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## On The Move

**Wayne Ballenger** joined Skanska USA Building as a senior superintendent. **Colleen Duffy** was promoted to senior associate at David Furman Architecture.

**Maria Fisher** joined American Home Mortgage as a sales associate.

**Kathleen Grew** was named chief nursing officer at NorthEast Medical Center.

**Gene Harris** joined Webb Clements as a senior project manager.

**Barry Jones** was promoted to banking officer at First Charter.

**Kim Jones** joined Community Blood Center of the Carolinas as sponsorship developer.

**Todd King** was promoted to general sales manager at Beck Imports.

**Richard Mikels** was promoted to general manager at Beck Imports.

**John Lair** joined the Charlotte Branch Office of Engineering Consulting Services as manager of environmental services.

**Dr. Luis Perez** joined NorthEast Medical Center where he specializes in pediatric urology.

**Dr. Glenn Portwood** joined NorthEast Medical Center where he specializes in gastroenterology.

**Rebecca Thompson** joined Hinrichs Flanagan Financial as director of recruiting.

**Kevin Young** was promoted to pre-owned manager at Beck Imports.

**Thomas Welch** was promoted to associate principal at Clough Harbour & Associates.

**Chris Williams** was promoted to assistant vice president at First Charter.

## Notable Names

**NorthEast Medical Center** has been identified as a "High Performer" for providing some of the highest quality of care in the nation for Medicare hospital patients treated for pneumonia, heart failure and heart attacks from July 2003 to June 2004. Health Services Advisory Group, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization of Arizona, made the determination through a national study funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice** announced that 18 attorneys from the firm's Charlotte office have been named North Carolina Super Lawyers for 2006.

North Carolina Super Lawyers, an annual magazine published by Law & Politics, includes a listing of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. They are: **Garza Baldwin III**, securities and corporate finance; **Timothy Barber**, business litigation; **Michael Barnhill**, business litigation; **Bruce Buckley**, real estate transactions; **Gary Chamblee**, real estate transaction; **Theodore Claypoole**, intellectual property; **Cornelius Coghill III**, estate planning/trusts; **Jim Cooley**, business litigation; **James Cooney III**, medical

malpractice: defense; **James Daniel**, employee benefits/ERISA; **Debbie Harden**, business/corporate; **Jeffrey Hay**, business/corporate; **Bobby Hinson**, real estate transactions; **Mark Horoschak**, antitrust litigation; **Cyrus Johnson Jr.**, business/corporate; **Richard Morton**, environmental litigation; **Richard Rainey**, labor and employment; **William Raper**, business litigation.

**Kristin White del Rosso**, president of Pea Organizing Services, has become a member of the National Association of Professional Organizer's Golden Circle. The Golden Circle designation is awarded to members who have been in the business of professional organizing for a minimum of five years and a NAPO National member for at least one year.

The Presbyterian Healthcare Board of Trustees appointed **Stanford Brookshire Jr.**, as the new chairman of the board. Brookshire serves as CEO and President of Acentron Technologies Inc., based in Charlotte.

Presbyterian's board also appointed three new members: **Yele Aluko**, M.D., of Mid Carolina Cardiology, **Anthony Fox**, partner of Parker, Poe, Adams and Bernstein L.L.P.; and **Hilda Gurdian**, publisher and chief executive of La Noticia.

CharlotteSaves presented the 2006 Community Partnership Award to **Kevin Toomb**, executive vice president and marketing director for First Charter. The CharlotteSaves Community Partnership Award is given to an individual who has made major contributions to the creation and support of community partnerships that promote and encourage financial security and self-sufficiency.

## What's New

**Community Link**, the nonprofit organization whose purpose is to enable working poor individuals and families in the Carolinas to obtain and sustain safe, decent and affordable housing, is pleased to announce the awarding of two grants. The first is a \$29,000 grant from United Way. This will be used by Community Link to expand capacity of the Ada Jenkins Center, Salvation Army Statesville Corps, Mooresville Christian Mission and other human service agencies in Iredell County by adding intensive casework and supportive housing services to help struggling families achieve housing and economic independence. The second grant, awarded by the Uptown Rotary Club of Charlotte, will be used to subsidize security deposits for working homeless families who will now be able to obtain affordable rental housing. **ClickCom.com** designed a Web site for **Metrolina Plastic Surgery** at [www.drbednar.com](http://www.drbednar.com).

**Granite and Marble by Malave** is opening **The Stone Library** at 101 W. Worthington St. Stones from across the world will be available for viewing and planning projects.

**Residential Support Services** changed its name to **Residential & Support Services**.

**Louis Bisette**, a partner with **Bison Capital Management**, opened an office in Charlotte.

The Pinehurst/Southern Pines real estate agency owned by the husband and wife team of brokers **Marcus and Cathy Larose** joined Weichert, Realtors and is now **Weichert, Realtors Larose & Co.**

**Cox Group**, a Charlotte-area marketing and public relations agency, has re-signed with **Anheuser-Busch** to handle public relations and creative development for its **Budweiser Select Offshore Powerboat Racing** program.

**DePaul**, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1958 based in Rochester, N.Y., and with administrative offices in Winston-Salem, assumed operation of East Towne, a senior living community at 4815 N. Sharon Amity Road.

The Park Ministries in Charlotte selected **Neal Prince + Partners** to provide master planning services and renovations for their newly acquired church complex (formerly Charlotte Merchandise Mart).

**Wray Ward Laseter** was named agency of record for **Affinia Group** and its family of automotive aftermarket brands, **WIX Filters**, **Raybestos** brand brakes and **Spicer** chassis components.

**Webb Clements** completed project management on a 10,000-square-foot renovation and expansion project of a medical office building in Rock Hill for Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. **Webb Clements** was also selected by **CEENTA** to provide project management for its new 26,000-square-foot medical office building in the **Blakeney Office Park** in Charlotte.

**Hosted Solutions** was selected by **Quaero** to support its Web-based marketing system.

**ProfIT/CS is providing IT services and computer support for Uwharrie Point Associates, the developer of Uwharrie Point.**

## **Special Events**

**Community Express Loan Program. Sponsored by the Small Business Administration. Free. 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m., Feb. 13, Institute for Entrepreneurship, CPCC Central Campus, 124 E. Independence Blvd. Call (704) 432-0505.**

**Developing an Endless Flow of Sales Leads. Sponsored by the Ben Craig Center. \$75. 8-11:30 a.m., Feb. 16, Ben Craig Center, 8701 Mallard Creek Road. Call (704) 548-9113.**

**Developing Word of Mouth Advertising for Your Business. Sponsored by the Ben Craig Center. Free. 9:30 a.m.-noon, Feb. 10, Ben Craig Center, 8701 Mallard Creek Road. Call (704) 548-9113.**

**Finding Financing: Banks, the Small Business Administration and Other Funding Sources. Sponsored by The Entrepreneurs Source and Pros Communications. Discover the Entrepreneur in You series. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Feb. 21, Embassy Suites, 4800 S. Tryon St. Call (704) 849-7700.**

**ISO 9001: 2000 Internal Auditing. Sponsored by the Charlotte Section of the American Society for Quality. \$249. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Feb. 20 and 21, Country Inn & Suites, Hwy. 74, Matthews. Call John Lynch, (704) 845-0466. Maintaining a Union Free Work Environment.**

**Sponsored by The Employers Association. \$145 for members, \$195 for others. 1-4 p.m., Feb. 28, 3020 W. Arrowood Road. Call BJ Williams, (704) 522-8011.**

**Microsoft Excel Level 1. Sponsored by The Employers Association. \$155. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Feb. 23, 3020 W. Arrowood Road. Call BJ Williams, (704) 522-8011.**

**Shades of Gray, Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. Sponsored by The Employers Association. \$145 for members, \$195 for others. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 28, 3020 W. Arrowood Road. Call BJ Williams, (704) 522-8011.**

**Tax Strategies. Sponsored by Coastal Federal Credit Union. Free. 6-7:30 p.m., Feb. 14, 1835 W. WT Harris Blvd. or noon-1 p.m., Feb. 21, 5316 Morrison Blvd. Call 1-877-863-6169.**

**Understanding Wage and Hour Regulations. Sponsored by The Employers Association. \$195 for members, \$225 for others. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 22, 3020 W. Arrowood Road. Call BJ Williams, (704) 522-8011.**

**Valuing Diversity. Sponsored by The Employers Association. \$145 for members, \$195 for others. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Feb. 24, 3020 W. Arrowood Road. Call BJ Williams, (704) 522-8011.**

## **This Week**

**MoneyWise welcomes news of business activities sponsored by nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. Items must be written, include a phone number and be submitted three weeks in advance. Send items to Carol Smith, [carolsmith@charlotteobserver.com](mailto:carolsmith@charlotteobserver.com) or mail to The Charlotte Observer, P.O. Box 30308, Charlotte, NC 28230-0308 or fax to (704) 358-5172. Call organizations listed below between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays unless otherwise noted.**

### **Monday, feb. 6**

**European American Business Forum. Speaker: John Silva, economist. 6 p.m., Hyatt Charlotte SouthPark. Call Gunda Knese, (704) 377-0239.**

### **Tuesday, feb. 7**

**National Association of Women Business Owners, Charlotte Chapter. Speakers: Mary Bruce and Tracey Gillespie, Kaleidoscope Business Options. Topic: Designing the ultimate exit. 5:30 p.m., Hilton Charlotte Center City. [www.nawbocharlotte.org](http://www.nawbocharlotte.org).**

**Wednesday, feb. 8**

Charlotte Area Compensation Council. Speaker: Chester Elton, O.C. Tanner Co. Topic: Everything you need to know about recognition you learned from your mom. 7:45 a.m., Westin Charlotte hotel, 601 S. College St. Call Robin Bernstein, (704) 733-5099.eWomenNetwork. Speaker: Sherre' DeMao, SLD Unlimited Marketing/PR. Topic: The CRISP principle, power of five lessons from growth companies in down economic times. 11:30 a.m., Byron's South End, 101 W. Worthington Ave. Call (704) 366-3767.

Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours. 8-9:30 a.m., Genesis Healthcare, 550 Glenwood Drive, Mooresville. Call (704) 664-3898.

**Thursday, feb. 9**

Charlotte Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. Speaker: Russell White, consultant. Topic: Think big. 11:30 a.m., Maggiano's, SouthPark mall. Call (704) 442-1535.

The Inventor's Network. Speaker: Joanne Hayes-Rines, Inventors' Digest. Topic: New product development. 6:30 p.m., Ben Craig Center, 8701 Mallard Creek Road. Call (704) 369-7331.

NC World Trade Association, Charlotte Chapter. Speaker: Dan St. Louis, Hosiery Technology Center. Topic: Exporting and the hosiery industry. 6 p.m., Marriott Executive Park, Westpark Drive. Call (704) 319-2289.

**Saturday, feb. 11**

American Association of Individual Investors, Charlotte Chapter. Speaker: Elliott Gue, editor, The Energy Strategist. Topic: Profiting from the global energy boom. 9:30 a.m., Myers Park Methodist Church, Parish Life Building, 1501 Queens Road. Call Bill Sims, (704) 708-6374.

**Next Week****Wednesday, feb. 15**

Business Marketing Association of the Carolinas. Topic: Cognitive Linguistics. 11:30 a.m., Red Rocks Cafe, 4223 Providence Road. Call Lisa McAllister, (704) 887-7436.Metropolitan Business and Professional Women. Speaker: Angelina Corbet, The Mobius Co. Topic: The Little Pink Book of Feminine Leadership. 11:30 a.m., Bentley's on 27, 201 S. College St. Call (866) 851-9446.

**Thursday, feb. 16**

Carolinas Professional Saleswomen & Entrepreneurs. Speaker: Angelina Corbet, The Mobius Co. Topic: Two faces of leadership. 11 a.m., Marriott Executive Park, 5700 Westpark Drive. Call Jayne McGonnell, (704) 549-4600, ext. 1028.

**Friday, feb. 17**

Charlotte Economics Club. Speaker: Carl Weinberg, founder of High Frequency Economics. Topic: Euroland on the skids, is deflation next and what it means to you. Noon, The Charlotte City Club, 121 W. Trade St. Call Norie Sanchez, (704) 319-2288.

National Association of Women Business Owners, Charlotte Chapter. Speaker: Jon Syzmanski, ClickCom. Topic: Taking websire E-commerce to the next level.

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