

THANK YOU

The Chamber of Commerce Staff and Board of Directors would like to thank all the volunteers and community for their help for a wonderful 2006 Christmas Parade. Without their hard work and participation, this parade would not have been possible.

We would like to say thanks to the many volunteers who helped to set up and supervise the parade: Lions Club members Ben Hines, Larry Jenkins, Randy Mundy, Jerry Mayes, Carol Crowgey, Sonny Davis, Bob Peoples, Raeford Thomas, and Bill Randlett; Rotarians Glenn Fox, Lory Beth Huffman, Donna Kellow, Cindy Sellers-Wallace, Charlie Amann, Sam Zachary, and Angela Blakley; Chamber members and Chamber Board members dwaine cole, Gail Drum, Allison Jarvis, and Rita Pennell; and other volunteers Kendra Sweat, Sallie Hartis, Ann McCurdy, and Robert Wallace. Thanks always to the Taylorsville Police Department, Alexander County Sheriff's Department, and The Alexander County Junior Explorers for traffic control. Many thanks to the Town of Taylorsville for their clean up efforts after the parade. To Berenda Samples, thank you for the great photos and slide show that you created to commemorate our parade. If you did not get to attend the parade this year, you may view the slideshow on our website www.alexandercountychamber.com.

Congratulations to this year's Grand Marshal Harry Robertson. We hope you enjoyed yourself, and we appreciate everything you have done for the county. Your hard work and dedication to the citizens of Alexander County are greatly appreciated.

The many local businesses that sponsored the floats really helped make this parade beautiful and possible. Many thanks to the following local businesses: Alexander County Chamber of Commerce, Alexander County Crimestoppers, Alexander County Government, Alexander County Schools, Alexander Personnel Association, Alexander Railroad, Carolina Orthopedic Specialists PA, Cooper Southern Properties, DARE, Deja'Vu Boutique and Tyler Candles, Electric Beach Tanning & Hair Attractions, EnergyUnited, First Community Bank, Fox Surveying Company, GDS, Inc., Hancock & Moore, Inc., Mace Insurance, Martin Starnes & Associates CPA's, Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, Modern Cleaners of Taylorsville Inc., Northwoods Home Services, Paragon Films, Plus Pages Publishing, Propst Electric, Salem Lutheran Church, Shurtape Technologies LLC, Taylorsville Ford, Taylorsville Savings Bank, The Taylorsville Times, Thomas Insurance Services, United Carolina Group - Mortgage Planners, Walker Insurance Agency, Wal-Mart, and Wittenburg Landscaping & Mowing, We appreciate Cline's Floats providing the beautiful floats and some Christmas music on the floats as well.

Thanks to our local ACHS Marching Band and the ACHS Jazz Band under the direction of Ron Payne. Our band has always been very supportive of the Taylorsville area parade, and we say - THANK YOU! To all the local entries such as the beauty queens, car groups, and church, civic, and children's groups...thank you very much. Without local participation from our community, this entire parade would not be possible. Hometown residents, groups, and organizations make this event what it is - a BIG success.

The Shriners Steel Drum Band and Oasis Band are always crowd pleasers. We do appreciate the Shriner's Bands and their many groups that attended to provide the entertainment.

We also say big HO-HO thanks to Bill Glad for helping Santa Claus arrive safely in Taylorsville for the grand finale in the parade. Thank you, SANTA, for taking time out of your busy schedule to visit all the boys and girls in Taylorsville. Thanks also to Michelle, Dawson, and Abbie for riding on the float with Santa and helping distribute his candy. Many thanks to Schronce Power Sports for providing the four wheelers to use in getting the parade lined up and ready to go!

To each and everyone, from the Alexander County Chamber of Commerce, we would like to wish all a safe and happy holiday season. THANKS again to everyone for all their help with the 2006 Alexander County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. We hope you all have a safe and joyous holiday season. Please remember the 'real' meaning of Christmas and celebrate the season. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Denise I. Elder, Executive Director

And the Alexander Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors