

County chamber continues growth

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The Washington County Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at the Awareness Building in Salem.

Board President Hank Jacobi was proud to announce that as of the end of April, they have already accepted 20 new members into the Chamber of Commerce. He said their goal for this year is 35 members, which means they are well ahead of expected membership total.

Anita Bush, Marketing Director, recently headed up "Let It Shine", a tourism event that brought representatives from the tourist industries of Lawrence, Scott and Orange counties to Salem for a day. Bush acted as tour guide to Washington County's guests and showed them around the city.

She reported that everyone enjoyed the tour and that "Let It Shine" was a great way of promoting the county as a tourism destination. Since then, Bush has been invited to attend a Regional Expo meeting and a Regional Chamber meeting as a representative of Washington County.

Ronnie Pennington gave a brief presentation for Hoosier Uplands, who sponsored this month's Chamber meeting. "We are an economic development program," he stated matter of fact. "And we believe in a hand up, instead of a hand out." These are the two ideas that drive the practices and underlying philosophy behind Hoosier Upland's multitude of programs.

Hoosier Uplands is a nonprofit agency that focuses on low-income, elderly, and disabled citizens in Southern Indiana who are in need of assistance. The organization acts as an Area Agency on Aging, Community Action Agency, licensed Home Health Care and Hospice agency, and Community Housing Development Organization.

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce holds their meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you wish you RSVP for May's upcoming meeting, send an email to info@washingtoncountychamber.org.