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## **Benefits of Membership**

Through a membership in the Chamber, you will have the opportunity to participate in exceptional training programs and gain exposure for your business at numerous networking events. You will be able to take advantage of the many business services that are provided by the joint membership of the Surry County Chamber of Commerce and the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce.

The benefits of becoming a member of these dynamic local business organizations are both personal and professional.

## **Promote Your Business**

As a Chamber member, the following benefits are included but are not limited to:

- A business listing on The Chamber website with a link to your website
- Inclusion in the Chamber Membership Directory. This directory is a brochure provided to businesses for distribution.
- Attendance at monthly Business Meetings.
- Opportunity to hear guest speakers.
- Participation and involvement in County issues affecting businesses.
- Discounts at participating local retailers and service centers.

## **Partnerships or Sponsorships**

Chamber members are given the opportunity to market their businesses through various advertising opportunities using local media, and through a partnership with the Isle of Wight Chamber. Check us out on Facebook! There is a link to the Surry County Schools for opportunities to bid on projects that are being performed within the school system.

## **Business Referrals**

Referring new residents and businesses to our members, and doing business within the membership, is very important to us as a Chamber. We support our members by urging the community to “Buy Locally – it makes a Difference.”

The web page hosts a calendar that can be utilized to advertise special events or promotions.

## **Return on Investment**

Rewards realized, for the nominal cost of membership, may surprise you. Our web postings and membership brochure connect members to many resources in this community. It can be expanded to the Isle of Wight area through our joint membership plan.

## **Networking Opportunities**

As a member of the Surry County Chamber of Commerce, and joint member of the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce, you will have numerous opportunities to meet other members and promote your business interests, and the prospect of developing long-term relationships. Joint Chamber popular events include

- Business After Hours
- Training Sessions and Seminars
- Market in the Park
- Breakfast and Lunch Programs
- Networking with Elected Officials
- Special events

## **Education and Training Resources**

As partners in today's global economy, we all understand the need for on-going training. Some of the services we can offer are:

- Link to the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership
- Small Business Development Center—Crater Revolving Loan Fund
- The Gateway Center for Enterprise office—cultivating entrepreneurship-based job creation.
- International Trade Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

## **Knowledge**

Perhaps the most compelling reason to join the Chamber is the benefit of collective knowledge of your fellow members and the Chamber staff. Together they can serve as an extension of your own staff. With membership, you gain greater access to community leaders and government officials. You will feel, and be a part of, the pulse of the business community.

## **Business Services**

As a Chamber member, you will be able to take advantage of an array of services designed specifically for business owners through the joint membership with the Isle of Wight Chamber:

- Health Insurance for Small Business
- Employee Assistance Program
- Dental and Vision Coverage
- Access to Membership Database