

December 2022

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WELCOME CENTER HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, Closed

2022 Board of Directors and Staff:

Craig Harris - Chairperson, Brandon Clark - Vice Chairperson, Logan Tuck - Treasurer  
Laura Merlo, Keith Allen, Jeffrey W. Massey, Felliasha Adams, Titus Carter,  
Mayor Steve Jones, Mayor Jerry Wilmore, Mayor Kenneth Hollis  
Jennifer Hardman - Director • Brenda Hiatt - Assistant Director

## Letter from our Chairperson

Greetings all,

Yes ... it's seriously upon us ... Christmas is around the corner. Most of us say it quite often ... "It'll be here before we know it." That's true. Christmas is almost here. The more stable year of 2022 has done the same thing that every year seems to do ... it has flown by.

However, flights are often good things ... and they include some wonderful destinations and memorable moments. Most of us made some positive memories over the past 11 months, including some good ones for the Macon County Chamber of Commerce.

It was great to see a packed Sally Wells Building at the Macon County Fairgrounds on Nov. 15 for our annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. That's always one of those events to where we run into lots of people who we're thrilled to see, and there's good food and great fun.

We always recognize our incoming and outgoing board members at the chamber banquet. We're thrilled to have Bryan Nichols, Billy Snyder and Tracie Wilburn coming on as board members, and I can't thank outgoing board members Keith Allen and Laura Merlo enough for going above and beyond in their three years of service as board members.

Congratulations go out to our 2022 award winners – small business of the year (Beans & Leaf's Coffee Cafe), large business of the year (Lafayette Hometown Foods) and volunteer of the year (WayMakers Center).

As I'm writing this, the Macon County Christmas Parade and Red Boiling Springs Christmas Parade are this weekend, and it looks as if the Macon County procession may be bigger and better than it has been in a long time based on the responses that we've received. For those who haven't experienced it, the Red Boiling Springs parade is one of the neatest holiday events to be behold as it glowingly weaves through town at night.

It's wonderful to see children enjoying the parades, and it's also great to see families together.

The holidays are a wonderful time of families and friends gathering together, and it's certainly a great blessing that we make specific efforts to spend together around the holidays. It's also a wonderful gesture that we break bread together and give one another gifts. Those things show that we care. However, as great as all of those things are, it's my prayer that the greatest blessing for each of you this Christmas will come from knowing – in the most personal way – the One who is the reason why that we do all of this "celebrating" this time each year.

It's a special thing to open the Bible to the second chapter of Luke and read about the birth of Jesus. I'd encourage all of you to do that this season – maybe along with your families – and to just think about what that means for us. May we pause in an effort to be humbled and encouraged by the hope that comes about due to the fact that God – the almighty creator of the universe – sent his only begotten son into the world to give us a hope that is everlasting.

What grace ... what mercy ... what love.

So, may we passionately celebrate with great joy this Christmas.

I truly hope that each of you has the most blessed Christmas that you've ever known and that it exceeds even your wildest imagination.

Enjoy ... and see you soon.

Craig Harris, Chairperson  
Macon County Chamber of Commerce



2022 BOARD MEETINGS: 8:30 - 9:30 - WELCOME CENTER

January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, Sept. 20, October 18, Nov. 22

2022 QUARTERLY LUNCHEONS: 11:30 - 1:00 - TBD

March 22 - 1st Quarter, June 28 - 2nd Quarter, September 27 - 3rd Quarter, November 15 - Annual Banquet

# Chamber Annual Membership Banquet Held November 15



Individual/Organization of the Year - Waymakers Center.



Large Business of the Year - Lafayette Hometown Foods.



Small Business of the Year - Beans & Leaf's Coffee & Tea Cafe.



Outgoing Board Member and Chairperson - Craig Harris.



Outgoing Board Member - Keith Allen.



Outgoing Board Member - Laura Merlo.



New Board Members - Tracie Wilburn and Bryan Nichols.  
Not pictured: Billy Snyder.



A special thank you to Ben Bray and supporting auctioneers at our Annual Banquet pictured here with local artist and musician Ronnie McDowell who made a special appearance to give the backstory to the print he auctioned to benefit the Macon County Chamber of Commerce.  
Thank you

***Thank you to all who sponsored tables and silent auction items for our Annual Banquet. We are humbled by our members and the support they show us. Your generosity allows the Macon County Chamber of Commerce to continue to serve our community to the best of our ability. Thank you so much!***





Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held December 1st for new Chamber member Farmers Home Furniture.

**OPEN HOUSE**




**MEMORIES & MORE/  
SHELBY'S ANTIQUES &  
UPHOSTERY**

**EVERYTHING IS 10% OFF**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2022**

**9 AM – 5 PM**

**DOOR PRIZES &  
REFRESHMENTS**



**PULMONARY  
REHAB**


*at Macon Community Hospital*

MOST PEOPLE TAKE BREATHING FOR GRANTED. It's second nature, an involuntary reflex. But thousands of Americans suffer with breathing problems. Those people include patients with chronic lung problems such as asthma, bronchitis, COPD, recurring pneumonias, and emphysema.

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE suffer from these or similar conditions, then pulmonary rehabilitation could be a helpful method to reduce your symptom severity and improve your overall quality of life.

THE PULMONARY REHAB PROGRAM at Macon Community Hospital is designed to provide education to increase awareness about your lungs and your disease, and exercise techniques to improve your condition. Working with our rehab team, you will learn ways to increase your lung strength and capacity, and how to live your life with less shortness of breath so you can feel better and get back to doing the everyday things you love!

For more information please contact us at  
**615-666-2147**



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**THERAPY SERVICES**

*Please Attend Our Open House!*

**MCH THERAPY ANNEX • DECEMBER 7TH • 11AM – 2PM**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US at an Open House event on **Wednesday, December 7th from 11am – 2pm** to tour our Therapy Annex and check out the new facilities for Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy services! Located at **308 West Locust Street** in Lafayette, the Therapy Annex also houses our **NEW** Pulmonary Rehab department as well as our existing Cardiac Rehab and Sleep Lab facilities.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT and look forward to seeing you on December 7th! Staff will be available to meet and talk with patients. There will also be some great register-to-win door prizes and some light refreshments.

For more information please contact us at  
**615-666-7008**



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*Selfies* with *Santa*



**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> | 9AM - Noon**  
**Main Office (609 RBS Road)**  
*Bring your own camera!*

Macon Bank & Trust Company 

MACON BANK & TRUST PRESENTS  
 Customer Appreciation  
**CHRISTMAS CASH Giveaway**



To show our appreciation for your business this year, Macon Bank & Trust is giving away **TWO \$250 cash prizes** at EVERY LOCATION, EVERY WEEK on the following days:

**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.**  
**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 a.m.**  
**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.**  
**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.**



On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 10 a.m. | Lafayette Main Office

**Four - \$500.00 Cash Drawings!**

Enter as often as you like. Winners limited to one prize per week. Grand Prize Winners limited to one \$500 Prize. All entries from the weekly drawings are eligible to win the Grand Prize Drawings. You do not have to be a customer, or be present to win. Directors, officers and employees of Macon Bank & Trust Company, and family members living in the same households, are not eligible for weekly drawings or Grand Prize Drawings.

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