



## Meet your Chamber board members

Judy O. Jones and Paul Sugg

AS WE HAVE PRINTED IN THIS SPACE OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce is honored to introduce you to our board of directors. Thank you to our board members for their hard work and dedication to the Chamber and its members! — **Craig Hill, Executive Director**, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce



### Judy O. Jones, immediate past chair

Judy O. Jones has been the agent/owner of Judy Jones State Farm Insurance in Kinston since March 1993; her office is at 704-H Plaza Blvd. She and her outstanding team have more than 80 years of combined experience in the insurance industry.

Prior to her State Farm career, she was vice president of First Financial Savings Bank for three years and vice president of First American Savings Bank (East Federal and Home Federal Savings and Loan) for 16 years in mortgage loan origination.

Jones has called Kinston home since 1955. She attended Kinston public schools and is a proud graduate of Lenoir Community College and North Carolina Wesleyan College with a BA in Business Administration.

"I love Kinston and Lenoir County and have been active in community service for the past 48 years," Jones said. "I enjoy serving and believe if we all give a little, our community will benefit a lot!"

She currently serves on the Chamber's Board of Directors as the immediate Past Chair of the Board. She also serves as the Chair of the Lenoir County Education Foundation Golf Tournament Committee.

Additionally, Jones is a proud member of the Kinston Rotary Club, where she currently serves on its Board of Directors.

### IT'S NOMINATION TIME FOR BUSINESS AWARDS

The Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce it's time for county residents to nominate worthy businesses and business owners for the Chamber's annual awards — and there's also a new award!

#### The awards are:

- Pinnacle of Achievement
- Small Business of the Year
- Minority Business of the Year
- Administrative Professional of the Year
- Community Impact Award

The deadline to nominate for these awards is 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19. Visit [kinstonchamber.com](http://kinstonchamber.com) for more details.



### Paul Sugg, full board member

Paul Sugg is the President of EastPoint Prosthetics & Orthotics, Inc., headquartered in Kinston. He received his associate degree from Lenoir Community College; Bachelor of Science in Business at East Carolina University; completed post baccalaureate certificates in Prosthetics and Orthotics from Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago; and completed his two-year residency in Raleigh.

He is a certified prosthetist, orthotist and pedorthist through the American Board for Certification in Prosthetics, Orthotics and Pedorthics. He also has the distinction of

being a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists.

Sugg has worked in the field of Prosthetics and Orthotics for 28 years and started EastPoint in Kinston in 2008; the company now has 33 employees. He opened his second office in Raleigh and has 14 mobile units providing mobile care to patients throughout North Carolina. In 2018, the company expanded into central Ohio and has three mobile units servicing patients there with five employees in their Mansfield location.

Sugg is a published author and lectures for universities, colleges and high schools. He has attended medical missions to El Salvador, Guatemala and the Ivory Coast. His mission work led to the founding of the Rotaract of Lenoir County Club; he is the advisor of their group. He was named a Paul Harris fellow by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Canada for his contributions to service among peoples of the world. He has been voted as mentor of the year by the Young Professionals of Lenoir County.

He also is a founding partner for Additive America, Inc., started in 2019 and located in Kinston that supplies nylon 3D printed parts globally on

their state-of-the-art HP Multi Jet Fusion 4210 3D printer. Additive has recently expanded into downtown Kinston with a second location for assembly of retail printers to be sold to the industry. It has already grown to seven employees in less than two years and have printed more than 250,000 face shields to aid in the preventive efforts against Covid-19. Plans are to build a facility to house all production, assembly and design facets under one roof in the near future.

Sugg and his wife Emily founded EP Legacy, Inc., a nonprofit group aiming to aid amputees throughout the world with their mobility. He sent two shipping containers to Tanda, Ivory Coast West Africa to establish the first-of-its-kind prosthetic laboratory there bringing prosthetic limbs to amputees in need.

He enjoys history, is a private pilot and is about to complete his Master's in Bible Studies; he also enjoys writing. He has been married to his wonderful wife Emily for 31 years and they have one son Tyler who lives in Greenville and recently graduated from ECU with his Master's in Hispanic Studies. He works for the company as a designer in the field of 3D printing in orthotics and prosthetics.

## Coming soon: Education Foundation Superball Tournament

Golf event is Sept. 9 at Kinston Country Club

By Bryan Hanks

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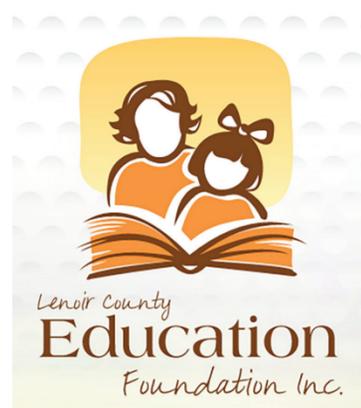
The 2021 Superball Tournament to benefit the Lenoir County Education Foundation is right around the corner!

The annual tournament is Thursday, Sept. 9 at the Kinston Country Club. The rain date is set for Thursday, Sept. 16.

The profits from the event are used to fund mini-grants, which provide educational opportunities for which there would otherwise be no funding available. All teachers in the Lenoir County Public Schools system are eligible to apply.

"The Education Foundation Golf Tournament is one of the major fundraisers used to support mini grants to enhance instruction for the students of Lenoir County," Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Craig Hill said. "It is an event that corporations and individuals can come together to compete while showing support for our teachers and students."

To register a team for the event, you may contact the



chair of the event, Judy Jones, at 252-527-6352; you can also contact members of her committee — Cameron Beaman (252-286-7373), Brenda Canup (252-522-0960), Patrick Holmes (252-527-1109), Carmon Jones (252-525-4199) or Jeremy Jones (252-208-1027).

There is a plethora of sponsorship opportunities for businesses and organizations, ranging from a \$150 hole sponsorship, all the way to a \$2,500 commencement sponsorship.

There are team prizes, a putting contest and a closest-to-the-pin contest. Sale Auto Mall is also sponsoring a hole-in-one award, too.

### PRESIDENT'S CLUB

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Herritage Elite Estate  
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Lenoir Community College  
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