



News and events of the DEKALB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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On Monday, July 13th, the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce will welcome **Johnny Isakson** as its keynote speaker for its First Monday Lunch Series program. The topic for this luncheon will be the Mid-Year Legislative Update. Isakson, who has been a keynote for the DeKalb

Chamber in the past, is a dedicated public servant who brings a wealth of knowledge to his position and constituents.

Isakson is a businessman, a public servant and family man whose common-sense approach and conservative values have made him a leader in Georgia for over 30 years.

He began his business career in 1967 when he opened the first Cobb County office of a small, family-owned real estate business, Northside Realty. Isakson later served as president of Northside Realty for 20 years, presiding over the company's growth into the largest independent residential real estate brokerage company in the Southeast and one of the largest in America.

Isakson entered politics in 1974 and served 17 years in the Georgia Legislature and three years as Chairman of the Georgia Board of Education. In 1999, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for the first of three terms before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 2004. He will be up for re-election to the Senate in 2010.

In Washington, Isakson helped pass the largest tax cut in a generation in 2001, was an original author of the No Child Left Behind Act and continues to push for immigration reform.

On energy, Isakson is committed to lessening America's dependence on foreign oil as well as pushing for alternative energy sources and conservation. When the mortgage and financial crisis hit in 2008, he drew on his decades of experience in real estate offering solutions to reduce the inventory of foreclosed homes and to restore the nation's housing market.

The DeKalb Chamber is thrilled to be the catalyst in bringing important legislative information to the members of the chamber and guests.

To register for the July First Monday Lunch, register online at www.dekalbchamber.org or contact the DeKalb Chamber at 404-378-8000. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Dunwoody, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road in Atlanta.

Message from the President

DeKalb County is fortunate to be the home of many international companies, Fortune 500 firms and successful small businesses. But for all of the commercial success, DeKalb is the county it is because of its people. The inhabitants of this county, by way of



residency or jobs, make DeKalb county great.

In this edition and in follow up stories you will read real stories of individuals and how they contribute to the DeKalb Community.

In today's busy environment time is a precious commodity sought by many. Yet, our Chamber members give of themselves

unselfishly and with little fanfare. While some seek fortune and accolades, these selfless individuals take solace in the fact they are helping their fellow man.

To the men and women that serve others tirelessly and who follow the mantra "To be first is to be last," we say, "Thank You."

Leonardo McClarty
President

Member spotlight

Doreen Reese & Associates, LLC

Doreen Reese Nunnally, DeKalb Chamber member, small business owner, professional speaker and long-standing ambassador for the Chamber does more than talk about helping, she puts her hands to the task. For the past four years, Nunnally has been a board member of the Habitat for Humanity- DeKalb Inc., organization whose outreach to the community is building homes.

By profession, Nunnally is the CEO of Doreen Reese & Associates LLC. As an employee benefits provider, she focuses on assisting small businesses in providing health, life, long-term care and disability income insurance in addition to retirement planning. She is also marketing director of Reese-Fisher & Associates which provides Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services to small businesses. Nunnally is often called upon to speak to groups, associations and conferences throughout the state of Georgia. With such a busy schedule, where does she find the energy and time to serve in her outreach capacity with DeKalb's Habitat for Humanity?

During her four years of involvement, Nunnally has been involved in building 12 houses in DeKalb County. On her service to Habitat and those who benefit Nunnally said, "It's a wonderful feeling to see the family's faces when they receive the keys to their new homes. On top of that, the organization has a great team in its board of directors and awesome staff.

Last month, Habitat for Humanity in conjunction with Berean Christian Church of which Nunnally is a member, had the opportunity to present welcome gifts to the new home owner Tiya Thayer and her two sons aged, 9 and 14.

As a member of the DeKalb Chamber Ambassadors, Nunnally has also helped many new members and businesses learn more about the benefits of Chamber membership and how to get the most from their membership. As a great supporter of the Chamber, Nunnally was one of 10 ambassadors recognized for her commitment of the organization's at its 71st annual meeting this year. Janniece Leonard, market-



Doreen Reese Nunnally with Senator Gloria Butler discussing a Habitat build.

ing and communications manager of the Chamber of Commerce said, "The DeKalb Chamber is more than just a membership organization. We are an organization that cares about the community and the impact we make in people's lives. The Chamber is made up of great people like Doreen who makes it their mission to give back to those who really need it. We're proud of her contribution to the Chamber and to the Habitat for Humanity organization."

Save these important dates for July

- July 1st** – Network DeKalb Leads Group – Holiday Inn Atlanta - Northlake
- July 9th** – Business Builder Series – Small Business in Tough Times
- July 13th** – First Monday Lunch – Johnny Isakson – United States Senator
- July 15th** – Network DeKalb Leads Group – Holiday Inn Atlanta – Northlake
- July 23rd** – Business After-Hours Five Oaks Apartments
- July 27th** – Quarterly Ambassador's Meeting

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