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NEWSLETTER

January, 2009

- **Eight New Members on Board of Directors**
- **One New Member on Executive Board**
- **Honoring Those Members Who Have Served**
- **Banquet News**
- **Upcoming Meeting**
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Topics in Detail:

Welcome New Members to Board of Directors

Joe Andrew

Chris Knapp

Liz Britt

Camille Mason

Jim Burkart

Michael Pierce

Randy Harper

Angie Waites

Welcome New Member to Executive Board

Judge Dale Segrest

Appreciation and Thanks

Thanks to the following people for their leadership and commitment to the people of Talassee:

Valerie Brantley

Scott Hornsby

Linda Coppinger

Steve Mullis

Gregg Ferrell

Kim Mulder Varden

Banquet News

What an outstanding Banquet! Thanks to all who attended. Congratulations to Mary Parker, Recipient of The Frances Wagon Award for her volunteer service to Talassee. Talassee Cleaners—Business of The Year Award, and R.C. Linville who received the President's Award. Mayor George McCain was presented an appreciation award for his service to the Chamber. Commissioner Joe Faulk presented Mickey Shaw with a special resolution from the Alabama Senate for 12 years of service as an Elmore County Commissioner.

Next Meeting

January 23rd – 11:00 a.m. Executive Committee, Seven Gables

January 27th – 5:30 pm New Member Orientation, Seven Gables

6:30 pm Regular Meeting, Seven Gables

Note from Mickey B. Shaw

It is my pleasure to serve you in this new year. Join me in hard work and dedication in our efforts to make Tallassee all it can be. Anything worth achieving usually takes time, money and the **belief** that the goal is obtainable. Laying the groundwork for growth is no exception. Progress is changing for the future while honoring and preserving our past. Support the Chamber's efforts, for we will succeed! Special thanks to Brad Linville, as past president, outstanding job 2008!



From the President's Pen
Ann Christian

We had a GREAT banquet! A sell out -- fun and rewarding -- now, it's time to go to work.. I do so appreciate the confidence that you, the members, have placed in me to be your president this year. Hopefully, at the end of December, with increased activity and goals met we will have had a profitable year.

Our Chamber is represented with good leadership in officers and members, and Mickey is working very hard as our new Executive Director. We all have a lot to learn and together we can make great strides. We, as the board, have a challenge that is before us, like none we've ever had. We need to increase our retail businesses in Tallassee, and to support all our present retailers and businesses consistently. A key goal this year must be to entice more retail and industrial concerns to look at us and realize the potential Tallassee has. The tax base that we've lost is so important for the operation of the City and as always, "shop Tallassee first."

I would like to see us come together with a litter campaign and recycle everything that is recyclable.

We need our web-site up-to-date so our members and the general public can access it at any time.

One of my primary objectives is the complete renovation of Mt. Vernon Theater which can offer regular entertainment that will be conducive to the revitalization of Historic Downtown Tallassee. This is workable with your help and assistance.

What do you want for Tallassee? We must become proactive and interactive to accomplish the goals that will grow Tallassee. Tallassee's population has diminished 6.16% in the last seven years. It's up to us – I challenge each of us to do all we can in our endeavors this year.

Chamber Chats

Thursday, February 12 at 6:00 pm ∇ **Camille and Company** ∇ 1611 Gilmer Avenue