



Here are some of the accomplishments made by the Chamber since its restart on May 1, 2009:

CHAMBER SERVICES

1. Elimination of significant Debt and Settlement of Outstanding Taxes & Liabilities
2. New Director
3. Secured a new office
4. Reorganized the Board
5. Created Table of Ten and Delegates
6. Revised quarterly newsletter
7. Purchased new equipment, hardware and software
8. Increase in membership
9. New website
10. Set budget and organized financial records
11. Partnerships with City, GREDCO, and numerous community groups
12. Value added business insurance benefits
13. New Personnel Handbook and revision of By-Laws
14. All-color 9x12 Community Guide
15. More profit in fundraisers
16. Leadership Academy
17. Business After Hours monthly networking
18. Creation of RASP – Rochelle Area Service Providers Nonprofit Support Services
19. Stabilization of relationships with existing businesses
20. Adopt-A-Road green project

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Won Sears Stores & Stripes Hometown Stores National Contest (soft opening target mid January, 2011)
2. Walmart construction begins; successful groundbreaking event
3. San Gabriel Assisted Living Facility and approval of one-year real estate tax abatement
4. New commercial and retail including Prescott Brothers Ford of Rochelle, Anytime Fitness, Rochelle Country Club, Liquor 'N' Wine, Envy Wear, PC

Solutions, Champion Imaging, Lifeworks Imaging, Thr!ve Market Intelligence, Open Range Communications, Peters Automotive, Rochelle Laundry, Tom & Jerry's of Rochelle, Hope Chest

5. Redevelopment of the Caron Ridge Shopping Center; decreased vacancies
6. Improvements at the Rochelle Commons; decreased vacancies