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## Greater Rome Existing Industries Association Annual Meeting

**G**reater Rome Existing Industries Association members and special guests from the *Rome City Commission, Floyd County Commission* and the *Rome/Floyd Development Authority* enjoyed the 2006 GREIA Annual Meeting held at *Coosa Country Club* November 9th. It was a great evening of networking, information and GREIA business.

The event featured an address from *United States Representative Phil Gingrey*, who spoke about industry in Rome/Floyd County, specifically addressing the topic of outsourcing vs. insourcing (foreign investment). He complimented Rome-based manufacturers and those from across the United States and the world. The Congressman also noted those who have recently expanded their operations. He praised *Coosa Valley Technical College* and the *Quickstart Program*, while also touching on the new political scene in Washington, D. C. and the new role for Republicans.

The 2007 Officers and Board of Directors were presented and approved by the membership and are as follows:

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**Mike Male, Bekaert Corp., (left) and United States Representative Phil Gingrey share a conversation at the GREIA Annual Meeting.**