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## NEW MEMBERS ASSUME ROLES

The Halifax County Chamber of Commerce Board and Chamber committees are comprised of local Halifax County business people, civic leaders, non-profits, and community members who volunteer their time and expertise to chair committees and serve on the Board of Directors.

Volunteers are crucial to the Chamber's success. Halifax County is a great community, and it is the Chamber's role to capitalize on the community's talent to create and sustain the momentum needed to build a better community.

"We value their time and commitment to the Chamber and to the community," stated Chamber president Mitzi McCormick. "Their commitment to participate and partner in activities improves the economy and quality of life in Halifax County," she continued.

With the new fiscal year beginning April 1, four new members assumed their roles on the Chamber's board of directors. Those include Petrina Carter, Tri-County Community Action Agency; Ryland Clark, ABB; Janet Collins, Fairfield Inn & Suites; and Tom Raab, Town of South Boston.

"Each of these new board members bring their own set of strengths to our board," stated McCormick. "They have youth, but also a wealth of experience with

the Chamber and in their own organizations."

Newly elected officers for 2019-2020 also assumed their roles beginning April 1. These individuals make up the executive committee along with Chamber President, Mitzi McCormick, who serves as Secretary of the corporation. The executive committee has the authority to act for and on behalf of the Board of Directors in emergency situations where it is impossible or impractical to convene the full board.

Dr. Betty Adams assumed the role of chair of the Chamber's board of directors for 2019-2020. Dr. Adams, Executive Director of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, served as first vice chair for 2018-2019, and is prepared to oversee the implementation of this year's business plan.

Bradford Lee is the first vice chair, which puts him in line to become chairman for 2020-2021. Bradford is the plant manager of Presto Products.

Dave White is serving as second vice chair and chair of the Chamber's government affairs committee. He has previously served in this capacity and has been active in the Chamber's advocacy efforts. Dave is with State Farm Insurance.

Grey Watson is now the immediate past chair. Grey is the executive director of Sentara Dominion Health Medical Associates.



Pictured seated, left to right are new board officers: Bradford Lee, 1st Vice Chair, Presto Products; and Dr. Betty Adams, Chair, Southern Virginia Higher Education. Standing, left to right: Grey Watson, Sentara Dominion Health Medical Associates, Immediate Past Chair; and Kathy Bane, Treasurer, American National Bank & Trust. Not pictured: Dave White, 2nd Vice Chair, State Farm Insurance.



Pictured seated, left to right are new board members: Petrina Carter, Tri-County Community Action Agency and Janet Collins, Fairfield by Marriott. Standing, left to right: Immediate Past Chair Grey Watson, Sentara Dominion Health Medical Associates; Tom Raab, Town of South Boston; and Ryland Clark, ABB.



Pictured seated, left to right: Lauren Tetterton, ChemQuest; Brandee Lloyd and Mitzi McCormick, Chamber; Nancy Long and Lauren Davis, Edward Jones. Standing, left to right: Charles Anderson, Charles Anderson Lawncare; Nick Long, WHLF 95.3; Bruce Slagle, Halifax County Farm Bureau; and Jason McCormick, Davenport Energy

## EXCITING CHANGES IN STORE FOR VIRGINIA CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL

The 39th Annual Virginia Cantaloupe Festival will signify a change in the times with the introduction of food trucks. Committee members worked hard to evaluate the future of the festival and considered issues from previous years expressed by attendees. The festival will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019 5:00 pm-10:00 pm at Berry Hill Resort and Conference Center.

Long lines plagued attendees last year and committee members wanted a way to provide better options. "Food trucks seemed to be a natural choice. We want to grow the festival and it's very hard for one group to feed 2,000

people in such a short time frame. Due to the food being served outdoors under tents, there are limitations as to how long the meal can be safely served. Food trucks allow us to offer choices for attendees, and they can also serve the entire length of the festival," stated Brandee Lloyd, Director of Membership.

The 2019 ticket price will remain at \$35.00 each and will cover your admission, unlimited domestic beverages, wine, ritas, and (5) craft beer samples, along with Sweet Halifax County Cantaloupes, ice cream, and local roasted corn. The 2019 festival will also include a \$5.00 ticket for children 12 and under who attend.

The committee is covering several genres with the entertainment lineup in 2019. Megan Doss will kick off the event. The Kameron Marlowe Band will open for Jim Quick and Coastline Band on his farewell tour on a brand-new stage! There may even be some collaboration among the artists which committee members feel will elevate the musicality of the event.

Advanced tickets are available online at www.vallofest.com and at the Halifax County Chamber of Commerce office, Halifax County-South Boston Visitor Center, URW Community Federal Credit Union (South Boston and Danville), and WAKG (Danville).

## POST-LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST APRIL 23

The Halifax County Chamber of Commerce will host a Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, April 23, 8:30 am, at the Prizery.

Business and community leaders will have the opportunity to hear from our state legislative delegation and state leaders concerning about their perspectives on issues and key legislation from the 2019 general assembly session.

Confirmed speakers include Barry DuVal, President of the Virginia Chamber; Senator Frank Ruff; and Delegate James Edmunds.

Topics of interest will include: budget, tax, legal reform, education, workforce development, and health-care.

The cost to attend is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. A buffet breakfast will be provided. Contact the Chamber at 434-572-3085 to register or register online at www.halifaxchamber.net.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Coffee & Commerce**  
April 10 from 8 to 9 a.m.  
Hosted by: SBHC Museum of Fine Arts & History

**Business After Hours**  
April 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
Hosted by: Blue Ride Beverage  
SBHC Visitor Center  
South Boston Speedway

**Post-Legislative Breakfast**  
April 23 at 8:30 am  
The Prizery  
Hosted by: Halifax County Chamber of Commerce and Southern Virginia Higher Education Center