

## Welcome New Chamber Members

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## 2008 Board of Directors

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## Camellia Sponsor



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## Bronze Sponsor

Milsco Manufacturing  
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## Recent Events

**Annual Banquet** – The Thomson-McDuffie Chamber of Commerce hosted its 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet at Belle Meade Country Club on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. 2007 Board Chair, Tommy Phelps recognized outgoing board members: Evan Flynn, Steve Dwyer, Diane Wood and Jason Smith and then passed the gavel to Cindy Johnston, incoming 2008 Chair. Mrs. Johnston discussed the plans that the board has for the upcoming year and recognized the new board members as well as recognizing current board members.

Dr. Judd Biasiotto, President of World Class Enterprises, a sports fitness corporation, was the featured speaker. Bob Knox, Jr. presented the Darrell Johnson award posthumously to Joseph Greene. Mayor Kenneth Usry presented the 2007 Small Businessman of the Year award to Tommy Samuels.

**Ribbon Cutting** – The Chamber recently held a ribbon cutting for Edward Jones Investments on Main Street. Congratulations Barbara Guidry

## Upcoming Events in & Around Thomson-McDuffie County

**Chamber Concert Series** – Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – The Thomson-McDuffie Chamber of Commerce proudly presents Jamie Laval and Ashley Broder – high energy, electric blend of traditional Scottish, Irish and bluegrass music. Tickets are \$15 each and are on sale at the Chamber office.

**McDuffie County Heart Walk** – February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thomson Middle School.

**Taste of Thomson** – Fun filled evening of food, art and music hosted by the American Heart Association – Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Thomson Depot – Tickets are \$18 each and available at the chamber office and Peacock Hill. All proceeds from the event go to the American Heart Association.

**Masters Week** – April brings the Masters to the area and this year the Chamber is proud to present 17 South in concert at the 1810 Country Inn & Winery on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

## Special Thanks

The Thomson-McDuffie Chamber of Commerce would like to especially thank **Stokes-Hodges** for being the **Chamber's Camellia Sponsor** for 2008 and **Milsco Manufacturing Company** for being a **Bronze Sponsor**.

The Chamber would like to extend special thanks to outgoing Board members: **Evan Flynn, Steve Dwyer, Diane Wood and Jason Smith**

The Chamber would also like to welcome the new **Ambassadors** for 2008

## Reminders

**Membership Plaques** – Our Chamber Ambassadors will be visiting your business soon to delivery your 2008 membership decals and new Chamber member window decals. You will also have a chance to update your membership listings, website, etc.

**Business After Hours** – If you are interested in hosting a business after-hours, please contact the Chamber office. We would like to schedule one for each quarter.