

BLYTHEWOOD BUSINESS COALITION NEWS
MAY 2007

MEETING DATE:

The May Meeting for BBC is 7:30 A.M. on Tuesday May 8, 2007 at the Southern Pig. BBC Scholarship award winners to be announced and introduced at this meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

As this letter is begin mail the BBC Scholarship Committee is completing the task of selecting from the many applicants the five 2007 recipients of BBC scholarships, among which is the newly instituted Carolyn Kelly Raines award. Join me and the other members of the BBC in recognizing these special students and those who have nurtured them in their journey to adulthood.

OH WHAT A NIGHT

An evening of Southern charm and elegance was provided the man and women of the BBC and those community businesses, business leaders, and friends invited by our Membership Committee. Laura Kiser, membership Committee Chair with the help of our news business Member, the Columbia Country Club (Jill Philman) provided food and beverage befitting of the most discerning tongue. I especially liked the capers, while Joe Sharpe preferred the Salmon. Music was provided by Nice and Easy, whose repertoire had many listening with dream-like smiles and some venturing onto the dance floor. Bill Plunkett was appointed the Chair of the BBC dance committee, though J.B. Bishop made a motion to reconsider the vote when our Dance Chair accepted a some what liberal invitation to dance by yours truly in the latter portions of the evening.

It's a fact and the votes are in the Business Community of Blythewood is fun when we let our hair down.

WHO'S COMING FOR COFFEE

The Honorable Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council Member serving the Blythewood Community, made a surprise visit to the BBC April 8, 2007 meeting. Council woman Dickerson, share with use some highlights from the Richland County Council sponsored The Honorable Joyce Dickerson Neighborhood Planning Conference held March 31, 2007, attended by Blythewood Mayor Mayor Pete and Council Member Ed Garrison. Ms Dickerson advised the BBC that the Richland County Council and the elected officials from through Richland County, including Blythewood's Mayor and Council, will be gathering May 24, 2007 to discuss the needs, wants, and future for the business community and citizens of Richland County and she invited those of the BBC, who are interested to join in the discussions and debate.

The BBC received in March a letter from State Senator Joel Lourie, advising the BBC that he was aware and appreciated our invitation to visit and participate in the monthly meetings of the BBC as time permits and though he could not attend our March meeting, he plans to visit with the membership in May.

Marte Cowulick, Tourism Director for the Town of Blythewood, provide hand outs for members and guest attending the BBC meeting a summary of the information regarding Blythewood restaurants and accommodations listing on the town's internet page, how to locate the site, and the Town's interest in listing all Blythewood Businesses and links to there web site from the Town of Blythewood's Web page.

WELCOME TONY

The BBC is please to welcome another member of the Richland County Sheriff Region 6 team. Tony Bixler will be attending our meetings while Scott Stover is completing speaking engagement on is resent travels through Australia. In his spare time Tony plays professional area football and has consented to sign autographs shortly before or after meetings.

WHY WE MEET

The purpose of business is to create and keep customers. All business activities must be focused on this central purpose. We keep customers by delivering on our promises, fulfilling our commitments and continually investing in the quality of our relationships to our customers and to each other.

ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting for the BBC is scheduled for June 12, 2007. During this meeting the Board of Directors for the corporation will be elected. The terms of persons holding the office of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasure, and Board Member at Large will expire on June 12th. I encourage everyone to consider contributing to the success of the BBC in 2007/2008 through service in a leadership position.