

Chamber annual meeting set for Jan. 25

This Monday, Jan. 25 at the Bridgestone Learning Center in Morrison, the McMinnville-Warren County Chamber of Commerce will conduct its annual meeting. This is a premiere event and I think local citizens will want to be among the 350 who attend.

Tickets cost \$30 each or \$250 for a group of 10. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Chamber of Commerce office at 473-6611 or stopping by the Chamber building on the Court Square downtown.

A multiple course buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m. by The Grove. Sponsor for the dinner is River Park Hospital. A silent auction also begins at 6 p.m. There will be numerous door prizes offered throughout the evening climaxing with a grand prize drawing of a five-day cruise for two at the end of the program.

The formal program will begin at 7 p.m. A new DVD will be shown from Motlow State Community College introducing the new Mechatronics education program which kicked off Jan. 14. Mechatronics will be a primary strategy in local workplace development.

Mike McCloud of MMA Creative of Cookeville will next present a briefing on the new community branding and



River Park Hospital CEO John McLain is the 2010 chairman of the Chamber board of directors.

marketing program designed to build interest in the rich heritage of McMinnville and Warren County.

The Chamber proudly will announce major award winners for 2009 for Distinguished Citizen, Free Enterprise, Volunteer of the Year, and a new award, the Edwin Partin Retailer of the Year.

Ray Cantrell, as the outgoing chairman of the Board of Directors, will start the program and then turn over the podium to the 2010 board chairman, John McLain.



Congratulations to Ray for a job well done, and welcome aboard to John.

The 2010 Program of Work will be presented to all attendees. The Chamber is busy at work serving existing industry, the retail community, local education, Leadership McMinnville, member services, the Three Star Program, and a host of other services.

Retiring board members are Rickey Minton, Bonnie Collier, and Sandra Haynes. Tony Powell is resigning from the

board as he relocates with Bridgestone to North Carolina. The late Edwin Partin had one year of his term remaining. Congratulations to these members who have contributed their time and talent to serve the community.

New board members are Sean Kelley to serve the two-year unexpired term of Tony Powell, Dennis Lann to fill the one-year term of Edwin Partin, Cindy Rogers, Steve Stanger, and Bobby Cox. The Chamber board welcomes the new directors. Each director will serve on one or more standing divisions of work.

Jan. 25 is a social and business networking opportunity. Please plan to participate. Making a difference in Warren County and McMinnville is as simple as getting involved. See you at the meeting.

Chamber awards

The Chamber will announce major award winners for 2009 at its Jan. 25 banquet:

- Distinguished Citizen Award
- Free Enterprise Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Edwin Partin Retailer of the Year Award

Retiring Chamber board members



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