



SHOALS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Calendar
for the week of
January 21, 2008**



Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2008

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Monday, January 21

Chamber Office Closed
Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 22

CHOICES - Brooks High School

11:30am

Annual Meeting Committee
SCBED

Wednesday, January 23

CHOICES - Brooks High School

Thursday, January 24

CHOICES – Cloverdale
- Rogers

Friday, January 25

CHOICES – Cloverdale
- Rogers

New Members

Renaissance Realty/ Keith Hager
409 E. Mobile St. Florence, AL 35630
740-0706

Forsythe & Long Engineering / Phillip & Margaret Forsythe (*Business Council*)
4560 Helton Dr. Florence, AL 35630
766-6713

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Tuesday, January 29th

OnStage presents:

STATE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF MEXICO

7:30 PM, UNA Norton Auditorium

Under the direction of Enrique Bátiz and now in its third decade,
the State Symphony Orchestra of Mexico will perform

Tuesday, January 29th / SYPA Membership Meeting / 11:30am / Citizens Board Room / SCBED
RSVP to amorrow30@aol.com

EMPLOYERS!! Shoals Middle School CAREER FAIR is set for **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1**, 8:00 a.m. –
3:00 p.m. **YOUR FUTURE WORKFORCE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU!!** (See more info in Education
/ Workforce Development section.)

Wear Red Day on Friday, February 1st!

Going red in your own fashion is about finding a personal way to take part in the fight against heart disease in women. Now is the time to go red in your own fashion by spreading the Go Red For Women “Love Your Heart” message to your friends, families and colleagues. Make your promise to be heart healthy — join the movement to help conquer heart disease, and encourage others to do the same. Visit www.goredforwomen.org or call 1-888-MY-HEART for ways to Go Red For Women.

Thursday, February 21st / Chamber Networking Breakfast / 7:30-9am / SBS Electric

April 18th Lauderdale County Children’s Policy Council will host the Carson and Barnes Circus at the Cross Point Church of Christ. For more information call Ellen McGowen at 246-1473. The event will benefit Children of Lauderdale County.

USDA SEEKS SMALL-BUSINESS SERVICES

The University of North Alabama Procurement Technical Assistance Center will sponsor a statewide seminar, Doing Business with the USDA Forest Service, from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 23 at the Pelham Civic Center in Pelham, Ala. The USDA Forest Service Southern Region is seeking businesses to work with national forests in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Puerto Rico. Registration is \$25 per person. Deadline to register is Jan. 18. For registration or more information, contact Phillip Marks at 256-765-4668 or pomarks@una.edu.

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SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP BY VISITING WWW.SOCIALSECURITY.GOV

Here are some of the things you can do if you visit us online at www.socialsecurity.gov

Apply for benefits / See if you qualify for Social Security / Request a Statement

Just a sample of the many services now available online from Social Security. So whatever your business with Social Security may be, check out our website and visit “Online Claims and Services” at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Gov. Bob Riley will lead a delegation of business, education, and government leaders to The People’s Republic of China to help Alabama companies market themselves to the state’s third largest trading partner and promote the state as a world class business center. The trip will be coordinated by the Alabama Development Office and the China office represented by BDBC International LLC.

April 4-12, 2008 you will visit Shanghai, Nanjing, Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

For more information, or to apply for the China Trade Mission, Call 334-242-0450 to speak to Heath Cosgrove. Or E-mail : heath.cosgrove@ado.alabama.gov

Education / Workforce Development Info

Shoals Middle School CAREER FAIR & REALITY CHECK is set for FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

REGISTER NOW ON-LINE!! <http://www.shoalschambersurvey.com/survey/q.asp?sid=21&k=yumujgtnhc>

- · EMPLOYERS - YOUR FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS TO TALK TO YOU!! Please plan to participate!! We need all types of professions represented!
- · We also need lots of volunteers to staff the simulated-society booths for the Realty Check. This is a FUN, eye-opening, budgeting, “wow-real-life-is-expensive-I-think-I-should-stay-in-school-and-get-a-better-job” program for kids. If you or anyone at your organization would like to participate, please contact Stephanie Newland (steps@shoalschamber.com, 764-4661) or Lelia Wissert (wisselc@auburn.edu, 766-4846).
- · ~1200 SHOALS AREA 8th GRADERS are coming to the Career Fair! This will be a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to meet young students, introduce them to your business & your profession and perhaps influence them concerning the classes they should take in high school and beyond to achieve the career of their choice.
- · DID YOU KNOW??? Eighth grade is when students must make their high school class plans & diploma choice ... they decide IF they will take Career Tech courses or not and IF they will go to college or not. This is a critical time and an important decision, but many students don’t realize how important their high school plan can be to their future.
- · Please participate! Help YOUR FUTURE WORKFORCE better understand “Why do I have to know how to do THAT?” The more contact they have with employers, the better they will understand the relevance of their educational and life choices to their futures.