

## Our January 2007 meeting

*Guest Speaker Kent Dykes*

The regular meeting of the Dacusville Business Association was held Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at the Dacusville Lions Club. Kent Dykes, executive director of the Easley Chamber of Commerce, spoke to a gathering of approximately twenty five members. Mr. Dykes spoke of more business involvement between Dacusville and Easley, and how each could benefit from such cooperation. Kent also presented to the dba the Pickens County Vision 2025 initiative that is currently underway in Pickens County. Mr. Dykes serves on the steering committee for Pickens Vision 2025, and extended an invitation to those of us in the Dacusville community to lend our voices and ideas for the Vision. He cited Greenville County's success with a similar visioning plan in 1987, and how much the vision there became reality.

Pickens County Vision 2025 will hold town meetings in the four county high schools in the month of March.

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## March meeting features our new county administrator.

Chap Hurst, Pickens County's new Administrator, will be our guest speaker for March. Mr. Hurst comes to Pickens County most recently from Lancaster County, SC. Chap is excited about visiting with us this month and sharing his vision for the county and how it involves those of us who call Dacusville home. Plan to attend this informative meeting and invite a friend.

Our meeting will take place Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7:00PM. Our meeting place is in the Lions Club building on Cherokee Trail. Terry Taylor of the Dacusville Smokehouse will provide our meal. Cost is \$7.50. Please call Jim Shelton at 836-8465 or e-mail [Jshel1958@aol.com](mailto:Jshel1958@aol.com) to tell us you will attend. Knowing how many will attend helps plan the dinner.

## Minutes from the last meeting:

The bi-monthly meeting of The Dacusville Business Association was held on January 9, 2007 at the Dacusville Lion's Club. President Jim Shelton welcomed attendees and gave opening remarks. Minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. A treasurer's report was given by Bob Spalding and will be filed.

President Shelton announced the election of dba member, David Norton, to the Dacusville-Cedar Rock Water Commission.

Betty Hall, president of the Dacusville Community Club, gave a report on current fund raisers.

President Shelton, a member of the Pickens County School Board, discussed current board issues and stated that he will be covering the school board for dba during the coming year.

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## A message from the president:

When we started the **dba** last year, our stated mission was to promote business in Dacusville for those of who live and work here. That was clearly stated during our organizational meeting last March.

What I didn't realize at then was that we were setting a vision for Dacusville. It's no surprise to most of that have had businesses here that we still must depend on outside influences to accomplish our goals. I wanted a group that would recognize the products and services offered by our neighbors and, when possible, patronize them. I know I try to do just that and hope each of you will consider buying from our neighbors before going elsewhere. That vision offered during our inaugural meeting has veered directly in the path of Pickens County Vision 2025. While we still need the communities adjacent to Dacusville to sustain us day to day, we can become more and more self sufficient if we just plan properly.

By the time you receive this newsletter, I and many of our neighbors will have presented our vision for Dacusville at one of the town meetings planned for early March. Here is my vision:

- Dacusville Post Office
- Pickens County Branch Library
- Widening of SC 183
- Completion of SC 153 to Dacusville
- Controlled residential real estate development
- Improved water and sewer infrastructure
- Health care services available in Dacusville
- A Dacusville Community Center

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- Incorporation of Dacusville as a municipality
- Retail services, including a full service grocery store
- Dacusville High School

When and until these visions become reality, it is my opinion that we will still be dependent on others. I want us to be self sufficient. Do you share my dream? If so, please tell me at the next Dacusville Business Association meeting. I'll be there at 7:00PM.

Sincerely,

*Jim Shelton*

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Tom Ponder reported on a USDA federal seminar for small businesses scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our speaker was Kent Dykes, Executive Director of the Easley Chamber of Commerce. His topics covered chamber membership benefits, Vision 2025, as well as newsletters and magazines that are available.

Announcement: Next meeting is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Lion's Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sylvia D. Hughes*, Secretary

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