

Currituck Chamber celebrates move to Moyock

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MOYOCK — Currituck's Chamber of Commerce celebrated its new location in Moyock on Thursday with business owners new and old.

The office moved from Grandy in May, but Thursday's catered social was the Chamber's official grand opening and 15th Anniversary celebration.

Chamber president Josh Bass said the new location on Currituck Commercial Drive not far from the Food Lion in Moyock brings it closer to one of county's major business centers.

"It's nice. We are closer to more businesses," said Bass.

John Morrison with Twiford Law Firm, which is leasing office space to the Chamber, said the Chamber is a welcome addition to the Moyock business community.

"Networking like this is what is going to get businesses out of this economy," said Morrison to a group of about 75, including several seeking political office in November's election. Among the election hopefuls there were 1st District candidates for the state House Bill Luton and Bob Steinburg.

One new Chamber member said Thursday's event was a good opportunity to meet other business owners in Currituck.

"It's a great way to market, network and connect, said Katy Marchello, owner of Marchello Surveying. Marchello joined the Chamber in January after recently opening her own surveying business.

Like many other businesses, she's felt the ups and downs of an uncertain economy.

Marchello said business started with some wild swings up and down, but work now appears to be leveling off. Some of that business is coming from survey work for the new wastewater treatment plant in Moyock, some construction sites, and some banks needing surveys for properties in bankruptcy.

Another new business owner said he sees a good future ahead in Moyock.

George Williams said this month's grand opening of Essentials Hair Salon in Moyock has been promising.

"They have gotten very good business and everybody is happy there's another shop in town," said Williams, who owns the shop with his wife, Valarie.

The two live in Eagle Creek and plan to stay, he said. He even has thoughts of opening another business in the area.

"We're in Moyock to stay," said Williams.

Last week's event also included some long-time Chamber members.

Kim Old with William E. Wood and Associates said he likes the Chamber's new location in Moyock.

"I think it's a great location. Moyock is where it's happening," said Old, a real estate agent.

The construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Moyock should also give a boost to commercial growth on the northern end of the county, he said.

Bass said the Chamber's Grandy location had served it well for six years, but the organization likes to spread its business to different locations now and then.

Wanda Beasley, a former Chamber board member who was catering the event, said the old location will be missed.

"There's a lot of activity in this end of the county, but we don't want to be lost and forgotten at our end," said Beasley, owner of BJ's Carolina Cafe in Jarvisburg.

Marchello, who works out of her home in Grandy, said she liked the Grandy location because she could meet clients at the Chamber office. The new location may be a little less convenient, but she's hoping future business will give her reason to meet with clients in the Moyock office.

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