gift baskets and gift certificates. Pictured right is Pam Green of Benton House of Dublin, Chamber Chairman David Roberts, and Anne Reaves of Atlantic South Bank (not pictured are representatives of Deano's Italian).



# New Members

10-21-10 to 2-15-11

**Bliss Salon**  
Mrs. Jill Storey  
2032 B Veterans Blvd.  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 272-6001  
Category: Salon and Spa

**Dublin Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Inc.**  
Tim Redding  
702 East Jackson Street  
P.O. Box 750  
Dublin, Georgia 31040  
(478) 272-0511  
Category: Auto Dealers

**Bradley Steel and Building**  
Mr. Adam Bradley  
2117 GA Hwy. 117  
Rentz, Georgia 31075  
(478) 984-5557  
Category: Building Materials

**Errand Express**  
Mr. George Howell  
P.O. Box 788  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 998-4205  
Category: Transportation

**The Doctors Hospital of Tattnall**  
230 Industrial Blvd.  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 272-3140  
Ms. Janna Godfrey  
Category: Medical

**Happy Home Décor and More, LLC**  
Ms. Jennifer Toney  
1624 Veterans Blvd.  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 274-8101  
Category: Home Furnishings  
& Decor

**Irish Acres RV**  
Mr. Jon Kowtko  
531 Walke Dairy Rd.  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(770) 616-3702  
Category: Campground

**Liberty National Life**  
Mr. Brian Cannington  
401 Carswell Avenue, Ste. 220  
Waycross, Georgia 31501  
(478) 274-8979  
Category: Insurance

**MAGE SOLAR**  
Mrs. Susanne Fischer-Quinn  
720 Industrial Blvd.  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 609-6640  
Category: Manufacturing/  
Processing

**Preferred Treatment Center, LLC**  
Mrs. Brenda Gordy  
108-A Corporate Square  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 274-8426  
Category: Drug Rehab

**SawHorse Apparel, LLC**  
Mr. Ed Walraven  
2470 Idylwild Drive  
Wrightsville, Georgia 31096  
(478) 864-3005  
Category: Retail, Specialty  
Advertisers

**The Welcome Mat of Laurens  
County**  
Mrs. Melaina Nation  
541 Morton Drive  
Glenwood, Georgia 30428  
478-278-2278  
Category: Newcomer's  
Information

**Upward Surgical, LLC**  
Mrs. Helen Shoptaw  
100 Medical Drive, Ste. 100  
Dublin, Georgia 31021  
(478) 274-1008  
Category: Cardiologist

## Keystone Members

Seventeen members of the Chamber contribute a \$1000 membership investment annually in addition to their membership dues. These funds are designated for professional development, such as training and salary enhancement for the Chamber and Development Authority professionals. If you would like further information on this program, please contact Ms. Willie Paulk at (478) 272-5546.

Altamaha EMC  
Capital City Bank  
Curry Companies  
Custom Shower & Pro Glass  
Dublin Cadillac Nissan

Dublin Rotary Club  
Farmers HOME Furniture  
Flexsteel Industries  
GA Power Company  
Little Ocmulgee EMC  
Morris Bank

Nelson, Dixon, & Poole LLC  
Nichols, Cauley, & Associates, LLC  
Oconee EMC  
Pitts Toyota/Scion  
Sumner & Avery, LLC  
YKK AP America, Inc.

## Student of the 2nd Quarter



**Chantel Hazley**

East Laurens High School

Pictured is Chantel Hazley, along with family and school officials, accepting a plaque from Chamber Chairman David Roberts and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

## Small Business of the 1st Quarter



**H&H Creek/Clark Construction**

Pictured are Sean Clark (l) and Randy Clark receiving the plaque from Chamber Chairman David Roberts and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

# Renewal Members

10-16-10 to 2-15-11

13WMAZ  
A&D Financial Designs  
Advantage Staffing  
All American Carpet Care & Restoration  
Allen's Plumbing & Heating  
Allgood Pest Solutions  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.  
Altamaha EMC  
Alterra Networks  
American HomePatient  
American Red Cross  
Andrews Sales, Inc.  
Applied Services  
AT&T  
Atlanta Coca Cola Bottling Co.  
Atlantic South Bank  
Bank of Dudley  
Barry Walker Nationwide Insurance  
Bass Physical Therapy & Rehab Ctr  
John A. Bell, III  
Best Buy Co, Inc.  
Phil Best  
Dr. Emmett Black Jr.  
Thomas C. Bobbitt  
Boy Scouts of America Central GA Council  
Boys & Girls Club  
Sharlene Brantley  
Brian's Giant Subs  
Brookdale Senior Living  
Builder's Concrete Products Co.  
Burger King #9133  
Capital City Bank  
Caring Companions  
Central GA Home Health  
Century 21- Durden & Kornegay  
Chambers Water Filtration, Inc.  
Chick-fil-A of Dublin  
Choo Choo Build-it-Mart  
Christian, Kelly, Thigpen & Co.  
Citizens bank of Laurens County  
City of East Dublin  
Clark's Health Club  
Classic Florist & Home Décor, LLC  
Cloverleaf Restaurant  
Cochran Bros. Co., Inc.  
Colleen's China & Collectibles  
Colleen's Flower & Bridal  
Come Home to the Country Bed & Breakfast  
Communities in Schools  
Community Svc. Board of Middle Ga.  
Connell Carpet One Floor & Home  
Cordell Lumber Co. Inc.  
Courier Herald  
Cracker Barrel Old Country Store  
Credit Bureau Associates  
Josh Crews  
Cullen Equipment Company  
Curry Companies  
Curtis's Place  
Custom Showers Pro Glass, Inc.  
Dairy Queen of Dublin  
Dale Nifong- State Farm Insurance  
Danny Davis Ins & Fin. Services LLC-State Farm  
Judi Davis  
Days Inn  
Deano's Italian  
Dr. Joseph deJunco  
Delta Life Insurance  
Grayson Dent  
Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center  
Dexter Supply Co.  
Dixie Machine & Tool, Inc.  
Dominy Oil Co Inc.  
Don's Enterprise, LLC  
Dr. Soos Pediatrics  
Drug and Alcohol Testing of GA  
Dublin Air Service, Inc.  
Dublin Animal Hospital, PC  
Dublin City Schools  
Dublin Civitan Club  
Dublin Construction Co., Inc.  
Dublin Country Club, Inc.  
Dublin Exchange Club  
Dublin Eye Associates  
Dublin Hematology & Oncology Care, P.C.  
Dublin Insurance Center  
Dublin Internal Medicine  
Dublin Lions Club  
Dublin Mall  
Dublin Marine  
Dublin Middle School  
Dublin OB GYN Assoc PC  
Dublin Optical  
Dublin Plumb/Elect, LLC  
Dublin Rotary Club  
Dublin Service League  
Dublin Winlectric Co.  
Dublin Winnelson Inc.  
Dublin Women's Center- Dr. Mark Boles, MD  
Dublinair Health & Rehab Ctr  
Dublin-Laurens Co. Humane Assoc.  
Dublin-Laurens Leadership  
Dublin-Laurens Recreation  
Dublin-Macon Cardiology-Drs. Vega & DeJunco  
Dudley Funeral Home  
Duncan Tire Co.  
East Coast Trading  
Emerald Pointe Apartments  
Emory Heart & Vascular Ctr. Of Middle GA  
Ernest Jones & Assoc.  
Etcon Employment Solutions  
Evans Disposal Service  
Fairview Park Hospital  
Farmers Best Fertilizer Inc.  
Farmers HOME Furniture  
Farmers State Bank  
Fickling & Co. Real Estate  
First Laurens Bank  
First United Methodist Church  
Flexsteel Industries  
Foskey and Sons Construction, LLC  
Freedom PC's  
Freeman, Daniel, & Co., LLC  
Friendly Gus Food Stores #5 & #9  
GA Dept of Labor  
GA Federal Credit Union  
GA Power Co.  
Garbutt Construction Co.  
Garrett Fence Company  
Gay Wood Co. Inc.  
Gayco Healthcare  
Geotech & Environmental Consultants, Inc.  
Gifts Galore  
Honorable Donald W. Gillis  
Graceful Gold  
Leon Green  
Griffin Industries, Inc.  
H&R Block  
Hall Outlaw Florist  
Hangers Cleaners  
Honorable Helen Harper  
Sheriff W.A. Bill Harrell  
Heart of Georgia Healthy Start  
Hi Tek Rations  
Hobbs Sporting Goods  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
Home Depot  
Honey Baked Ham Co. & Café  
Hood & Palmer, CPA, PC  
Bruce W. Hoyer  
Hudson & Marshall  
I.V. Care Options  
Irish Moving & Storage  
JB Clark Oil Co.  
JC Penney Co.  
J. Keyton Salon  
Jack's Market  
Jameson Inn  
Jim Jarrett  
Jet Foods Stores of GA #25  
John Mark Butler- State Farm Ins.  
Johnny's Pizza  
JoJo's Biscuits & Burgers  
Judicial Alternatives of GA  
James J. Kirkland, M.D.  
LaQuinta Inn & Suites  
Laurens Co. Board of education  
Laurens Co. Commission  
Laurens Co DFCS  
Laurens Co. Extension Serv  
Laurens Co. Farm Bureau  
Laurens Co. Solid Waste Mgt. Auth.  
Lentile Construction Company  
Leprechaun of Dublin, Inc.  
Lifetime Cabinet Inc.  
Lift Pro  
Little House Self Storage Warehouse  
Livingston Landscapes, Inc.  
Longhorn Steakhouse  
Lovett & Tharpe  
Lovett Insurance Agency  
Main Street Dublin  
Major Turbine & Pump Supply  
Meadowood Park Apartments  
Medical Center  
Medical Park Pharmacy  
Dr. Charles E. Meyers, Jr., D.D.S., P.C.  
Michael's Pharmacy  
Middle GA Mechanical  
Middle GA Tile  
Middle Georgia College  
Midstate Paint  
Rob Miller  
Wallace Miller  
Mohawk Industries  
Steve Moore  
Morris Bank  
Moye Electric Co., Inc.  
Mullis Electrical Supply  
New Holland  
Nichols, Cauley, and Assoc., LLC  
Farrell Nichols  
Now Magazine  
Oatts Drug Company

# Renewal Members

10-16-10 to 2-15-11 (continued)

Oconee Dental Associates  
Oconee EMC  
Oconee Regional Library  
Ole Times Country Buffet  
The Olive Branch  
Orr Insurance Agency  
Page House  
Parker Aerospace  
Patti Hendley State Farm Ins.  
Pilot Club of Dublin Inc.  
Plum Alley  
David Polhill  
QBT Industrial Fabrications, Inc.  
Quality Inn & Suites  
R&G Farm LLC  
Randolph's Jewelry Repair Plus  
Red Carpet Inn  
Reeves Const Co/Midstate Region  
Regina's on Bellevue  
Renfroe Outdoor  
Dr. J. Roy Rowland  
Sam Martin Well Drilling  
Sapp Outdoor Advertising  
Serenity Hospice Care

Shamrock Nursing and Rehab  
Shane's Body Shop  
Tracy Sharkey  
John D. Simpson  
The Sir Shop Inc.  
Sizemore Personnel  
Mrs. J.J. Skinner Jr.  
Smith's Jewelers  
So Central Health Dist  
South Construction Co., Inc.  
Southern Equip. Dealers Assoc.  
Southside Community Association, Inc.  
SP Newsprint Co. LLC  
Sports Emporium  
Sprinklers & More, Inc.  
Stepping Stone Child Advocacy Center  
Susie Dasher Elementary  
Syngenta  
T. Lake, Inc.  
Taylor, Schroth, and Dominy Wells Fargo Advisors  
Teen Challenge of Middle GA  
Telfair Coin Laundry  
Phil Thacker  
The Bead Basket

The Flower Cart  
The Vein Clinic Medispa  
Thigpen Auto Sales Inc.  
Thigpen, Jones, Seaton & Co PC  
Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.  
Titan Distribution Inc.  
Title Exch & Pawn of Dublin  
Tomlinson Pharmacy  
Ed Touchberry  
Town of Dexter  
Town of Rentz  
Hon. William M. Towson, Sr.  
Hon. Bill Tribble  
Trinity Christian School Inc.  
TV-35  
UGA- Small Business Development Center  
VA Medical Center  
Tim Veal  
Wal-Mart  
Dr. Rebecca K. Whigham, D.D.S.  
Karen Widmer  
Williams Chapel Baptist Church  
Windham's Lawn Care  
Women in Need of God's Shelter, Inc.  
Yates Ins. & Real Estate Inc.  
Yellow Book/TransWestern Publishing

Dear Ms. Paulk,

On behalf of the Communities In Schools of Laurens County, Inc. and its board of directors, I would like to take a moment to personally thank you and the Chamber for allowing our organization to use the conference center for our national accreditation reception on Thursday, December 2, 2010. The event was beautiful and having it at the Chamber made it even more special.

Communities In Schools of Laurens County, Inc. has worked extremely hard to receive national accreditation and we thank you sincerely for recognizing that accomplishment. It is our desire that we continue to make you, the committee and this community proud.

We are blessed to be a part of a community that cares—thank you again for all of your support.

In service to all children,  
Jackie Pittman Curtis, Executive Director  
Communities In Schools of Laurens County, Inc.



Dear Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce,

Thank you for your continued support with your donation to the GOAL Program here at Heart of Georgia Technical College.

GOAL participants are the next generation of technical college graduates and Georgia's future workforce. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Janet Smith  
GOAL Coordinator

## Member to Member



MAGE SOLAR President and COO Joe Thomas recently followed an invitation from Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols to be a participant at statewide roundtable discussions on alternative fuel vehicles. After four stops in Atlanta, Athens, and Savannah, the Dublin event (hosted by MAGE SOLAR) was by far the best attended and featured local leaders like Phil Best, Guy Cochran, Griffin Lovett, and Dubose Porter as panelists.

In addition to Dublin Farm's *Ristorante da Maria*, they also offer bed and breakfast accommodations. Special corporate rates are available. Call 478-275-8766 or visit [www.dublinfarm.com](http://www.dublinfarm.com) for more information .

# Shop at Home

## HELP SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

Our Local businesses are the ones that support the many charitable and civic organizations, local school athletic and booster programs, and many other local causes. This is a way for all of us to keep local \$\$ in Laurens County and assure continued employment for many of our local businesses.

The Chamber offers Shop at Home Gift Checks, throughout the year, which are accepted at participating Chamber Member Businesses.

Gift Checks are available in the amounts of \$10, \$15 or \$25 and are redeemable at participating Chamber Member Businesses.

**Anyone** can purchase these Gift Certificates at the Chamber for the perfect gift for family and friends **for any special day.**

If you would like to purchase a Gift Check you may stop by the Chamber of Commerce, Monday through Friday, 8:30a.m. until 5:00p.m.

You may call the Chamber for more information at  
(478) 272-5546



## Shopping local makes “cents”

Why shop local??

- ◆ Significantly more money re-circulates in Dublin-Laurens County
  - ◆ Most new jobs are provided by local businesses
  - ◆ Local business owners invest in community
  - ◆ Competition and diversity leads to more choices
- ◆ One of a kind businesses are an integral part of a town’s distinctive character
  - ◆ Customer service is better
  - ◆ Reduced environmental impact
  - ◆ Public benefits outweigh public costs
- ◆ Encourages investment in Dublin-Laurens County
  - ◆ Non-profits receive greater support

# Calendar of Events

## April

- 1 Business and Breakfast at Morris Bank (downtown branch) 7:30 a.m.  
13 Chamber Executive Committee Meeting McGrath Keen Sr. Conference Center Noon  
19 Chamber Board Meeting McGrath Keen Sr. Conference Center Noon  
19 Business after Hours at Dublin Country Club 5:30 p.m.

## May

- 11 Chamber Executive Committee Meeting McGrath Keen Sr. Conference Center Noon  
15 Honors Reception, McGrath Keen Sr. Conference Center  
17 Chamber Board Meeting McGrath Keen Sr. Conference Center Noon  
17 Business after Hours (Pig Pickin') at Moore Station Village 5:30 p.m.  
21 100th Birthday Celebration of the Chamber, McGrath Keen Sr. Conference Center  
26 Industry Appreciation Day  
30 Holiday (office closed)

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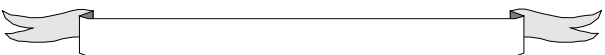
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