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March 15th @ The Sutherland

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Your Business and Community Advocate!

February, 2012 Event Guide

**Happy
Valentine's
Day**

Three pink hearts with a gradient and a shadow, positioned below the 'Happy Valentine's Day' text.

Engage with the Chamber!

Feb 1	Power of E-Mail Marketing - Session 1 CenturyLink	8:30-10:00 am
Feb 1	Social Media Made Simple - Session 2 CenturyLink	2:00-3:00 pm
Feb 1	SCORE Counseling**	4:00-7:00 pm
Feb 2	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00-9:00 am
Feb 2	Ribbon Cutting - Aloha Tan - 3 Year Anniversary 12223-300 Hampton Way	12:30 pm
Feb 3	First Friday Networking 2012 1250 Heritage Club	7:30-9:00 am
Feb 7	Chamber Tools & Resources Chamber Boardroom	11:30-1:00 pm
Feb 8	CrossTalk @ The Hampton Inn of WF	8:15-10:00 am
Feb 9	Chamber Board Meeting	8:00-9:00 am
Feb 9	Ribbon Cutting - Michael Massey CPA 10405 Ligon Mill Rd, Suite A, WF	noon
Feb 15	Government Affairs Committee	8:00-9:00 am
Feb 16	Business After Hours Hasentree 7213 Hasentree Club Drive, WF	5:30-7:00 pm
Feb 21	LWF - Feb 21st Session - Economic Development	8:30 am
Feb 21	Economic Development Committee	3:00-4:00 pm
Feb 23	Ambassador Meeting @ The Forks	8:30-9:30 am
Feb 23	Ribbon Cutting - Dilweg Commercial 3150 Rogers Rd, WF	noon
Feb 28	Ribbon Cutting - Kustom Machines and Connections 647 E. Wait Ave, WF	noon
Feb 29	Membership Committee Meeting	8:30-9:30 am
Mar 1	Ribbon Cutting - Batteries Plus 1241 S. Main St. Suite 04,WF	noon
Mar 1	2012 Elected Official Reception CenturyLink	6:00-8:00 pm
Mar 2	First Friday Networking 2012 1250 Heritage Club	7:30-9:00 am

*Please call the Chamber for reservations. 919.556.1519

**Please call SCORE for reservations. 919.856.4739

Please check the Chamber website for updated Calendar information!

Monthly Networking Opportunities:

First Friday Networking (FFN)

This Open Networking Event is held the First Friday of each month. As a structured Breakfast event, it starts with open networking, welcoming guests, and business to business networking. Next, all attendees give a 30 second "commercial" on their business which is followed by a Professional Development Presentation. Open to Not-Yet-Members as a guest with a two visit limit.

Business After Hours (BAH)

This after work Open Networking Event is consistently held on the third Thursday of each month. BAH is a casual networking environment for small business owners to build professional business contacts. From such contacts, business owners grow referral and strategic partnerships to encourage local commerce. The hosts are set one year in advance. Hosts take great care and pride in providing both food and drink for guests to enjoy - making this one of the Chamber's premier monthly events.

Ribbon Cuttings

Ribbon Cuttings are a great time to meet the owners or decision makers of the businesses, and learn about who they are and what they do. All members are welcome to attend ribbon cuttings, as they are an opportunity to start building strong local partnerships. Held to make an announcement, the most popular announcement is the introduction of a new member to our other members. However, announcements can include: a re-model, name change, new management or new ownership.

Free Classes:

Bag Lunch Network

A Chamber Member will teach, motivate or discuss a topic during lunch.

Chamber Tools and Resources

Learn about all the benefits that the Chamber has to offer to you. Navigate around the website, learn how to be part of our great network, and find out how to volunteer. Make your presence known within the Wake Forest community.

CrossTalk

Member helping Member in a round table discussion. Problems shared and solved in a non-compete, non-disclosure setting.

SCORE Counseling

Members of SCORE are volunteers. They are retired Executives who would rather help YOU for free, than play golf. They can help you write a business plan and focus on your next strategy. They have years of experience with marketing, sales, financial planning, and offer sound business advice.

SBA (Small Business Administration)

This is a Federal Program that loans you money for your business. Loans are up to \$25,000. Need help - ask.