

Business Briefcase

Chamber's annual meeting is Jan. 26

The Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual "Wine & Stein!" meeting Jan. 26. During the meeting, the chamber and its members will celebrate their accomplishments in 2011 and kick-off the new chamber year with an entertaining event.

Founders Federal Credit Union is presenting sponsor of the 56th annual meeting.

The meeting will be highlighted by announcing the recipients of the 2011 Lancaster County Volunteer of the Year award, co-sponsored by Founders Federal Credit Union; Lancaster County Small Business of the Year Award, co-sponsored by First Citizens Bank; and the Citizenship and Service Award for Lancaster County, sponsored by Duke Energy.

Sponsorships for the 2012 annual meeting are now available.

Paws to hold yard sale Saturday

Paws in the Panhandle will hold a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10681 Barberville Road. Yard sale items include furniture, TVs, Christmas items, animal products, exercise equipment, clothes, shoes, books and more.

Animals will be available for adoption, too.

Volunteers are needed to help with these events and donations of dog food, pet products, flea and tick treatments, yard sale and thrift store items are also welcome.

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Lancaster Chamber of Commerce names new chairwoman, chair-elect

Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce

Susan Rowell has been named chairwoman of the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce for 2012. Jodie Plyler was named chair-elect.

Susan Rowell

Susan Rowell is publisher of The Lancaster



Rowell

News and Carolina Gateway. In her role as regional manager for Landmark of South Carolina, Rowell also provides management oversight for the Chester News & Reporter and the Pageland Progressive Journal.

A graduate of the Chamber's Leadership Lancaster program, she was a member of several chamber committees before being elected to a three-year term on the board of directors in 2004. In 2005-2006, she also served on the executive committee as vice chair, organizational improvement.

Rowell was named secretary of the executive committee during 2009, and was elected as the chamber's chair-elect in 2010. She has served as chair of the annual meeting planning committee during 2010 and 2011, and as chair of Think Lancaster First. She is a member of the Golf Tournament, Candidates' Forum and Public Policy committee.

Active in the community, she is also a board member of the Carolinas Literacy Network, a member of the HealthyWoman advisory board and a member of the Lancaster Rotary Club, serving as publicity chair.

Rowell is the incoming president for the S.C. Press Association.

Jodie Plyler

As chair-elect during 2012, Plyler will serve on the chamber's executive committee, and when needed, will act as chairman during any absences of the current chairman. Additionally, she is chairing the 2012 Annual Meeting planning committee and membership activities in the coming year. Plyler will serve on the committees to set the planning conference in 2012, to formulate the 2013 Program of Action, and to establish the budget for 2013.

Plyler is vice president and city executive for First Palmetto Savings Bank in Lancaster. A Lancaster County native, she is a graduate of the University of South Carolina Honors College, and has completed the Chamber's Leadership Lancaster program.

Plyler was elected to a three-year term on the chamber board of directors in January 2010. Dur-

ing 2011 she has also served on the executive committee as vice chair, community development. She is chair of the Chamber's Education Committee and Leadership Lancaster Planning Committee.

She is president of the Lancaster Rotary Club and a former chairman of the board of directors for the Lancaster County Community Foundation. Plyler has also served on the board of directors for Lancaster County Partners for Youth, Junior Achievement and the Learning Institute for Tomorrow.

a board member in several trade organizations relating to the Nutramax field.

A Lancaster County native, Broughton has worked with Lancaster County Natural Gas Authority since 1991, and serves as service supervisor. He is a graduate of the Chamber's Leadership Lancaster program, and he attended the University of South Carolina Lancaster.

Board elects five new directors

Five directors have been elected to three-year terms on the chamber board of directors for 2012. The new directors are Kristen Blanchard, Ken Broughton, Amy Overcash, Nicki Nash and Skip Pawul.

Kristen Blanchard is the vice president of Legal and Government Affairs for Nutramax Laboratories Inc., which opened in Lancaster earlier this year. She earned her bachelor's of arts degree from the State University of New York at Oswego, and completed post graduate work at the University of San Diego.

Blanchard has served as a member of the Chamber's Public Policy Committee during 2011. She is

on the board of directors for the Lancaster County Council of the Arts and Junior Achievement of Chester County. She is a member of the board of directors for the Arts Council of York County and Girls on the Run. She is a past president of the Junior Welfare League of York County and past chair of the Marketing Advisory Council for the York County Regional Chamber

of Commerce.

Overcash is a Realtor, and joined Allen Tate Realtors in 2000. A North Carolina native, she graduated with a bachelor of science in business administration from Appalachian State University.

Overcash has served as Business After Hours chair for the chamber for the past several years, and has participated on the chamber's membership sales team. She is vice president of the Lancaster County Council of the Arts, and has previously served on the board of directors for the American Red Cross and the Community Playhouse of Lancaster County.

Pawul is the executive vice president and co-owner of PCI Group Inc., located in Indian Land. Pawul graduated with honors and obtained his bachelor's of science degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He served as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard prior to joining PCI in 1982.

Pawul is currently serving on the chamber's Public Policy Committee, and he is a member of the board of directors for United Way of Lancaster County.

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Owner Jimmy Brown stands inside the Carriage House Restaurant. The e-mail and physical addresses were incorrect in the Dec. 21 edition of the Lancaster News. The correct address is 1100 N. Main St.; e-mail address is amandat@carriageinn@yahoo.com