



SAM FREEMAN DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY SERVICES

Sam Freeman (LR '95), a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce who has played a large part in the Rome and Floyd County business community since 1989, has been named Director of Business and Industry Services at the Chamber.

Freeman served as the Chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors in 1999, and was a member of the board from 1994-2000. He was in his third term as the Chairman of the Development Authority of Floyd County before joining the Chamber on a full-time basis.

Freeman comes to the Chamber after serving as the Director of the Certified Literate Community Program at *Coosa Valley Technical College* in Rome. Through the CVTC program, Rome/Floyd County Alliance for a Literate Workforce, the Certified Literate Community Program is a statewide public education program that promotes adult education in order to broaden skills in the workplace.

Prior to joining CVTC, Freeman spent 32 years at *Georgia Power*, first coming to the area as the district manager in the Summerville district before moving on to the Rome district as the power delivery manager and eventually a position as the manager of external affairs for the Northwest Georgia region.

In his new position at the Chamber, Freeman will work closely with the Greater Rome Existing Industries Association (GREIA), as well as oversee many education, transportation and governmental affairs issues facing the Chamber. ■

AMBASSADOR of the QUARTER

Congratulations to **Chick Harvey**, *Scout Executive* of the *Northwest Georgia Council for the Boy Scouts*, on being named Ambassador of the Quarter for the 2006 second quarter. Ambassadors serve as liaisons between Chamber members and the Chamber. They are very active in various Chamber events including ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, and recruiting new members.



Chick directs a staff of 12 serving over 10,000 youth and 2,700 adults in seven counties of Northwest Georgia. Having worked in various positions for the Boy Scouts throughout the southeast since 1969, Chick came to Rome in 1994 with his wife Mary Jo, a science teacher at *Rome High School*. Chick is actively involved at *First United Methodist Church* and has served on various church committees over the years, and is also involved with the North Georgia Conference. He has also been a Rotarian for the last 30 years and has been active in the *Rome Rotary* for the past 12 years.

"After enjoying for years the many community benefits provided by the Chamber to our community, I felt it was time to become more involved with the team effort," Chick said. "Serving as an Ambassador has not only been fun, but it has given me a greater insight to the great works of our Chamber and its leadership team."

Chick was recognized at the July Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' meeting and was presented with a gift of accomplishment and appreciation.

Congratulations, Chick, and thank you for all of your support for the Chamber and the community! ■

Chamber Hosts Senator Isakson

United States Senator Johnny Isakson made a brief visit to the Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce office last month. During his visit, he answered questions on issues ranging from transportation, the environment, foreign affairs and the upcoming elections. A donation to the United Way in Senator Isakson's name was also presented. Pictured at right is Senator Isakson as he visits with Chairman John Mayes (LR '85) of the Floyd County Board of Commissioners.

