

Leadership Rome XXIV Graduation

Leadership Rome's Class of 2007 was honored in May with a graduation ceremony at *Magretta Hall*. **Janet Byington** (pictured), District Director for United States Representative **Phil Gingrey**, served as the keynote speaker.



In addition to Ms. Byington's speech, **Pete McDonald**, *Coosa Valley Technical College*, was honored with the Wesley Johnson Leadership Award (see related story on this page).

Leadership Rome was founded in 1983 when local business, industry and government leaders recognized a need for a program in Rome and Floyd County to train future leaders on the issues and problems which face our community.

The purpose of the program is to provide an understanding of what it means to be a leader, to create an awareness of issues facing our community, and to discuss how leaders should deal with these issues. The deeper understanding of people throughout the community, and the knowledge that participants will gain about the problems facing the Greater Rome Area, will equip graduates of Leadership Rome to take more active leadership roles in Rome and Floyd County. 🏠

Congratulations to the Graduates of Leadership Rome XXIV:

Dr. Michelle Baty, *Hearing & Balance, Inc.*
Margaret Beacham, *Junior Service League of Rome*
Paula Blevins, *C&S Trophies*
Troy Brock, *City of Rome*
Terry Brown, *SCANA Energy*
D. Copeland, *Citizens First Bank*
Travis Goss, *City of Rome*
Tracey Graham, *Shorter College*
Tim Herrington, *Floyd County Emergency Management*
Ann Hortman, *Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Bureau*
Mardi Jackson, *Coosa Valley Technical College*
Susan Jones, *Toles, Temple & Wright*
Amber Jordan, *Coosa Valley Technical College*
Tannika King, *Darlington School*
Tabitha Lester, *United Community Bank*
Jason Lewis, *Attorney at Law*
Karen Moore, *South Rome Redevelopment Corporation*
Dr. Chris Nelson, *Chiropractic Center of Rome*
Kevin Payne, *Floyd County*
Frank Pinson, *Floyd County*
Wendy Pitts, *Harbin Clinic*
Brent Poplin, *Floyd County*
Jennifer Selman, *McIntosh Commercial Bank*
Scott Shank, *Berry College*
Karen Smith, *Citizens First Bank*
Lisa Smith, *Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce*
Erick Stiles, *Georgia Power*
Carlton Ulmer, *Redmond Regional Medical Center*

Peter McDonald Named Wesley Johnson Leadership Award Winner

Pete McDonald, *Vice President of Economic Development at Coosa Valley Technical College* in Rome, was recently honored by the *Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce* with the Wesley Johnson Leadership Award. McDonald was presented the award as part of the Chamber's recent Leadership Rome graduation exercises.

Along with his responsibilities at Coosa Valley Tech, where he is charged with leading a department that provides a number of programs and services designed to assist businesses and industries with their training needs, McDonald is active throughout



the Greater Rome community. He has volunteered with Rome's Habitat for Humanity since 1986, serving in a variety of roles, including Chairman of the Board of Directors. McDonald served as a founding member of Hands on Rome-Floyd County, a non-profit organization with the mission of recruiting volunteers for non-profit organizations in Floyd County, and also serves on the City of Rome's Historic Preservation Committee and on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

The Wesley Johnson Leadership Award was introduced in 1990 and honors community members who have demonstrated leadership for the long-term benefit of the community; a sincere commitment, motivation and interest in serving the community, evidenced by past activities; served in public office, on boards of directors, on commissions or in key volunteer leadership roles; advanced to top leadership positions within their own organizations, which have, in turn, played a significant role in the community; demonstrated an occupational commitment to Rome and Floyd County; and continues to be a member of the Leadership Rome Alumni Association.

McDonald becomes the second Coosa Valley Tech administrator to win the award in four years. *CVTC President Craig McDaniel* was honored in 2004.

Last year, **Bryan Shealy**, *Unity National Bank/Floyd County Board of Education*, was presented the award. 🏠

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When: Thursday, July 26th, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Bistro 239/T. Martooni's
239 Broad St., Downtown Rome