



THE PRA'S GIFT OF PICKENS PROGRAM IS A WINNER

PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS

- Nestfeathers
- Michaels Restaurant
- Pace & Reeves BP
- Court Street Gallery
- The Avocado Tree
- Barber Connection
- Shabby & Chic
- Burning Brick Tavern
- Main Street Spirits
- Town & Country Florist
- Two Brothers and a Brush
- East Main Treasures
- Save a Lot
- Stockade & Stuff
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Adventure Photography
- Flowers by Virginia
- Bivens Hardware
- Brocks Department Store
- Praecanate
- Main Street Pizzeria
- Pizza Inn

Twenty two of Pickens' finest merchants are now participating in the current *Gift of Pickens* program. With the City of Pickens and Cannon Hospital both purchasing the certificates as Christmas gifts for their employees, there are now thousands of dollars being spent at those Pickens merchants.

"We have already collected quite a few certificates", said Faye Padgett, owner of Nestfeathers. "It has been a nice boost for business."

The certificates work like cash. The PRA does all the work - issuing them and redeeming them. Merchants receive dollar for dollar reimbursement. It is simply another way to encourage area residents to "shop local".

NEWS FLASH! CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW DOWNTOWN AMPHITHEATER WILL START ON JANUARY 8TH AND BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 15TH.

January Merchants Meeting Rescheduled For February 19th

The Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce and the Pickens Revitalization Association (PRA) have partnered to establish monthly merchants meetings. Normally scheduled on a Tuesday, these meetings are intended to increase business communication, provide community information and to offer tools for economic success.

The rescheduled meeting will be held February 19, 2012, 8 AM, in the Greater Pickens Chamber meeting room (lower level). A continental breakfast will be served. All Pickens business owners/managers and commercial property owners are encouraged to attend. The agenda for the February meeting will include a discussion with Kevin Laird, Director of Civil Engineering at Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood regarding the current traffic study to improve Main Street Pickens.

Please contact Mike Parrott, Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce at 878-3258 for more information.

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school-to-work program that continues today. She coordinated that business recruiting program for 3 years. In 1997, she returned to retailing by opening Main Street Antiques & Uniques, with three other ladies, until it closed and she "retired" in 2009.

I Fan The Flame 2012 Platinum sponsors include the Historic City of Pickens and Great Oaks Dental. East Main Treasures and Pace & Reeves BP, Inc. are this year's bronze sponsors. In March, 2013, the "Flame" program will evolve and begin recognizing the many various academic, charitable, youth, adult, civic and religious organizations who currently help to "fan the flame" in Pickens. A special "flame" trophy will be presented to winning groups.

I Fan the Flame is changing!
See inside for details.



around town

January, 2013

The Pickens Revitalization Association is dedicated to the enhancement, preservation and sustainable growth of Pickens'

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December "Fan" Is A Gift To Pickens

Pickens, SC. The winner of the December *I Fan The Flame* award, Tunkie Stokes, is a true gift to Pickens. As a lifelong, first generation resident of Pickens, Tunkie's life has been one of giving back to the

community and to those that live here. "It's obvious, after all these years, that I love living in Pickens," she remarked. "I love the honest, hard-working friendly people and the unique qualities of this smaller town. We have no relatives here but our lifelong friends take their place". Although she lived most of her life in town, Tunkie did have the unique experience of living in Table Rock State Park for 8 years where her dad was superintendent.

Her "gifts" of giving to others and to the community, in the past, include serving on the boards of both the Hagood-Mauldin House and the Pickens Chamber of Commerce as well as on the advisory council for the Department of Social Services. Tunkie was a charter member of the Cannon Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She has served on the day care board of the Pickens Presbyterian Church. Other church related endeavors, past and present, include Sunday School teaching, serving on the Vestry Board and as a Eucharistic Visitor – all for St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Easley where she also is Vice President of the Daughters of the Kings.

Since 1995, much of Tunkie's community service time has been spent on the Cannon Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees where she has been Secretary, Vice-chairman and now Chairman for the past two years. She also serves on that Hospital's Foundation Board.

As graduate of Pickens schools and Columbia College, with a B.S. in Home Economics, she first put that degree to work by opening Mary Stokes Shop, a ladies dress store on Main Street where Michael's Restaurant is now located. The store was so popular that she had customers from as far away as Greenville. After 8 years, Tunkie left retail and began teaching culinary arts at the county tech center. After 17 years teaching, she was then instrumental in starting a student

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CHRISTMAS PARADE WINNERS

**BEST ADAPTION OF THEME
"CHRISTMAS LIGHTS"**

PICKENS RECREATION SOCCER

BEST COMMERCIAL ENTRY

1ST: SPOTLIGHT DANCE COMPANY

2ND: BAPTIST EASLEY HOSPITAL

BEST NON-COMMERCIAL ENTRY

1ST: SWEET POTATOE PIE KIDS & YAMS

2ND: UPSTATE LEGENDS JEEP CLUB

BEST OVERALL RELIGIOUS ENTRY

CEDAR ROCK BAPTIST YOUTH



CHRISTMAS CONTEST WINNERS

Storefront Decorating Contest:

1st: Town & Country Florist
2nd: Petals Flowers and Gifts
3rd: Head First Hair Salon

Honorable Mention:

Pace & Reeves BP, Brocks Department Store

Student Art Contest:

1st: Ashley Ellenburg-HSE, Devin Black-PES,
Brielle Suttles-ARL
2nd: Riley Rodgers-HSE, Rebecca Martin-PES,
Abbigail Holder-ARL
3rd: Leah Stewart-HSE, Leah Aiken-PES,
Landyn Rhodes-ARL

Honorable Mention: Asia-Li Artun, Gracie Suddeth,
Carlee Seaborn, Chase Crenshaw,
Brittany Tollison, Chase Hensley

Ornament Contest:

Elementary School Winners: 1st: Leah Bowers-HSE,
2nd: Carolina Galloway-HSE, 3rd: Adam Dawson-HSE,
Middle School Winner: 1st: Eli Eases
High School Winners: 1st: Mark Shaley, 2nd: Skylynn Owen,
3rd: Colby Alexander
Adult Winners: 1st: Sandy Crowe; 2nd: Vickie Gibson;
3rd: Frances Hickey

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Flame
HISTORIC PICKENS



**"FAN" PROGRAM
WILL
CHANGE SOON
Group Contributions
To Be Recognized**

In March, the I Fan the Flame awards program takes on a new look. "I" will become "We" as the recognition will turn from individuals to groups who contribute to the community. All organizations - religious, civic, charitable, school, corporate, cultural, non-profit, youth, senior, business, association, etc. will be eligible. The recognition will be given for endeavors such as:

- Helping to improve the community in some significant way
- Contributing to resident's well being
- Generating positive publicity for Pickens
- Conducting and/or participating in a charitable event
- Raising money for a good cause

Each month's winning organization will be recognized with the presentation of a unique trophy, a group photo with a special "Fan" banner as well as web site and media publicity.

A panel of community members will select each monthly winner. Entries will be due at the PRA office by the first of each month—starting in March. Entry forms will be available on-line, in the PRA office and at city hall.

PRA ANNOUNCES NEW, AFFORDABLE, 2013 MEMBERSHIP PLAN

"Affordable, yet with real value, is how I would describe the new membership plan offered by the PRA this year," commented Dick Krull, PRA Board President. "And it becomes even more affordable when combined with a Chamber membership. It just makes good business sense for every Pickens business to become a member".

For 2013, the cost of a PRA annual business membership is just \$100. The combined cost for membership for most businesses, in both organizations, should be no more than \$183, after joint membership discounts. The benefits are many. For all membership options, in either organization, contact the Greater Pickens Chamber at 878-3258 or the PRA at 878-0105.

PRA MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS THE ORGANIZATION'S PURPOSE AND GOALS

To Grow Pickens' Businesses And Retail Base
To Cultivate Tourism
To Revitalize Downtown

To Support Overall City Improvement Initiatives
To Create, Manage And Support Promotional
And Entertainment Events

OTHER BENEFITS

ENJOY USE OF THE PRA BUSINESS CENTER

WIFI Access
Use Of Networked Computer
Use Of Conference Room
Staff Assistance
Copy Machine Usage - Free 8.5 X 11" Copies Each Month: 25
Color & 25 B/W
Nominal Charge For Oversized Copies
& Discounts Below Posted Rates On Additional Copies

WEB SITE

Free Link On PRA Site
Free Template Page On PRA Website
(Nominal Fee For Set-Up Assistance If Needed)
Referral Assistance For Website Creation And Maintenance

BUSINESS PROMOTION

Brochure Distribution In PRA Center
Business Card Distribution In PRA Center
Special Listing In *Pickens Dining And Shopping Guide* and the
Historic Walking Tour Guide
Free 1/8 Page Ad In PRA Monthly Newsletter
(Random Selection)

FREE NOTARY SERVICE

**SPECIAL PREFERRED SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AND DISCOUNTS**

ANNUAL MEETING ELIGIBILITY

SPECIAL TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS