



Newsletter

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February 2020



MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING....

The March Membership Meeting is scheduled for *Wednesday, March 4th*. The meeting will be held at 12 o'clock noon at the Old Post Office Museum. The price is \$10.00 each and covers the cost of your lunch. If you would like to attend, please call the Chamber office at 435-4488.

Our guest speaker will be Will McCarty. Will McCarty is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist who graduated from Louisiana Tech University with both his undergraduate and his master's degree. Prior to becoming a dietitian, Will worked in the restaurant industry after completing his degree from Louisiana Culinary Institute in Baton Rouge. Before coming to Franklin Medical Center he worked as a Clinical Dietitian in Monroe. He is from Monroe where he lives with his wife and their cats and dog. He enjoys spending time with family, reading, and learning new things and hobbies. At FMC he provides Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) for chronic diseases (diabetes, heart disease, obesity, etc) and assists patients with achieving their goals.



Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:30AM-5PM (Winnsboro Clinic)

Tuesday: 8:30AM-5PM (Crowville Clinic)

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH....Progressive Bank

When Progressive Bank (originally Progressive State Bank) was founded in October 1975 in Winnsboro, Louisiana, their company was primarily dedicated to serving the special banking needs of the agricultural community in the Franklin Parish area. Under the guidance of Mr. George W. Cummings, Jr, Founder and first President, Progressive State Bank had grown to assets of over \$42 million by the end of 1996. While this dedication to the area's farming industry still exists, Progressive Bank has become a financial services leader in the markets they serve. In 1997, their Board of Directors voted to expand beyond the Franklin Parish area and the company, now under the guidance of Chief Executive Officer George W. Cummings, III, expanded into the Ouachita Parish market with



Pictured left to right: David Rigdon (Chamber Board member), Lisa Kiper (Chamber President) Deanie Collier (Chamber Board member), Brian Moroni (Chamber Vice-President), Judy Long Donna Evans, Brenda Struth (Chamber Board member), Mandy Moroni (Chamber Secretary), and Bill Hendrix (Chamber Board

their first location at 1401 North 19 th Street in Monroe. With the expansion also came a name change to Progressive Bank. Additional offices in Monroe and West Monroe soon followed and by 2003 Progressive Bank had grown to six locations.

In 2004, the new Monroe “home office” and completion of their Corporate Office and 19th Street Financial Center at 1411 North 19th Street. This building houses the Bank’s Retail Banking services; Wealth Management & Trust; Private Banking; Commercial Banking; Residential Lending; and Commercial Cash Management; as well as the Bank’s Corporate Division; and is the hub for its technology network. More recently, Progressive Bank has expanded into its new Corporate Annex in the building that housed the Bank’s original Monroe location at 1401 North 19 th Street. The

Annex includes the Loan Operations; Human Resources; and Compliance departments; as well as a state-of-the-art Training Center. And finally, Proogressive Bank acquired a former physician’s office on Glenmar Avenue adjacent to the Corporate Office and this building now houses their Accounting & Finance, Deposit Operations, and Electronic Banking departments. The growth and success enabled Progressive Bank to take the next step in their geographic expansion plans to Northwest Louisiana as their first Progressive Bank office in Bossier City, Louisiana, Airline Financial Center, opened in July 2008. And, their newest office, Fern Avenue Financial Center in Shreveport, opened in June 2010. Growth and expansion has also resulted in an increase in the number of employees in north Louisiana from 22 in 1997 to over 130 in December 2017. Although they have expanded financially and geographically, they have not forgotten their roots. Providing customers with the very best in banking and financial products and services, in the ways that they want them delivered, combined with ambitious service excellence standards, remains the hallmark of Progressive Bank brand and reminds them to live their Progressive Bank Pledge each and every day. This pledge, introduced by founder, George W. Cummings, Jr. is:

PROGRESSIVE BANK PLEDGE

To treat every person with respect, regardless of their station in life...recognizing that I may not be able to do business with every person, nor can I accept every request that someone brings to me; however, I can look for ways to serve, rather than look for ways not to serve that person, and I can thank them for giving me the opportunity.

POINT TO PONDER...

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.” – Oscar Wilde



Calendar of Events

The Winnsboro-Franklin Chamber of Commerce

March 4th – Membership Meeting – Old Post Office Museum

March 19th - Taste of Franklin – The Loading Dock, 214 Fair Avenue, Winnsboro, LA

The Princess Theatre

February 13 - 15 – “I DO! I DO!” Spring Dinner Theatre

March 7 – “Frozen 2”

March 26th-28th - “High School Musical”

The Old Post Office Museum

February 28th - “I DO! I DO!” Exhibit closes



NEW MEMBERS!!!



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-EVENTS-



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NEW MEMBERSHIP 2020...

The *Winnsboro-Franklin Parish Chamber of Commerce*

would love to have you as a new member!

As a member of the Winnsboro-Franklin Parish Chamber of Commerce you will have the opportunity to network with other businesses in our Parish, meet with other business leaders, recruit new customers, and establish your desire to help create a prosperous business community.

If you are interested in becoming a new member, stop by the Chamber office located in the Old Post Office Museum (513 Prairie Street) to pick up your application.

We welcome the opportunity to grow with you in 2020!

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**BUSINESS
BUZZ**

Let the Chamber work for you....

Every month we mail our newsletter, which includes information regarding upcoming events and Business of the Month. We would absolutely love to have more of **YOUR** news to include in our letter. If you have something exciting going on at your business and would like to share it to be included in our newsletter in the **Business Buzz**, please contact Mandy Moroni at the Chamber office **or** via Email wfpchamber@gmail.com. She mails the newsletter at the beginning of each month, so please try to get your news to her at least one week in advance. We also have a calendar of events on our website and are very active on our Facebook page, so let us know if you have anything to add.

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