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January 2017

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin the new year of 2017, there is much to be optimistic about in Panola County.

The Polar Express has just completed an exciting and successful second year serving all of North Mississippi from our Batesville downtown depot. Our Panola County restaurants are the most unique and are regarded by many as the best in the State. The Airport Industrial site has been expanded and upgraded and is actively being marketed for future development. The increased commitment from the City of Batesville and the Panola County Supervisors will enable the Partnership to actively recruit and pursue new commercial and industrial business opportunities. Increased advertising budgets will help attract many to our community to support existing business as well. The Partnership is excited to begin work with the Delta Strong Initiative; broadening our marketing and recruitment efforts.

Despite some rather unfortunate news at the end of 2016 on the industrial side, many of our existing industrial businesses are planning or are already implementing expansion plans for 2017. The Partnership is actively working with the Mississippi Development Authority to market the existing buildings and sites that are available in the county.

Our Director Search Committee is actively meeting and making progress toward hiring our next Executive Director. Although progress may seem slow, the selection committee is taking every precaution to ensure that no stone remains unturned in this effort. Our mission is to bring the best, most talented, hard working and forward-thinking Economic Development Director to lead us into next year and beyond. The process includes a comprehensive needs assessment based on interviews from several business, educational and professional members of the county. From this assessment the most qualified candidates will be selected for interviews and ultimate hire.

The Partnership Board does wish to thank each and every one of you for your support this past year and the interest and cooperation the members of the community have shown. We wish you a very Happy and prosperous New Year.

Kind Regards,
Dale Hart
INCA Presswood Pallets
President, Panola Partnership Executive Board of Directors

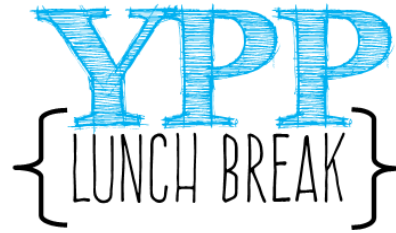
YPP Lunch Breaks for January

5th: 1st Thursday Meeting @ 12 noon @ Panola Partnership office *\$5 Dominos Sandwich Lunch

12th: @ 12 noon @ Bim Bam Burger *Dutch Treat

19th: 3rd Thursday Meeting @ 12 noon @ Merit Health Batesville - The Pulse Cafe *Dutch Treat

26th: @ 12 noon @ Cafe Ole *Dutch Treat



**PLEASE BRING YOUR IDEAS TO THE TABLE AT BOTH THE 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY MEETINGS FOR THE COMING YEAR FOR YPP!

A Look Ahead

Take a moment to jot these coming events onto your calendars!

Members: If you have events you'd like for us to add to our weekly/monthly newsletters and online calendar, please email info to meredithfleming@panolacounty.com.

We will be glad to add these events to upcoming publications and our website.



January 12th: YPP Lunch Break resumes on each 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays at area restaurants.

February 10-11: UKC Winter Classic @ Batesville Civic Center

February 18: Junior Auxiliary of Batesville's Charity Ball @ National Guard Armory

March 5: Panola County Miss Hospitality Pageant. For more info, call 563-3126.

March 23: Panola Partnership Annual Meeting & Dinner

April 1: Sardis AprilFest & Heflin House 5K. More info @ www.sardisms.com.

April 22: Miss SpringFest Pageant - deadline for entry is March 24

May 19-20: Batesville SpringFest

* Racing for Paws 5K hosted by Panola Co. Humane Society

* Kids Area hosted by Junior Auxiliary of Batesville

* Mississippi Cornhole Classic hosted by Young Professionals of Panola

Monthly Meetings of Members

- **Friends of the Batesville Public Library** meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 12 noon at the Library.
- **Panola County Humane Society** meets on the 4th Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at

Batesville Public Library.

- **Batesville Lions Club** hosts family karaoke on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Lions Club building.

Monthly Meetings of Partnership entities

- **Panola Partnership's Executive Board** meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 12 noon.
- **Batesville Main Street Program's Board** meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 12 noon.
- **Panola Partnership Ambassadors** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8am.
- **YPP** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 12 noon.

*These meetings are closed meetings. If you have business to bring forth to any of these groups, please contact us at partnership@panolacounty.com or ypp@panolacounty.com.

Membership Report

Welcome to our New Members

Polished, a Nail Boutique, LLC

Lindsey Red, Owner
345 Highway 51 North
Batesville, MS 38606
662.609.1926
polished86@gmail.com

Thank you to these members for continuing your commitment to Panola Partnership!

Fairway Independent Mortgage
Ray-Nowell Funeral Home

Coming Events

January

5 (12p): YPP 1st Thursday Meeting @ Panola Partnership. *\$5 Dominos Sandwich Lunch

12 (8a): Partnership Ambassadors Monthly Meeting @ Panola Partnership.

12 (12p): YPP Lunch Break @ Bim Bam Burger. *Dutch Treat

13 (12p): Batesville Main Street Program Board Meeting @ Panola Partnership.

19 (12p): YPP 3rd Thursday Meeting @ Merit Health Pulse Cafe. *Dutch Treat

24 (5:30p): Panola Co. Humane Society Monthly Meeting @ Batesville Public Library.

26 (12p): YPP Lunch Break @ Cafe Ole. *Dutch Treat.

2016-2017 Executive Board Members

Dale Hart, President
Stephen Whatley, Vice President
Justin Hill, Past President
Dr. Tom Hodge, Treasurer
Joe Azar
Nick Bergeron
Roy Girner
Blake Shipp
David Karr, City Representative
Gary Kornegay, IDA President
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