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Rich Anders of Anders Hardware in  
Northport, right, waits on a regular  
customer, William Barnes of Barnes  
Excavating Co. Anders is the only  
person to have graduated from both  
Forerunners, a youth development  
effort by The Chamber of Commerce,  
and Leadership Tuscaloosa. See story  
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## Chairman Howard Garrison's Message



If you read last month's issue of Perspectives, you no doubt noticed the center section of the magazine, which dealt with The Chamber's Program of Work for 2005. I'm sure you'd agree that this game plan for the new year is comprehensive and ambitious.

And I'm sure you realize that The Chamber staff, talented and dedicated as they are, couldn't accomplish even a small part of the 2005 program by themselves.

There are only eight of them. What's the answer?

Volunteers, of course. Volunteers are the lifeblood of The Chamber. Dozens of volunteers from many different businesses, industries, and organizations are now organized into committees and task forces to carry out the 2005 plan.

We depend on these volunteers. We appreciate them and their willingness to take time away from their jobs to help The Chamber.

Each of these volunteers probably has a different reason for getting involved in Chamber work. Perhaps they

want to add a new theme to their life or form new friendships. Maybe they just like to do something that affects others directly.

Some volunteers seek to develop a talent that's been dormant for years; some might be on an exploratory that leads to a new career for them. A number see volunteerism as a means to personal growth.

Regardless of the reason, we're glad these volunteers are involved. And we can always use even more volunteers. The more member involvement we have, the stronger is our organization and the more we can accomplish.

If you're not currently involved in The Chamber, please consider volunteering to help us in implementing some aspect of the 2005 plan. If not you, perhaps someone else in your organization would like to get involved. In either case, call The Chamber at 758-7588 and ask for a list of the committees and task forces. When you get that list, consider your choices and options, complete the form and return it to The Chamber.

We'll definitely help you find a place of service.

## Meet the Chairman Howard Garrison

We'd like to introduce the 2005 Chairman of the Board to all of our Chamber investors. He's Howard Garrison with Duckworth-Morris-Garrison Real Estate, and he has been active in The Chamber for many years. He was chair of The Chamber's Legislative Council several times, and also chair of the Future PAC.

The Garrisons (Howard and his wife, Ashley) have two sons. Haston lives in Birmingham and is a vice president for Compass Bank. Lee works for Duckworth-Morris-Accordia in Tuscaloosa and serves on the Tuscaloosa City Council. Jessica, Lee's wife, is a lawyer with Phelps, Jenkins, Gibson and Fowler LLC.

A 1969 graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in commerce and business administration, Howard is a past president of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa.

In 1980, Howard served as president of the Tuscaloosa Association of Realtors and is a former Realtor of the Year. He is on the Board of Trustees for the Alabama Real Estate Research and Education Center at the University.





## Business Seminars

### 2005 Spring Business Growth Series

**Members take note: the following seminars may be helpful to you, your organization and your employees. Chamber seminars offer good training at reasonable prices, Also, the seminars are ideal opportunities to network with fellow Chamber members and non-members.**

#### Business Breakfast Series

(7:30 am to 9:30 am) at Tuscaloosa Public Library

March 15th - Microsoft Word and PowerPoint - Basics  
(Gulf States Institute Trainers)

April 19th - QuickBooks and Your Business II – Inter.  
(Kim Bannerman – Jamison, Money and Farmer)

May 17th - Microsoft Excel and Access - Basics  
(Gulf States Institute Trainers)

#### Lunch and Learn

(11:00 AM to 1:00 PM) at Four Points Hotel

April 27th - Exceptional Customer Service  
Dr. Randy Jarrell – Shelton State Community College  
Donny Jones – Chamber of Commerce

#### Half Day Seminars

March 10th (12:00 -5:00pm) - Women In Business Seminar

(Held at the Four Points Hotel)

Speakers: Cathy Randall – Randall Publishing  
Martha Ann Hill – Shelton State  
Carol Entelisano – Tanner & Guin LLC  
Susan Tucker – Tucker-Massey Marketing

April 13th (1:00-5:00pm) - Legal Issues and Business  
(Tuscaloosa Library)

Speakers: Carol Entelisano – Tanner & Guin LLC  
DW Wilson – Tanner & Guin LLC

#### Entrepreneur Institute

Morrow Conference Room

(3:30 – 6:00 pm February 8, March 10, April 5)

A monthly series for business leaders who have been in business for more than five years. The sessions will be lead by Ken DeWitt at Tidwell DeWitt. The sessions will be very interactive and include a “mentor” leader at each of the three session.

*Session Topic – 10 Steps to a Profitable Business.*

Round Table Guests: Jim Harrison III  
Dr. Barry Mason  
Sam Faucett

## Chamber Calendar

### February

February 28 through March 4: Adopt-A-School Week

### March

March 2: Read Across America Day

March 2, 4 p.m.: Adopt-A-School Steering Committee  
(Chamber)

March 8: Entrepreneur Institute (Chamber)

March 9, 3:30 p.m.: Finance Committee (Chamber)

March 10, 8:15 a.m.: Legislative Council (Chamber)

March 10, 12 noon: Women in Business Seminar  
(Sheraton Four Points)

March 14, 11:30 a.m.: Executive Committee (Chamber)

March 15, 7:30 a.m.: Breakfast Series—Internet  
(Tuscaloosa Library)

March 16, 4 p.m.: Chamber Ambassadors (Chamber)

March 24, 10:45 a.m.: Chamber Board of Directors  
(Chamber)

March 24, 4 p.m.: President’s Council (Chamber)

### April

April 4, 6 p.m.: Northport Advisory Council  
(Northport Medical Center)

April 5: Entrepreneur Institute (Chamber)

April 6, 4 p.m.: Adopt-A-School Steering Committee

April 7, 8 a.m.: CHOICES Training (Chamber)

April 13, 1 p.m.: Legal Issues and Business Seminar (Tuscaloosa Library)

April 13, 3:30 p.m.: Finance Committee (Chamber)

April 14, 8:15 a.m.: Legislative Council (Chamber)

April 18, 11:30 a.m.: Executive Committee (Chamber)

April 19, 7:30 a.m.: Breakfast Series—QuickBooks (Tuscaloosa Library)

April 20, 4 p.m.: Chamber Ambassadors (Chamber)