



# March 2010 Newsletter

Talladega Chamber of Commerce

## Talladega Chamber Corporate Partners



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## Talladega's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

There are so many activities included in this historical celebration, you will want to visit the website [www.talladega175.com](http://www.talladega175.com) to get the skinny on everything, but some of the highlights include Bo Bice and Ruben Studdard concerts at the Ritz Theatre, a dinner dance at AIDB's Gilchrist Room, a 5K Run benefiting the Presbyterian Home's Hope Academy, tours of Talladega College's Amistad Murals at the Savery Library, a downtown parade, a Barbeque Cook-off, and so much more. So mark your calendars beginning Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> when Talladega High School presents an historic play at the Ritz Theatre and keep the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> open for some (or all) of the other fun events.

## Chamber's Annual Celebration

Our Annual Celebration was a great success with approximately 250 in attendance. We would like to congratulate the following recipients of the awards:

### **Community Service Award**

Armstrong-Osborne Public Library

### **Citizen of the Year**

Buster Taylor

### **Nonprofit Organization of the Year**

Palmer Place

### **Small Business of the Year (tie)**

Mint Julep

Lincoln Chiropractic and Wellness Center

### **Medium Business of the Year**

Griffin's Jewelers

### **Large Business of the Year**

Citizens Baptist Medical Center

We also want to thank AIDB and its staff for the use of and set-up of the Gilchrist Room, Mr. Mickey Ferguson, our guest

speaker, Clyde's Florist, Brignoli Manor, our 2009-2010 Ambassadors, and most of all, you who came and supported this event and made it the success it was.

## Chamber Coffees

We're giving everyone plenty of notice for two upcoming coffees, so we hope to see lots of folks in attendance. On Monday, April 12th, AIDB will host the Chamber Coffee and the statue of Helen Keller will be on display.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> the Talladega County Board of Education will host the Chamber Coffee beginning at 9:00 a.m. in its Board Room located on the top floor of the County Board's office. We will keep you informed of the particulars of each coffee as time draws near.

## Girl Scout Cookie Sale

The Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama need your help to send Girl Scout Cookies to soldiers stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan! Anyone can purchase Cookies for Troops from a Girl Scout during booth sales at your local retailers. GSNCA will coordinate the effort to send to different units overseas. "Our goal is to send 10,000 boxes to troops overseas," Hilary Perry, Director of Communications and Advocacy, states. "Soldiers write back often and tell us how Girl Scout Cookies are a 'little taste of home.'"

Having trouble finding cookies? Call 800-734-4541 or visit [www.girlscoutsnca.org](http://www.girlscoutsnca.org).

## Boy Scouts' American Values Dinner

The Cheaha District of the Boy Scouts of America is hosting an American Values Fundraising Dinner on March 20, 2010, at Shocco Springs Convention Center in Talladega. The guest speaker will be former University of Alabama and Denver Bronco football player Bobby Humphrey. For more information, contact Steven Miles, 256-223-2999 or Becky Griffin, 256-362-5282.

## Palmer Place Selling Wreaths

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and to raise awareness, Palmer Place is selling wreaths to place on your business's door front in April. The wreaths sell for \$25 and you can call Palmer Place at 256-315-2662 to order yours.



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## February Chamber Membership Renewals

2010 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:

Mike Challender, President

Jason Hurst, Past President

Andy Whiddon, First Vice-President

Kisha Linley, Second Vice-President

Chad Jones, Treasurer

David Akins

Graham Hadley

Rick Humphrey

Boyd McGehee

Ray Miller

Fran Pope

Lynne Stanford

Chad Woodruff

Mack Ferguson, Executive Director

Donnie Miller, City Council Liaison to Chamber

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers  
Professional Apothecary  
Talladega County Economic Development Authority  
Talladega Chiropractic  
Aaron's Sales & Lease  
Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center  
Selwood Farms  
SES Graphics  
Talladega Office Machines  
Ashley Manor, LLC  
TBM Home Assistance Services  
Judge Julian King  
Talladega College  
Fraternal Order of Police  
Martha Jordan  
Citizens Baptist Medical Center  
Alabama Eye Clinic  
Alabama Power Company  
Precision Strip, Inc.  
Lakeside Hospice  
AT&T

## Welcoming Several New Members...

**J. Bradley Ponder, Attorney at Law.** Brad is practicing in Lincoln and his office is located at 286 Magnolia Street. Contact him by mail at P.O. Box 222, Lincoln, AL 35096 or by phone at 205-763-1232. You can visit his web site at [www.bradponderlaw.com](http://www.bradponderlaw.com).

**Alabama Farm Credit**, formerly the Federal Land Bank located at 35651 Alabama Highway 21, recently had a ground-breaking for its new office which will be at 65696 Alabama Highway 77 when completed. Presently, the office is still on Highway 21. The mailing address is P.O. Drawer 6070 and you can contact Jim Tollison or Terri Smith at 256-362-0507.

**Red Door Kitchen Board of Directors** is headed up by Mr. Ray Miller, and he can be contacted at 256-362-3663. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1261.

**Sherwin Williams Paint Store** in Talladega is located at 105 S.J. White Memorial Boulevard. Contact Mr. Wade Smith at 256-362-4981.

**Bath Cleaning Service** is a new cleaning service in Talladega owned and operated by Joe and Sheila Bath. They do commercial and residential cleaning and can be reached at 256-268-7088 or by email at [sbath7088@charter.net](mailto:sbath7088@charter.net).

## IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

NOW: Girl Scout Cookies on sale

March 6: The Taffetas at the Ritz

March 6: Relay for Life Road Block

March 10: Red Cross Blood Drive

March 13: Relay for Life "Gong Show"

March 13: Relay for Life's Benefit Gospel Singing at Stockdale Baptist Church

March 20: American Values Fundraising Dinner

March 26: Bo Bice at the Ritz

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> : Talladega's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

March 27: Ruben Studdard at the Ritz

March 31: Lincoln Business Associates Meeting

April 9: Rotary Golf Tournament

April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>: Three on a String at the Ritz

April 10: Classic Car Show in Chamber parking lot

April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>: April in Talladega

April 12: Chamber Coffee hosted by AIDB

April 17: Relay for Life Golf Tournament

April 24: Henry Cho at the Ritz

May 1: Sunshine Saturday

May 4: Chamber Coffee hosted by the Talladega County Board of Education

May 14: Relay For Life Event

May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> : Branson on the Road at the Ritz

June 24: Lorrie Morgan and Pam Tillis at the Ritz

July 3, 2010: Lincoln's 100 Year Celebration

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month: Talladega City Council Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month: Lincoln City Council Meeting

**Jeanne Dowdle Rasco** is an attorney in Talladega whose office is located at 124 East Battle Street in Talladega. Jeanne's mailing address is P.O. Box 326, and you can contact her at 256-761-9992.

Thank you, members, for your support, and please let us know how we can help you. We encourage all members to contact us with information you want included in the newsletter, email, or in the Community Events on our website. If we are not publicizing events that are important to you, please let us know. Also, let us know if any of your pertinent business information has changed or if you are not receiving information from us on a regular basis. Dues can be paid by credit card now, if you prefer.

## April in Talladega

The annual pilgrimage is set for Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Pilgrimage will feature home tours as well as tours of Manning Hall and several Talladega College buildings. There is a luncheon at the Episcopal Church which also is on the tour. The Plank Road Station in Winterboro will be open and various artists will be displaying their work there.

Even though the tour is not until Saturday, Heritage Hall Museum is hosting a Wine & Cheese gathering on Friday before the Ritz performance with Three on a String, both in conjunction with April in Talladega.

## Classic Car Show

Talladega's Classic Car Show returns for its big spring show on April 10<sup>th</sup> in the Chamber parking lot. These shows are always fun with plenty of neat cars and a D.J. playing cruising songs from the 50's and 60's. Plan on time to check this out before taking the April in Talladega Tour.

## Spring 2010 at the Ritz

The Ritz Theatre kicks off its Spring Season with **The Taffetas**, a musical comedy tribute to the girl groups of the 1950's. Show time is Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Bo Bice** and **Ruben Studdard** headline the weekend of March 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

Friday and Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, **Three on a String** will perform. These three will charm you with country, folk, bluegrass and old standards—all with a comedic twist. Both shows begin at 7:00 p.m.

Family-friendly comedian **Henry Cho** performs two shows

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.

**Branson on the Road** features three of Branson's best acts for two performances, Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

Rounding out the Spring season will be a concert with **Lorrie Morgan** and **Pam Tillis** on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.

## Spring Golf Tournaments

The Rotary Club is having a Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Alpine Bay. Proceeds will benefit local charities and provide scholarships for local students. In the event of rain, players will receive a rain check for a golf round at Alpine Bay and a drawing will be held for door prizes. The tournament is a three man scramble, best ball, shotgun start, and the cost is \$65 per player or \$195 per team and includes dinner. Hole-in-One on Number 4 nets \$10,000. For more info, contact Ruth Helen Deese, 256-362-7347, Jake Montgomery, 256-362-3154, or Scott Munroe, 256-761-2240.

On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, North Talladega County Relay for Life will have a golf tournament—a four man scramble—at Alpine Bay Golf Course. Your entry fee of \$65 includes golf, cart, range balls, and lunch. Advertising space is available if you want to sponsor this event. For more info and/or to register contact Cindy Pennington, 256-268-0141 or 256-493-2469 or [cindy35160@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy35160@yahoo.com).

## Relay for Life Fundraisers

North Talladega County Relay for Life has several upcoming fundraisers planned this spring. Some of the other fun fundraisers include a "Gong Show" at the Ritz Theatre on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, call Kathy Shropshire, 256-362-8328. Also that night at 6:00 p.m. there will be a benefit gospel singing at Stockdale Baptist Church.

Now through March 15<sup>th</sup>, you can purchase a Boston Butt (\$25) for pick-up on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sharon Blankenship, 256-362-9006, or Joyce Ferrell, 256-362-3144 to order.

## Lincoln Plans 100 Year Celebration

Lincoln is planning its 100 Year Incorporation Celebration for July 3, 2010 and is encouraging all citizens in Lincoln or with

ties to Lincoln to come to the meetings and help plan the festivities.

Kelly Love is chair of the Steering Committee that is planning the celebration and the committee has been receiving a lot of ideas for plans. The day will include a celebration of “Streetscapes” renovations in Old Lincoln which will be highlighted by the Alabama Department of Tourism’s “Year of Small Towns and Downtowns” erecting a plaque that celebrates Lincoln’s 100 years as an incorporated city.

## Monthly Reminders

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Spring Street Recreation Center. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

The Lincoln Business Associates meet the last Wednesday of each month at noon at the Race City Diner in Lincoln for a Dutch treat lunch. A speaker is scheduled each month. For more information, call Tina Seals at 205-763-0950

