

Chamber Chat...



VINTON AREA
CHAMBER
OF
COMMERCE

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 1, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Business After Hours Sponsored by William Byrd High School
Meet new people - Enjoy HS Baseball - Network with others and
Dinner is on us!

Tulip Lane, located in the Spring Grove subdivision
(directly beside William Byrd High School)
JV starts at 5 pm and Varsity begins at 7 pm
RSVP by April 29th



Tuesday, May 12, 2009 - Business After Hours - Sponsored by Valley Bank
Wine Tasting & Silent/Live Auction

Live Auction throughout the evening
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Vinton War Memorial
Hors d'oeuvres

Networking - bring your business cards

Spouse or guest also invited

\$10.00 admission per person

RSVP required no later than May 7

343-1364 or info@vintonchamber.com

No refunds or cancellations after Thurs., May 7

Non-attendance does not alleviate balance due.

Donations for the auction will be accepted until May 5



Thursday, May 21, 2009 - Business After Hours - Salem Red Sox

Salem Memorial Stadium

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Networking and food:
game starts 7:05 pm

\$5.00 admission for members and guests -
includes ticket and food

RSVP by May 18th



Welcome New Members. . .

BELLE'S BLOOMS

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THE COUNTRY CUPBOARD GIFT SHOP

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Alert Driver Training
Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group
A+ Price Is Right Parts & Supplies Inc.
(Formerly Auto Salvage)
Chas Lunsford Sons & Associates
Christ's Fellowship
Creative Occasions Floral & Gifts
Kitchen and Bath Gallery
Bruce E. Mayer, Attorney at Law
Sam's Club
Teaberry's Restaurant & Catering

How's your neighbor doing? Are they surviving the economy? What can you do to help?



Hal Mabe
Chamber President

I'm not talking about the neighbor who lives next to you. I'm talking about the business owner and fellow Chamber member down the street and around the corner.

I was talking to a successful business owner and chamber member today and we started talking about the times we are in and the opportunities that are in front of business owners if they will just stop and look for them.

Then he said it. Not a single word, but a string of several sentences of frustration about fellow business owners and employees who don't hesitate to take their business "out of town" and away from fellow Chamber members. Then they wonder why their own business is struggling.

We talked for a long time and I remembered that after I joined the chamber and started volunteering my time, I started thinking more about doing business in Vinton and supporting fellow Chamber members. How could I expect others to do business with me if I wasn't doing business with them? I changed my habits and always look to do business with Chamber members first, if possible, and then I look to do business in and around Vinton next. Do you?

As our conversation continued, the business owner then said something that really stuck with me. "To make it during these times people MUST start thinking of doing business with people in our town and with fellow Chamber members first. We must look out for our own. I'm doing business with those that do business with me" he said.

Are you a Chamber member wanting others to do business with you but you don't try to do business with them also? Is it time for you to change some habits?

Let's all take some great advice from a Vinton business owner and fellow Chamber member...it's time we look out for each other.

Who can you start doing business with today?

Now go out and do some business.

Hal Mabe is the President of the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, an Account Executive with FOX 21/27 and CW5 TV and is a licensed and certified marketing consultant implementing the 'Monopolize Your Marketplace' marketing system.

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