

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**T**he Chamber's *Governmental Affairs Committee* studies and makes recommendations on local, state and federal issues, and holds forums with city, county and state officials to discuss business and other economic development issues and opportunities of importance for continued growth and prosperity of the area.

The committee continuously communicates with our legislators on a range of priority business issues. Some of the methods of communications include the Washington, D.C. Issues and Opportunities Conference, Day at the Capitol, and the Pre-Legislative Breakfast.

The Washington D.C. Issues and Opportunities Conference takes place each spring when a delegation of volunteers from the Chamber travels to Washington, D.C. to present pertinent issues and opportunities for Rome and Floyd County to Georgia's United States Senators and Representatives.

The Day at the Capitol gives a delegation of Chamber members an opportunity to meet with the Rome/Floyd County legislative delegation to discuss members' priorities that are affected by the Georgia General Assembly.

At the Pre-Legislative Breakfast, local legislators are invited to the Chamber to give an overview of the General Assembly actions for the coming year. The Governmental Affairs Committee will, at this time, present these legislators with position statements on issues that have been decided by the Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

To take part in the Governmental Affairs Committee, contact **Sam Freeman (LR, '95)** at 706.291.7663 or [sfreeman@romega.com](mailto:sfreeman@romega.com).



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

**Over 100 Volunteers are needed for Operation Thank You 2007. Please contact Alison Smith (LR '04) at [asmith@romega.com](mailto:asmith@romega.com) or 706-291-7663 if you would like to participate. Operation Thank You is scheduled for Thursday, August 30th. Come and join us for a couple hours that day to deliver thank you gifts to our Chamber members. This is a great time to meet other Chamber members and make business contacts, too.**

## City of Rome Unveils New Logo, Website

**T**he City of Rome recently unveiled a new logo and website ([www.romega.us](http://www.romega.us)). A new website for the Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Bureau ([www.romegeorgia.org](http://www.romegeorgia.org)) was also rolled out.

"The Commission and Management of the City has been focused on e-Government initiatives and a new website for over a year," stated *City Manager John Bennett*.



"The new site is modern and streamlined and truly user-friendly. The public will not only be able to find more information related to the City but will be able to do business with the City online."

Features of the new website include event and meeting calendars; e-mail subscriptions to newsletters, City of Rome jobs, and bids; the ability to submit and track service requests online; searchable access to agendas, meetings, and documents.

The new City of Rome logo was implemented with the roll-out of the new website. It is to be used on all City of Rome collateral (brochures, posters, flyers, advertisements), vehicles, and letterhead. This new brand will not replace the City seal. The seal will be used for more formal and official documentation such as an embossing stamp for oaths of office, certifications, proclamations, contracts, or legal documents requiring an official stamp.

"The new logo makes Rome, Georgia more identifiable than in the past," Bennett states. "The City has used its seal for a number of years as a logo. This new design will both give the seal a specific purpose and give the City a more distinctive look."

