

Chamber Chat

News from Executive Director, Laura P. Doster



March-April 2019: My story is not so unfamiliar to many that relocate to the Gorge. My husband and I were living in Raleigh, and discovered Lake Lure in searching for a vacation spot to meet friends from Atlanta. Our vacation was planned and took place in late August of 2016. Little did we know what was in store for us.

Upon arriving, and while waiting for check in, we stopped at Larkin's for lunch. While sitting outside and looking over the lake, we both got cold chills at the beauty and magic of the place.

Then I looked at my husband and said, "I don't know about you, but I have cold chills and this feels like home."

Fortunately, he felt the same way, we found an agent two days later, and after one year of searching for a home, here we are.

Since starting my position at The Chamber of Hickory Nut Gorge, I have further enhanced and extended my relationships in this community which has only strengthened the bond.

The first three weeks have been filled with many conversations, meeting business owners, attending civic meetings, town meetings, village meetings, visiting shops, trying new restaurants, shaking as many hands as possible.

Just so you know, I have an open door policy. You are always welcome you to call me, drop by for a visit, send me a note, ask me to come by to see you.

The Gorge is home to all of us, and The Chamber of Hickory Nut Gorge is your catalyst to create opportunity and promote growth and a strong sense of community. Be encouraged to take advantage of it!

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For more than 25 years the Chamber of Hickory Nut Gorge has served as a catalyst for the creation of activities and opportunities for both visitors and residents by promoting an atmosphere that encourages visitation, business growth, and a strong sense of community.

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