

What Is The Chamber?

The Chamber is an association of business people - working together to make Perry and Taylor County a better place in which to live and make a living. By expanding this simple definition into three parts we can gain a clear understanding of the Chamber:

"The Chamber of Commerce is an association of business people"...

Bankers, lawyers, manufacturers, doctors, clergymen, teachers, retailers, wholesalers, salesmen, realtors: business and professional men and women who share a common interest and pride in Perry & Taylor County.

"Working together"....

Meeting as a group or as committees, analyzing problems, proposing solutions, initiating discussion, examining related facts, acting in accordance with the expressed will of the majority - constantly striving to improve business and build a better community.

"To make Perry & Taylor County a better place in which to live and make a living"....

A safer, cleaner, more beautiful place. A place where our businesses will thrive. A place where the new businessman wants to open shop, and the place where the visitor receives a sure and friendly welcome. And finally, a place where each day is a day for accomplishment and tomorrow holds a promise of better living in a better community.

THE CHAMBER.....IS YOU!!!

How Does It Work?

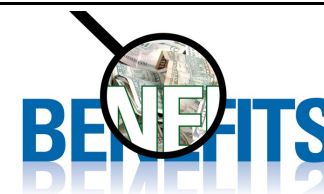
The Chamber's goals and objectives are accomplished - and the community's problems are solved - by a unique combination of volunteer workers and paid staff employees.

- **MEMBERSHIP:** The Chamber is a voluntary association of business and professional men and women - civic-minded citizens engaged in collective efforts to promote the welfare of their community. The membership is made up of the broadest cross-section of people in Perry and Taylor County. It includes representatives of essentially every type of community activity and endeavor.
- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** By law, the Chamber is a legal non-profit corporation. The governing body of the Chamber is its Board of Directors. The Board consists of 20 persons elected from the Membership. It is the responsibility of the Board to establish the policies of the Chamber and declare what tasks are to undertaken for the betterment of the community.
- **OFFICE STAFF:** The Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce maintains a full-time office and staff in order to better serve the needs of members and the community. A President/Executive Director is employed to provide professional advice and direction and to carry out the policies of the Board. The Chamber office offers a multitude of services at no cost to Members.



Services FOR Members

- Member to Member Discount Program
- Free advertising in the Chamber monthly newsletter (Circulation 600+)
- Free listings and advertising in the weekly Chamber E-Newsletter "Friday Focus"
- Free notary services for members.
- Free copies (B&W) and use of fax machine. Access to affordable color copies for members ONLY!
- Referral Services-Only Members Referred.
- Grand Openings & Ribbon Cutting for new and existing businesses.
- Free maps for members.
- Free internet website listing & link.
- Free small business assistance classes, seminars and training for employers & employees in the areas of sales tax collection, marketing, payroll, business plan development etc.
- Free distribution of brochures.
- Free production of brochures if needed. (Call for details)
- Free listing in our membership directory.
- Free listings in our many travel brochures if your business applies.
- Networking opportunities, luncheons and Business After Hour events for Members Only!
- Sponsorship Opportunities not offered to non-members.
- The Chamber provides a Career Speaker Series at the local High School to better educate the students of career opportunities.



Benefits & advantages for Chamber Members

- ◆ **Referral Service** The Chamber receives hundreds of phone calls each week asking for specific goods and services. Chamber members ONLY are referred.
- ◆ **Publicity** Directory and travel brochure distributed
- ◆ **Small Business Workshops and Seminars**
- ◆ **Opportunity to Meet Other Business People** Often members say they are too busy to be involved in the Chamber. Involvement is probably the one single most important ingredients in "What the Chamber can do for me." An incredible amount of business takes place in the social atmosphere of monthly luncheons, mixers, grand opening celebrations, the Annual Chamber Banquet, the Annual Chamber Golf Scramble and many more.
- ◆ **Newsletter** The Chamber News is distributed to its members and public officials by both snail mail and my email weekly.
- ◆ **New Residents Mean New Customers:** The Chamber actively promotes Perry and Taylor County to potential new residents.
- ◆ **Maps:** Chamber members receive free maps for their business provided by our office.
- ◆ **Advertising:** ONLY Chamber members have the opportunity to advertise in Chamber publications.
- ◆ **Member to Member Discount Program:** This program is designed to promote the shopping and doing business with fellow Chamber members. Discounts are offered to "Members Only" with member cards given to all members and their employees. Great way to promote your business to fellow Chamber members.

Membership Fees

<u># of Employees</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1-5 Employees	\$125.00
6-15 Employees	\$150.00
16-25 Employees	\$175.00
26-35 Employees	\$200.00
36-50 Employees	\$250.00
51-100 Employees	\$300.00
Utilities & Phone Companies	\$475.00
Civic Clubs, Churches & Non Profits	\$ 60.00
Individual Membership, Elected Officials	\$ 55.00

(Any business that has over 100 employees, the fee will be determined by the Chamber Board of Directors and discussed with the proposed member)

Methods of payment:

Fee: \$ _____
 ___ Cash
 ___ Check
 ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Discover



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT??

Taylor County Chamber of Commerce



Find Out What We Can Do For You! Join Us Today!

