

## **Pee Dee men named to chamber's board**

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The S.C. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has voted to approve four Pee Dee businessmen to its Board of Directors: Chris Browning, Barney Easterling, Rick Saunders and Roger Schrum.

Browning began his career with NASCAR as a show car driver in 1986. He worked for many established tracks and racing teams before coming to Darlington to serve as president of the Darlington Raceway.

Easterling serves as senior vice president of manufacturing for Martek Biosciences Kingtree Corp.


Saunders, a 27-year veteran of the banking industry, serves as president and chief executive officer of First Reliance Bank. He also serves on the S.C. State Board of Financial Institutions.

Schrum has more than 25 years of business communications management experience for five Fortune 1000 energy and manufacturing companies. He is staff vice president of investor relations and corporate affairs for Sonoco Products Co., where he serves as global spokesman and is responsible for the \$3.7 billion packaging company's investor relations, marketing communications, public relations and public affairs activities. He is chairman of the S.C. Chamber's Communications/Public Relations Committee.



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