



GREATER INMAN AREA

— CHAMBER OF COMMERCE —



Chamber Board Elections

The Chamber by-laws state a Board member serves a three year term and can be renewed an additional term. There are several members who are rotating off the Board at the end of the year.

The Nominating Committee has received the following names to be placed on the ballot:
David Grayshock (incumbent) - owner/manager of Gotcha Covered Marine

Teri Newmark— Bird Insurance Agency

Casey Atkins—Chamber web designer

Robert Moore—resident of Inman

John Hodge—principal of Campobello Gramling School

Chris Price—principal of New Prospect Elementary

Chamber members will vote on four (4) 2012 Board members at the December 6 Chamber meeting. The current Board thanks those willing to give their time and talents to the service of the Inman community through the Chamber.



LIGHT UP INMAN CONTEST

The Greater Inman Area Chamber of Commerce is pulling out all the stops to promote and keep Inman on everyone's mind during the Christmas shopping season .

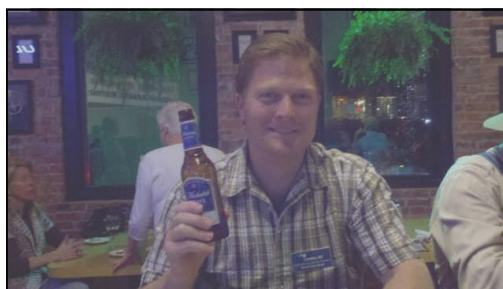
The Chamber has asked business owners to LIGHT UP their storefronts for the Christmas season by providing lighting along with seasonal decorations in their windows and storefronts. This promotion is available to Chamber members and businesses along Asheville Highway and Downtown Inman.

The winner of the LIGHT UP INMAN CONTEST will be announced on the Main Street Stage during LIGHT UP INMAN on Friday night, December 2, 2011 and will receive a \$100 cash prize and featured in the Inman Times.

**NEWEST BUSINESS TO INMAN
NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBER**

Chamber Board member, David Grayshock, toasts and welcomes LIQUID ASSETS BISTRO to downtown Inman. Thank you Wendy Duncan and Nyssa McAbee for choosing to locate your new business in Inman.

LIQUID ASSETS will offer soup, sandwiches, and salads along with beer and wine at their Main Street location. Check it out.



Reminder!



Greater Inman Area Chamber of Commerce

Holiday Gathering

December 13, 2011

6:30pm

Dickey's Barbecue

Village Greens Club House

Please RSVP By

December 9

Wanda Ballenger

864-5411181 or

wanda.ballenger@ch2m.com





Celebrate Christmas by Giving

The City of Inman Police Department hopes to give Christmas to many within the Inman community. They are currently collecting food items and toys at Fast Phil's/Kangaroo on the corner of Asheville Highway and South Main. You can also drop off items at First Citizens Bank on Asheville Highway.

There are many in need so let's show our own community that we care. Donate to this worthy cause and make this Christmas special for others.

Thank You

When an old year ends and a new begins, tradition is to reflect on the past year and prepare for the new.

As president of the Chamber, I want to thank the Chamber Board, its members, and the community for your continued support during the last four years. It has been a wonderful learning experience as I made new friends and had the opportunity to promote Inman on so many levels. It is now time to prepare for a new year and a new direction in my life. I will continue to support the Chamber through my membership and the new Board as they strive to make Inman "THE PLACE TO BE".

Please continue to support the Chamber through your membership, support, and volunteerism. It will take the entire community to revitalize and bring Inman to the level we all want.

Thank you all for your support and kindness.

Bessie

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**SHOP LOCAL
BUY IN INMAN**

Over the last few weeks, there has been a nationwide publicity campaign to support your small town, mom and pop establishments and keep money in the community NOT flowing to corporate headquarters.

Pam Stone's article in the Sunday, November 27 HERALD was on the same topic. She made the point of mentioning doing as much shopping as possible locally.

The SPARTANBURG JOURNAL edition on November 25, 2011 had an article by Mark Johnston entitled, "Local businesses need you". If you have not read this article, it corroborated the Chamber's advice to SHOP LOCAL—BUY IN INMAN.

In the Johnston article, the 3/50 project was mentioned. For more information, check www.the350project.net. This organization states:

- 3** What three independently owned businesses would you miss if they disappeared? Stop in. Say hello. Pick up something that brings a smile. Your purchases are what keeps those businesses around.
- 50** If half the employed population spent \$50 each month in locally owned independent businesses, it would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue. Imagine the positive impact if 3/4 the employed population did that.
- 68** For every \$100 spent in locally owned independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays here. Spend it online and *nothing comes home*.
- 1** The number of people it takes to start the trend ...*you*.

Pick 3. Spend 50. Save your local economy.

Inman Antique Mall

Christmas Open House Weekend

Friday, December 2 10 am –9 pm

Saturday, December 3 10 am—5 pm

Sunday, December 4 1pm—5 pm

SELECT DEALER SALES

REFRESHMENTS

WINE AND CHEESE





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Kyle Settle, Vice President
Trish Beason, Sec/Treasurer
Wanda Ballenger, Events
Susan Brown
David Grayshock
Doug Hurlbert

2011 Meetings

Nov. 29 Judging of LIGHT UP INMAN entries

Dec. 2 7:00 Light Up Inman—downtown Inman

Dec. 3 10:00 Annual Christmas parade

Dec. 6 6:30 Chamber meeting @ Chamber Office
Chamber Board Elections

Dec. 13 6:30 Chamber Christmas Get Together at
Dickey’s Barbecue Pit
Village Greens Club House
Gramling, SC

Jan. 3, 2012 6:30 Chamber meeting @ Chamber office

Jan. 17 7:00 Chamber Annual Membership Banquet
Mabry Middle School Cafeteria

Feb. 7 6:30 Chamber meeting @ Chamber office

*****Several members have been dropped from the membership roster and web site due to nonpayment of dues. Was this you? If so, please consider rejoining the Chamber.***

YOU ARE NEEDED!

THE GREATER INMAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE needs you! The Chamber is your voice within the greater Inman community. Are you aware that a Chamber member isn’t necessarily a business owner? Anyone interested in Inman can be a member of the Chamber.

As a business member, you can reach potential customers by simply hosting a Business Open House or contributing to the Chamber’s newsletter. Both are business promotional opportunities included with your Chamber membership. For more information on contributing to the newsletter, please contact Bessie Fisher at 864-472-3654 or inmanchamber1@gmail.com.

Welcome to our newest Chamber member:

Liquid Assets Bistro, LLC
Wendy Duncan and Nyssa McAbee
2 S. Main Street
Inman, SC 29349

SHOP LOCAL—BUY IN INMAN
SUPPORT YOUR AREA BUSINESSES AND PRODUCERS



December 2011

Events @ the Inman Library



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:30 am Book Discussion "Push" by Sapphire	2	3
4	5	6 10:15 Lap baby Storytime 10:45 Pre school Storytime	7	8	9	10
11	12 3:30 pm Library Detective for Tweens	13 10:15 Lap baby Storytime 10:45 Pre school Storytime	14 10:30 am Homeschool Program	15 4:30 pm Christmas movie and Pizza for Teens	16	17
18	19 6:00 pm Christmas Trivia (ages 19 and up)	20 10:15 Lap baby Storytime 10:45 Pre school Storytime 4:30 Tweens Rockin' Karaoke Christmas Party	21	22	23 Library Closed 	24 Library Closed 
25 Library Closed 	26 Library Closed 	27 10:15 Lap baby Storytime 10:45 Pre school Storytime	28	29	30	31 