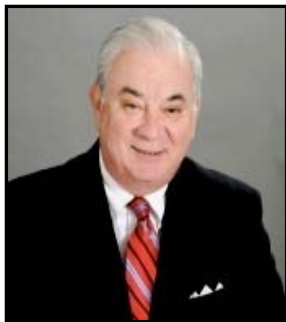




Quarterly Meeting
October 21, 2009 - 12:00 p.m.
TKC Shell Building – 195 Business Park Drive
Statesville Business Park

- 12:00 p.m. *Welcome / Invocation / Lunch – Bill Leach, GSDC Chairman*
- 12:15 p.m. *Existing Industry Report – John Marek, Director of BRE & Marketing – GSDC*
- 12:20 p.m. *New Business/GSDC Activity Report – Michael Smith, Executive Director - GSDC*
- 12:25 p.m. *UnitedWay Highlight – John Snow, Chairman*
- 12:30 p.m. *Speaker Introduction - Michael Smith, GSDC Executive Director*
- Guest Speaker – Ernest Pearson, Attorney at Law / Nexsen Pruet*
- 12:55 p.m. *Questions*
- 1:00 p.m. *Recognition of new members / Adjournment – Bill Leach, GSDC Chairman*
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Ernest C. Pearson practices in the Banking and Finance Group, focusing on areas that include corporate law, international law, public finance, commercial real estate, and economic development.

From 1989 to 1993, Mr. Pearson served as assistant secretary of economic development for the North Carolina Department of Commerce. In this position, he managed programs dealing with business and industry recruitment, international trade development, finance packages supporting new and expanded facilities, travel and tourism promotion, and small business development.

In each of his four years with the department, the agency was recognized as the top state recruitment program in the country. During that period, North Carolina led the nation in recruiting large industries three times and twice led in recruiting international companies and R&D facilities.

After leaving government, Mr. Pearson joined Sanford Holshouser LLP, where he focused his practice on legal matters dealing with economic development and site selection, including public finance, incentives, nonprofit organizations, and public-private partnerships. He is especially well suited to work with companies considering new business locations, expansions, restructuring financing, and international business dealings.

At the firm, he was a founder of The Sanford Holshouser Business Development Group, an economic development group which has handled numerous economic development consulting assignments in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida and Minnesota.

Mr. Pearson began his legal career in 1975 when he served as Director of Special Projects in the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Following service from 1977 to 1981 as a Judge Advocate in the United States Army, he returned to civilian life as a general practice attorney. In 1987, he accepted an appointment as chairman of the North Carolina Industrial Commission, serving as the chief judicial officer and manager of the agency that adjudicates workers compensation claims and tort claims against the state.

He is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and has served on various public and private sector boards. These include: President and member of the Board of Directors for the North Carolina State University School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences Foundation; Advisory Board for the Fuquay School of Business Center for International Education and Research; Board of Directors of the N. C. Economic Developers Association; Board of Directors of Triangle Growth Strategies; vice chairman of the Wake County Economic Development Commission; and Board of Directors of Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries, Inc.

Committee of 100 Membership

GSDC would like to recognize and thank all members of the Committee of 100.

Highlighted are our newest members since the July meeting.

WE THANK ALL OF YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

(* denotes charter members since inception)

- *Alexander Railroad Co.
- Allegra Print & Imaging
- Allen Tate Company
- American Stainless Tubing
- ASMO North Carolina
- AT&T North Carolina
- *Bank of America
- Bank of Granite
- *Barium Springs Home for Children
- *BB&T
- Bell Construction Co., Inc.
- Binder Chiropractic, P.A.
- Bunch-Johnson Funeral Home
- *Burger King/Mikaw Corp.
- Charlotte Regional Realtor Association
- Citizens South Banking
- Coldwell Banker United Realtors
- CommScope, Inc.
- Converge Communication Technologies
- Davis Regional Medical Center
- Duke Energy Carolinas
- ElectriCities of North Carolina
- *EnergyUnited
- Engineering Consulting Services
- Engineered Sintered Components***
- Everhart Honda
- *First Citizens Bank
- FlexSol Packaging
- GG's – Art, Frames & Gifts
- Gilbert Engineering
- Goodyear Tire & Rubber
- *Gordon, L. Iron & Metal
- Griffin Insurance Agency
- GS Carolina***
- Hampton Inn
- Harvey Holdings-Holland Dist.
- Hexpol Compounding, Inc.
- Hi-Tec Plating
- Holland Realty & Mortgage Corp.
- Hospice of Iredell County***
- Indoff Material Handling
- *Interstate Development
- *Iredell County Home Builders Association
- *Iredell Memorial Hospital
- Jeff Hall Chrysler Jeep Dodge
- John S. Clark Company
- Kooks Custom Headers***
- Maymead, Inc.
- McCombs Steel Company, Inc.
- *Mitchell Community College
- NAI Southern Real Estate
- Newport Properties
- *Norris, Stewart & Ralston
- Piedmont Bank
- *Piedmont HealthCare
- Piedmont Realty
- Plastiflex North Carolina, LLC
- *Pope, McMillan, Kutteh, Privette, Edwards & Schieck
- *Pressly Development Co.
- *Pressly, Thomas & Conley
- *PSNC Energy
- R.P. Machine
- Raymer Oil Company
- RBC Bank
- Robinson Steel
- RSH Protection
- Sir Speedy
- Stamey Land Company
- Statesville Chamber of Commerce
- *Statesville Record & Landmark
- *Steele, J.C. & Sons, Inc.
- Stiles and Company
- *Sunstates Leasing Corporation
- The Keith Corporation
- The Langtree Group
- The Reserves Network
- The Valspar Corporation
- Time Warner Cable
- *Toyota West
- Trigon/Kleinfelder
- *Tsumas Real Estate and Development
- *Wachovia
- Wal-Mart
- *West, P. S. Construction Company
- *Wilson, G. L. Building Co.
- *Wooten, L.R. Warehouse Building
- YMCA of Iredell County
- *Zimmer Orthopaedic and Surgical Products

88 members at \$28,300 in contributions