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StokesCORE Enjoys Sertoma Connection



With the start of another year, a valuable and important relationship for the organization is the one that continues to grow with Camp Sertoma. With their availability of space and our need for an office at minimal cost, it has proven to be a win-win situation. We have enjoyed having our board meetings there and look forward to other opportunities to use the space to raise the local community's awareness of the valuable resource that Camp Sertoma really is. As the summer

camp ends and fall approaches, watch to see the metamorphosis that takes place as renovation begins to return Camp Sertoma to its original appearance and its position as a treasured asset to the community.

As resources are brought to the situation, mountain biking trails will be built and hiking trails will be restored. Sleeping rooms will become more comfortable. Cabins will be improved, other facilities added, public spaces warmed and updated. **Stay tuned!!**

Updates on the Partnership with Forsyth Tech

The Meadows Site is still under evaluation as a potential site for a community college right here in our county. In the meantime, exploring other options for growing programs continues. The current options being considered include utilizing students from Forsyth Tech's trade programs to teach them in a very hands-on way about construction renovation as they work on the Sertoma campus where renovations begin in earnest in October 2009. Forsyth Tech's programs are bursting at the seams in the present Government Center facility and their Continuing Education Department is looking at ways to help more students. The new Northwest Campus in King is a wonderful addition to the facilities for our local educational opportunities but yet another option is that the trade and other continuing education courses could utilize some space at Sertoma. We applaud the vision of Forsyth Tech to be willing to consider all of the possibilities while the county commissioners and the college prepare to bring the ultimate solution of our own campus to Stokes County.

Kitchen Update: Ashe County Kitchen

Our staff has been invited to participate in several meetings recently involving government officials and many interested other parties as discussions continue regarding the future of the Ashe County Facility. It appears that there is sufficient interest at this point to hope that the kitchen facility there will continue to operate. We will remain in touch with the people in-the-know to see how we can continue to assist as needed when we have information and input that could be helpful. It is our sincere desire to see that kitchen

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All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move.

Benjamin Franklin

thrive and prosper as it could be such a great resource for that community and ours. StokesCORE continues to seek out other local kitchens which can be utilized in the interim as we look forward to the possibilities of having a culinary program here, in Stokes County in partnership with Forsyth Technical Community College.

New and Retiring Board Members

StokesCORE has two new board members since our last newsletter. We welcome Ken Bridle, Piedmont Land Conservancy and Randy Hedgecock, Hedgecock Building Supply in Walnut Cove. We are pleased to announce our new Board President, Michael Hylton as Willis Overby takes a much-needed break from his StokesCORE position. Willis has steered



the organization toward a very bright future for which we will be eternally grateful. We are pleased that he will stay on as a board member to see us "continue the march." Several of our board members' terms expired in 2008. We want to thank Lynn Rhoades, David Childers and Kim Christie for their years of service to the organization as board members. We look forward to building on the firm foundation established during their terms and express our gratitude

for their valuable contributions. StokesCORE can only be fully successful through the work and dedication of local volunteers; these board members represent one of the greatest strength or our county and communities, our love of place and of our neighbors.

StokesCORE's Outreach

As always, we still need to hear more about your thoughts for the future of Stokes County. StokesCORE will be carrying out its planned Community Outreach program in the eleven districts identified earlier, StokesCORE remains confident that our growing visibility in the county, from King to Sandy Ridge, from Walnut Cove to Francisco will bring more and more opportunity for us to be a part of the entrepreneurial energy that is so palpable in our youth and our programs. As Forsyth Tech's presence grows in the county, so will our connections to all who benefit from this partnership. As you see opportunities for us to be a part of "Happenings" in your own circle and community, please contact us. We want to

hear from you. Our outreach efforts in the near future will include participation in the Nutrition Fair with 4-H'ers and the Little Folks Festival. Look for us there and give us your vital input. We remain committed to finding ways for our people to live enriching lives in the county they love and share their talents and their offerings in places where they can get the most value. We believe that the current economy offers tremendous



opportunity for people who want to enjoy local food and their products. Let's all work together to capitalize on these circumstances. Tourism, how the grassroots can be an active part of the new economy, and how the talents and resources of the people of Stokes County can be harnessed and cultivated for the benefit of the whole County – this continues to be our visioning process. Look for the StokesCORE table at events you attend and let us know if there's an upcoming opportunity for us to speak to a group in your area! Keep an eye open in the local paper and on our website www.stokescore.org.