

Chamber of Commerce Hears Isha Foundation Presentation

The Van Buren County Chamber of Commerce met on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, in the Spencer Civic Center. President Ann McCormick called the meeting of the membership to order. Due to illness there were not enough board members present to hold a board meeting prior to the membership meeting.

Dr. Kalpana Rajdev and Jenny Emerson were introduced. The two gave a power point presentation on a proposed project for the area through the Isha Foundation. The Isha Foundation is dedicated to the physical, mental and inner well being of all people. In following this goal, they are looking to establish a free medical clinic near their retreat on Highway 8.

Dr. Rajdev noted she had worked for many years in the medical profession and now wished to give something back. She felt with the millions of uninsured citizens, a free clinic, offering care for those without insurance to off set the cost, would be a great asset to this community. The presentation was an attempt to ask the community to get behind this project with support. This is the base or foundation, to have the community's support and clear need of the project.

"We need the approval of the attempts to start," said Dr. Rajdev. "Exposure is very important and necessary to see our effort move forward."

The members of the chamber seemed very receptive to the idea and felt it would certainly be a positive move for the community.

Other items of business discussed by the chamber included the approval of the minutes from the last meeting and a treasurer's report; reviews of the Legislative Brunch; UCTA Brochure Swap and Spotlight of Van Buren County in the Cumberland Business Journal for May.

It was also noted the Edgar Soto Bike Race will not be held in Van Buren County this year. The Chamber helped support this event last year and had expected it again, however, it has been changed and will not take place in this area.

Several upcoming events were also noted for the area including the Legislative Day of Leadership Van Buren at the State Capitol, Public Hearing of Van Buren County Planning Commission, Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade, 13 th Annual Rural Development Conference, the Great Art Escape, Nashville Southern Women's Show as well as several local fundraisers.

With the conclusion of business the meeting was adjourned.