

# CHAMBERLINK

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## Administrative Professionals' Day Luncheon

The Florence Chamber, in conjunction with the Darlington Chamber of Commerce, will host an Administrative Professionals' Day luncheon on Wednesday, April 26th at SiMT. The event will begin at 11:00 am with vendor exhibits and giveaways. Lunch and the program start at 12:00 noon. This year's speaker will be Laura Hamilton with a keynote address on **SuperWoman: Are You Invincible?**

Hamilton is President of her own speaking, training, and consulting business. She numbers among her clients Dell, Chevrolet, and Home Depot. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Hamilton is an active member of the National Speakers Association and serves on the board of the Carolinas Speakers Association. She has received the coveted, CSP, Certified Speaking Professional designation, which has been awarded to fewer than 500 professional speakers in the United States.

This year's event is sponsored by SPC Credit Union, Duke Energy and AT&T.



## Leadership Florence Alumni Association & YP of Florence: Trivia Night!

All Leadership Florence graduates/association members and Young Professionals of Florence are invited to a fun night of pizza, beer, soft drinks & trivia on Tuesday, April 25th. The event will be held in the Community Room at the Florence Chamber located at 100 W. Evans Street from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. The doors will open at 6:00 PM and trivia begins at 6:30 PM. See the flyer in this issue of Chamberlink to register.



## Business After Hours



Coker College

Thursday, May 11th

5:30 - 7:00 pm

To be held at Victors Restaurant at  
126 W. Evans Street



State Farm - Mandy Simpson Agency

Thursday, April 27th

5:30 - 7:00 pm

804 Second Loop Road, Suite J

**Don't miss these opportunities to network with friends and business colleagues. There will be food, drinks and door prizes. Register online for both Business After Hours at flochamber.com!**

# Wendell E. Jones Jr. Named Small Business Person Of The Year

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Article/Picture Credit: Jessica Imbimbo, Morning News

"FLORENCE, S.C. — Wendell E. Jones Jr. was named the Small Business Person of the Year on Thursday afternoon during the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce 2017 Outlook Luncheon at the Florence Civic Center.

Jones is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments whose office is located at 602 S. Coit Street in Florence.

Jones said he was completely surprised when he heard his name announced as this year's award winner.

"My wife had made up a story that it was for our school our kids went to," Jones said. "I was like, 'Oh my gosh. Totally blew me away.'"

Jones has worked for Edward Jones Investments for more than 20 years. He serves as both a financial advisor for his clients and a regional leader working alongside other advisors in 60 offices throughout the Pee Dee and surrounding counties.

Prior to his career in finance, Jones worked as an engineer for ABB and served in the U.S. Navy as

a surface war officer in Operation Desert Storm. Jones earned a degree in electrical engineering and a Master's in industrial management from Clemson, all while taking finance-related courses when his schedule allowed.

Jones volunteers extensively within his church at First Presbyterian Church where he is a deacon, elder and mentor for his confirmation class. As an Eagle Scout, Jones gives back to the scouting program by volunteering as an assistant scout master and merit badge counselor.

Jones named chamber's Small Business Person of the Year

In the past, Jones has served as chairman on the board of trustees at All Saint Episcopal Day School and the Florence Symphony.

The Small Business Person of the Year award is sponsored by Dedicated Community Bank and was presented to Jones by the bank's executive vice president Jim Ivey. Ivey recognized Jones as not only a successful business person and community leader

but also a philanthropist and loving husband and father.

"Along with advising numerous client in financial matters and giving of himself throughout his community, Wendell makes family a priority," Ivey said.

Jones thanked his wife Margaret, and his three children Caroline, Palmer and William, along with the many others in attendance for recognizing him with such a distinguished honor.

"We're very fortunate. The lord has blessed us to be here and raise a family and build a great business," Jones said. "When we came here it was a small community. And now to see what's going on and to see all the businesses in the downtown area it's exciting."

"It's a whole bunch of people who have all come together. We're just glad to be a part of it."



Wendell E. Jones Jr.

## 2017 Outlook Luncheon – State of the City & County

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Mayor Stephen Wukela

Florence County Chairman, Kent Caudle and Florence City Mayor, Stephen Wukela, both spoke to a crowd of more than 450 community & business leaders at the Florence Chamber's State of the City & County Luncheon held on Thursday, March 30th at the Florence Civic Center.



Kent Caudle

# Leadership Florence - Legislative Day



As always, Leadership Florence attended Florence County Legislative Day in Columbia. The day was exciting, informative, and packed with activities and tours. We were greeted and given breakfast by Senator Hugh Leatherman and his Chief of Staff, Quentin Hawkins. Robby Dawkins was our guide as we toured the state House and learned about its storied history.

The Leadership Florence class was recognized by several members of the House of Representatives before heading to the Capital City Club for a luncheon. The keynote speaker was Governor Henry McMaster, as he spoke about the progress of Florence and South Carolina in general. Next, the class went to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), and heard about their state-

wide investigative law enforcement tactics.

Our last stop of the day was a reception at the Columbia Museum of Art. Dozens of Florence companies were on hand giving out gifts, as Florence business people and leaders had the opportunity to mingle with our state legislators. The class returned to Florence with a new knowledge of SC and its legislative processes.



# Florence County growth lauded in Columbia on legislative day

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FLORENCE, S.C. – Every year for the past 16 years business leaders and politicians from Florence County have converged in state's Capitol for a legislative day that entails a statehouse tour and a talk with politicians about current affairs. This year the progress of major industry in Florence County was the hot-ticket item.

Twenty-five stories above Columbia at the Capitol City Club, Gov. Henry McMaster addressed the movers and shakers of Florence County, and had nothing but positive remarks for the county's progress.

"Right now Florence County is going off the charts," McMaster said. "I've been going to Florence since I was a child and it's inspirational to see the changes happening now. The people have always been great but now the performance is catching up with the vision."

McMaster said Florence is growing right along with places like Charleston and Greenville, something that's good for the Pee Dee region as a whole. He said business expansions in the county, like GE's upcoming \$40 million project and Honda's \$45 million expansion, are pushing the state's economy forward.

"We have all the assets in this state to go straight to the top, but the question is what we will do with it," he said. "We have the vision. We have the institutions. We have the people."

In addition to McMaster, some of Florence County's House delegates attended the event.

Democratic Rep. Roger Kirby said the county is positioned to see even greater growth in the coming years.

"We've got the infrastructure. We've got the higher education. We've got industry. We've got solid leadership," he said. "All the pieces are there. Plus we have a team effort, which will go a long way. We're quickly becoming a part of the statewide conversation."

Republican Rep. Phillip Lowe echoed that sentiment.

"The pace that we're setting with growth is unbelievable," he said. "Great things have been happening, and I think some more major things are going to happen in the next few years."

Attendees wrapped up the day with a reception at the Columbia Museum of Art, where state officials got a chance to meet with Florence County businesses.

The Florence County legislative day is funded by Florence County, the city of Florence and Florence County Progress.



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## Interested in Networking? Join the Ambassador Program!

- Meet new business owners in Florence
- Network with current and future Chamber Members
- Make valuable connections in the Florence business community.

The Ambassador team is a Chamber sponsored group of business individuals who act as representatives for the Chamber and work to enhance member and business relations. Ambassadors work with the Chamber on a regular basis to help welcome new businesses, participate in ribbon cuttings, help out at Business After Hours events, and other various public relation and member related events. Ambassadors meet once a month to discuss the month's agenda.

Interested in joining? Call Jay Lavrinc at the Florence Chamber at 665-0515 to sign up!

# Junior Leadership Florence – State Government Day

Written By: Erin Lassiter, Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School

The Junior Leadership Florence class gathered on March 14th for the program's State Government session. The students had the opportunity to visit the SC State House and meet with members of the Florence County Legislative Delegation. We appreciate Senator Leatherman's team for hosting our group and supporting the program.

The day began with a behind the scenes tour of the State House. We discovered many interesting facts about the State House, including its history. Afterwards, our group gathered with other 4-H students from all over the state to celebrate SC 4-H Legislative Appreciation Day. Molly Spearman, Superintendent of Education, and Hugh Weathers, Commissioner of Agriculture spoke and participated in the ceremony. We then had the opportunity to sit in and be recognized on the floor of the House of Representatives and in the Senate.

The Junior Leadership Florence County (JLFC) 4-H Program is presented by the Florence County Extension Service and 4-H Office, The Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and Francis Marion University in collaboration with the JLFC Advisory Board and community sponsors. The program is offered to high school juniors and seniors from each private and public school in Florence County as well as home-school students who qualify.



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# Leadership Florence

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**7:00 PM**

**THE WATERS BUILDING  
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**An event to benefit local charities:  
The Naomi Project, SNAC and Help4Kids  
leadershipflorence2017@gmail.com**



# Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon



*Featured Speaker*

**LAURA HAMILTON**

*SuperWoman: Are You Invincible?*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH

SiMT Building at Florence-Darlington Tech

Vendor Exhibits & Giveaways 11:00 AM  
Lunch & Program 12:00 PM  
**Goodie Bags & Door Prizes!**

\$30 Members | \$35 Non Members | \$275 Reserved Table of 8

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH**

5:30 - 7:00 pm | 804 Second Loop Rd, Suite J

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***Be sure to bring plenty of business cards!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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LEADERSHIP FLORENCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# TRIVIA NIGHT

*Join the Leadership Florence Alumni Association and YP of Florence for Championship Trivia Night!*



This event will be held at the Florence Chamber in the Community Room (100 W. Evans Street) from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

Doors open at 6:00 PM  
Trivia begins at 6:30 PM

Florence Chamber  
100 West Evans Street  
Florence, SC 29501  
Phone: 843.665.0515  
Fax: 843.662.2010



All Leadership Florence Alumni Members/Graduates and members of YP of Florence are invited to a fun night of pizza, beer, soft drinks & trivia!

## TUESDAY APRIL 25TH

6:30 - 9:00 PM

This event is **free** for all Leadership Florence Alumni Members/Graduates and Young Professionals Members. Please RSVP by filling out the form.

Attendee    Trivia Participant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Ribbon Cuttings



## Fit4U

Florence bras and lingerie shop, Fit 4 U, conducted a ribbon cutting to mark its return to the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce. The nine-year-old business specializes in personal fittings for bras and more.

Fit 4 U, located at 2015 West Evans Street, Suite G, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment when necessary. The store's phone number is 843-665-2005.



## T & C Events and Floral Boutique

T & C Events and Floral Boutique held a ribbon cutting on Cashua Drive after joining the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce. T & C Events and Floral Boutique is a full event planning service that designs and creates the client's vision of their special day or event. They are located at 1100 S. Cashua Drive, Suite B.

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# Annual Building Bridges summit brings community together in spirit of inclusion

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By: Jessica Imbimbo, Morning News

FLORENCE, S.C. – More than 40 community leaders attended the Building Bridges Diversity and Leadership Summit on Monday to address diversity issues and discuss ways to promote inclusion in daily life.

Now in its twentieth year, the Building Bridges program enables participants to start a dialogue about otherwise unspoken and typically sensitive topics such as racial or religious division and other types of discrimination.

Members of various Florence companies and organizations attended the summit, including Honda, Florence County Sheriff's Office, Red Cross, Florence School District One and Francis Marion University, among others. The summit was presented by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and was held on the campus of Carolinas Hospital System at the Floyd Conference Center.

Les Echols, director of community and minority enterprise at the chamber, was pleased with the turnout and said the assorted mix of people representing various Florence businesses helps spread the program's message of inclusion even further.

"It's very important that business people get together and hear the message," Echols said. "We want to make sure we do our due diligence."

The program included multiple panel discussions by those in attendance to bring awareness to different types of issues including gender bias, religion in the workplace, and how to be accepting of others' differences. Moderators helped lead discussions and keep the conversation flowing in a constructive way.

This year's Building Bridges summit also featured two notable speakers: Teresa Ramey and Dr. Willette Burnham-Williams. Ramey, the vice president of student affairs and dean of students at Francis Marion University, gave a presentation on cultural competency and how it is a key component for inclusion in the workplace.

Ramey said having cultural competency is "having a different mindset" and being able to understand and appropriately respond to different cultural variables without seeming insensitive or offensive.

"It's a behavior, it's an action," Ramey said. "It's about understanding and giving everyone an opportunity."

Dr. Williams, chief diversity officer at the Medical University of South Carolina, gave the keynote address. During her speech, Williams talked about her memories of racial segregation as a young girl living in Kingstree and how she strives now as an adult to promote inclusion both in her career and daily interactions.

Williams mentioned four "p-words" for cultivating inclusion, both as an individual and in a business: principle, purpose, passion and patience. Williams said these four things are critical to achieving professionalism and encouraging diversity within an organization. She also challenged her fellow business leaders in the room to hold both themselves and their coworkers to a high standard when it comes to inclusion.

"We will need the tenacity, the willingness and -- somehow -- the fortitude to stand up in the midst of the intolerable and say 'Not today,'" Williams said. "If we're going to be competitors in the world workforce we have to be inclusionary in what that workforce looks like."

Williams said the journey toward inclusion is sometimes a lengthy, risky and complex one, but ultimately it is a goal worth achieving.

"You have to carry that torch as leaders in the business and professional community," Williams said. "You cannot be immobilized. We have to be driven by our principles, our purpose, our passion and our patience."



# City of Florence has a new logo, motto

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By: Joshua Lloyd, Morning News

FLORENCE, S.C. – “Full Life. Full Forward.”



For the past year and a half, the city of Florence has researched possibilities for a new citywide brand campaign to couple its progressive path of growth and redevelopment.

With the help of business people, more than 700 personal interviews, an outside marketing team and seemingly countless suggestions, the city has a new brand – Full Life. Full Forward.

The city will unveil the new brand at 11 a.m. today in the Waters Building in downtown Florence, followed by a block party at 6 p.m.

Tim Norwood, chairman of the Florence Downtown Development Corporation and owner of Victors restaurant, said the brand has a twofold purpose.

“This has an internal marketing component for citizens and customers of Florence, and an external marketing component for visitors who pass through here every day,” he said. “There’s a culture change happening in Florence and people are proud that we’re becoming more progressive and more invested. There are also a lot of people who don’t know what we’re doing here, so this will work on both fronts.”

The idea is to capture the essence of what the people of Florence feel in the present, and nod to the growth happening in the city.

“We didn’t want something was too big to be believable,” Norwood said. “Everybody we interviewed has the full life here, and everything they do lives here. We’re also full forward with direction we’re headed and what we see Florence becoming.”

The Holiday Band will perform at the evening party, which will happen rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the party will move inside the Waters building.

On Monday and Tuesday, Avant Marketing group will host “Living the Brand” workshops for area business leaders who want to incorporate the brand into their business. Avant assisted the city in establishing the new brand.

## Chesterfield Co. Volunteers Needed to Serve



The Pee Dee Workforce Development Board (PDWDB) is looking for private sector volunteers from Chesterfield County to serve on the board.

In accordance with WIOA legislation, business volunteers must be owners of business, business executives with policy making or hiring authority, and be from in-demand industry sectors or occupations in the region. For the Pee Dee, these sectors include Customer Service; Transportation, Distribution & Logistics; Diversified Manufacturing/Technology; Healthcare; Construction;

and Administrative/Information Technology Support.

The respective county councils appoint individuals to serve on the board which meets quarterly at the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments, in Florence. Private sector members are needed to ensure that the public workforce system is meeting the needs of local employers.

The most visible activity of the PDWDB is seen in the activities conducted in the SC Works Centers which are located in Bennettsville, Florence, Hartsville, Marion and Dillon, with access points in other local communities, such as Cheraw and Lake City. It is through the SC Works Centers that many workforce programs provide hands-on activities such as employability workshops, eligibility certification for federal job training opportunities, job search assistance, resume writing assistance, information about training opportunities in the community, labor market information, etc.

Other responsibilities include developing workforce plans, developing & implementing career pathways, coordinating activities with education & training providers, overseeing local training programs, etc.

Would you be willing to serve? Please contact Joette Dukes, Workforce Development Director, at 843-669-3138 or j-dukes@peedeecog.org for more information.

## Hiring? You Don't Want to Miss This!



SC Works Pee Dee and Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) cordially invite you to participate in a Job Fair being held on **April 27, 2017, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

Location:  
Room 140D  
Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology (SiMT)  
1951 Pisgah Road  
Florence, SC 29502

To honor the brave men and women who sacrifice so much to defend our country, Veterans and National Guard members will be given priority access to the Job Fair from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. (**Don't Bet, Hire a Vet**).

There is no cost to reserve a table for this event.

This event will be an excellent opportunity for your organization to match available position(s) to qualified job seekers from the Pee Dee area. If you are looking to hire and want to reserve a table at this event, please contact **Charles Moses** at [cmoses@dew.sc.gov](mailto:cmoses@dew.sc.gov) no later than April 21, 2017.

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# ACA Update - How Will It Affect You?

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ACA Update- Norman Clarke, Clarke & Company Benefits, LLC

Tuesday, April 11 from 12:00-1:30 PM

Florence Country Club - 450 Country Club Blvd, Florence, SC 29501

Join Norman Clarke from Clarke & Company Benefits for lunch as we discuss this new proposed legislation and how it impacts employers, employees and individuals covered under the ACA. The American Health Care Act was introduced on March 6, 2017 to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. If enacted, the new law would not repeal the ACA entirely, although it would make significant changes to key provisions.

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Your invitation is extended to yourself and one guest.

Email us with any questions here: [smoore@clarkebenefits.com](mailto:smoore@clarkebenefits.com)

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318 W Palmetto St  
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- Make valuable connections in the Florence business community.

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Interested in joining? Call Jay Lavrinc at the Florence Chamber at 665-0515 to sign up!

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## Upcoming Events

### *Leadership Florence Alumni Association & YP of Florence: Trivia Night!*

Tuesday, April 25th  
 Community Room at the Florence Chamber Office  
 6:30 – 9:00 PM

### *Administrative Professionals' Day Luncheon*

Wednesday, April 26th  
 SiMT at Florence-Darlington Technical College  
 12:00 PM

### *Business After Hours*

Thursday, April 27th  
 State Farm - Mandy Simpson  
 5:30 – 7:00 PM

### *2017 Spring Golf Classic*

Thursday, May 4th  
 Traces Golf Club  
 12:00 Tee Time

### *Business After Hours*

Thursday, May 11th  
 Coker College  
 Held at Victor's Restaurant  
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