

January 28, 2008

## Chamber Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 31, 2008

- **Business at Breakfast (8 a.m.)**  
Cracker Barrel - Ringgold  
Speaker: Mike Taylor, Why kNOw Abstinence

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 @ 4 p.m.

- **Ace Hardware Breaks Ground in Ringgold**  
(Poplar Springs Road next to Food Lion)  
John Rutter 423-899-6306 ext. 30

Friday, February 1, 2008

- **Education Committee (8:30 a.m.)**

Saturday, February 2, 2008

- **Gala: Reception 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.**  
Theme: *Dancing with the Stars*

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

- **Leadership Steering (8:30 a.m.)**
- **New Leads Group Information Meeting (3:30 p.m.)**

Thursday, February 7, 2008

- **Ambassador Meeting (8:30 a.m.)**

Friday, February 8, 2008

- **New Member Reception (10 a.m.)**

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

- **Legislative Committee (9 a.m.)**
- **Entrepreneur Friendly (10 a.m.)**

• **Wednesday, February 13, 2008**

- **Small Business Council (8:30 a.m.)**
- **Young Professional Networking**  
**Caffeine Addicts (8:30 a.m.)**

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

- **Communication Committee (9 a.m.)**
- **Entrepreneur Friendly (9 a.m.)**

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

- **Leadership Catoosa – Capitol**

Thursday, February 21, 2008

- **12 @ 12:00**  
12 Chamber Members join  
President Martha Eaker for lunch

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

- **Entrepreneur Friendly (9 a.m.)**
- **Executive Board (3 p.m.)**
- **Board Meeting (4 p.m.)**

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

- **Membership Retention (8:30 a.m.)**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

- **Entrepreneur Friendly Review**

## Weekly Chamber Meetings

**Tuesdays:** FTO Leads Group (8:00 a.m.)

**Thursdays:** Catoosa Leads Group (8:30 a.m.)

## Economic Census, U.S. Bureau of Census

Right now, more than 4 million American businesses, including 560 businesses in Catoosa County, have their 2007 Economic Census forms in front of them. The forms, mailed in December, are due in less than a month, February 12, 2008. While many very small businesses were not sent a form, those businesses that did get a form are required by law (Title 13, U.S. Code) to complete and return it. Many businesses may not realize how important this census is—how the data, though collected only once every five years, support both public policy and business decision, both national and local.

**Please contact your members now to urge their prompt response in the Economic Census.** You can base your email, newsletter blurb, or website feature on the sample editorial shown below, or use some of the ideas shown at <http://business.census.gov/media/>. Do it now, and again just before the February 12 due date.

Thanks again for your help in this important national effort. If you need more information about the 2007 Economic Census, please contact Robert Marsske, Laurie Torene, or Paul Zeisset at 1-877-790-1876, or e-mail us at [econ2007@census.gov](mailto:econ2007@census.gov).

(Sample message to your members)

### America Needs Business Numbers

In December, the U.S. Census Bureau mailed Economic Census forms to more than 4 million businesses – to all large and medium businesses and many small businesses. If you receive a form, the law (Title 13, U.S. Code) requires that you complete and return it. The due date is February 12, less than a month away. Economic indicators we use all the time—like Gross Domestic Product, monthly retail sales, and the producer price index—all depend on the Economic Census for continued accuracy. The data are also used by businesses large and small, and by this chamber. Ben Barnake says this census is “indispensable to understanding America’s economy”.

If you need more information or help completing the form, see the Census Bureau’s business help site at [www.census.gov/econhelp](http://www.census.gov/econhelp) or call 1-800-233-6136.

(Information received from the U.S. Bureau of the Census)

## DID YA KNOW?

### Afternoon Leads Group Forming!



An informational meeting to form a 3<sup>rd</sup> Catoosa County Chamber Leads Group will be held Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. in the Chamber’s Board Room at The Colonnade. This group will meet at lunch or later in the afternoon for participants that are unable to meet in the mornings. Decisions will be made by the participating group members to determine day and time of meetings each week as well as location.

If you are interested in this FREE Chamber benefit, please RSVP to Dana Bolin at 423.752.0219 or [dana.bolin@comtrustfcu.com](mailto:dana.bolin@comtrustfcu.com).



Realize Your Vision on the Web

Full Service Web Design including:

- Unique Design Concept
- Photography
- Hosting
- Search Engine Optimization  
Get your site listed in Google

We create all types of Websites from simple one-page brochure websites to full e-commerce with credit card processing.

The Internet is where you need to be  
Call 423.877.5533  
[www.4AllThingsWeb.com](http://www.4AllThingsWeb.com)

GIRLS NIGHT OUT!  
Wine, Cheese & Chocolate  
*Uniktings!*

Thursday, February 7, 2008  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

DOOR PRIZES

FOOD  
DRINKS  
FUN!!

7715 Nashville Street 706-937-5252  
Ringgold, GA 30736 RSVP  
Downtown Ringgold, next to  
Northwest Georgia Bank

Under the Green Awning!

*THE BURNING BUSH TUXEDOS  
RENTAL & SALES*



*10% OFF TO ALL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MEMBERS  
ATTENDING THE  
2008 GALA  
706-866-4847*



Do you know anyone who would like to build a home?

Give us a name, address, & phone number and when they build with us, you'll get \$1500.00!

We offer our customers  
Over 90 customizable plans ranging from  
900-4,000 sq. ft.

Free customized floor plan design with  
purchase of home!

Build on your land or the land we help you  
choose.

Warranty Program with scheduled follow-up.

Contact  
Bobby Allen

[ballen@americashomeplace.com](mailto:ballen@americashomeplace.com)

423- 510-9104

or visit us at [www.americashomeplace.com](http://www.americashomeplace.com)