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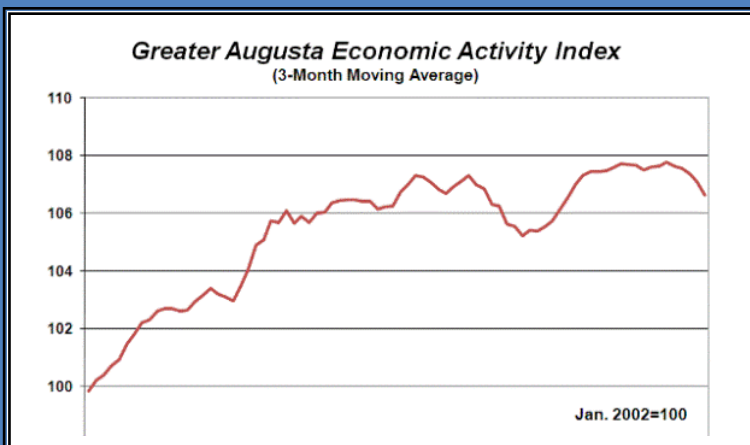
Kiwanis of Uptown Augusta

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This week we welcomed Mark A. Thompson
Hull College of Business

Augusta Economy



In October, the Greater Augusta Economic Activity Index decreased 0.67 percent from last month, the fifth consecutive month the index has fallen. Furthermore, the index is down 1.64 percent over the past 12 months. While the index peaked in May of this year, the Augusta economy appears to have entered a recession. According to the NBER Business Cycle Dating Committee, the U.S. economy entered a recession six months earlier (i.e., December 2007)

What does this mean? While the national economy officially entered a recession in December 2007, Augusta's economy started to contract in May of this year. The NBER business cycle dating committee pointed to employment as the major recession-telling indicator. That is, employment has declined in just about every sector of the economy. The sectors where employment has not declined (so far) include education, health care, and government. So, what does this mean for Augusta? We are not "unaffected" but less affected by the downturn in the national economy.



Mark A. Thompson is the Cree-Walker Chair of Business Administration and Associate Professor of Economics in the James M. Hull College of Business at Augusta State University. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Texas Tech University and has published extensively in the areas of forecasting, energy policy, and regional economics. His recent work includes the development of an economic activity index for the Greater Augusta area, which provides policymakers with a timely and useful tool on how the local economy is doing. In addition, he frequently appears on "People and Issues with Helen" on *NewsRadio 1230 AM WNRR* and contributes to the "Your Business" section of *The Augusta Chronicle*.

He can be reached at mthompson@aug.edu.

Kiwanis of Uptown Augusta Volunteers

2nd Week of Bell Ringing – Broke all records! Kiwanis of Uptown Augusta Collected \$748 in the second week, coupled with over \$450 our first week – we raised over \$1,100 – thank you to all who participated!



Have you donated yet?

@ eAuctionDepot to

Nancy or Kyle Gallagher -

3328 Washington Rd (706)364-9078

tell them it's for Kiwanis of Uptown Augusta

hours: M-F 10am - 6pm best to call first

DEC PROGRAMS -JEFF HECK

**DEC 23RD - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WITH
FRED & ANN GUNTER + A SPECIAL VISITOR**

**The Next Board Meeting will be held on
January 13th 2009 -
Noon @ the Partridge Inn - all members
are invited and encouraged to attend. We
need your input!**

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Kiwanis International Serving the Children of the World™

We are on the web!

<http://www.uptownkiwanis.com>

Wherever there's a need, Kiwanians will be there – as they have for 93 years, making a difference for children and for their communities.

Greeters

1st Tuesday Tom Altizer
2nd Tuesday Wm Jackson
3rd Tuesday Levi Hill
4th Tuesday Roy Krouse
5th Tuesday Phil Hydrick

Door Prizes Donated by

Dec 23rd Santa Claus

COMMITTEE BULLETIN BOARD!

- ❖ **Membership!** Keep on inviting new prospective members! Newest prospective member **Rick Berry** brought a prospective member AND SO ON!

Proposed Member Profile

Rick Berry
150 Hammond Plc Cr
North Augusta, SC 29841
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- **Fundraising!** HAVE YOU DONATED ITEMS YET?
- **Community Service!** – Thanks to all of your participation – we booked over 14 volunteer hours on this one event and raised over \$1,100!
- ⊕ **Special Events** – Next Meeting is our Christmas Holiday Celebration – December 23rd @ Lunch – invite a quest/potential member

Kiwanis of Uptown Augusta Membership Directory

Altizer, Tom	733-4019	Jackson, William	736-9570
Baggs ☉, William	650-6644	Jones, James	481-1021
Bailey, Henry	733-4575	Jones, Thomas	650-8877
Bates ☉, William	306-6328	Kinney, Kile	724-0586
Bentley, Hubert	863-2583	Krouse ☉, Roy	736-6664
Blanchard, Russell	868-6688	Lee, Jr. ☉, Lansing	733-7922
Bowen ☉, Charles	863-8953	Lee III, Lansing	737-2724
Bowen ☉, George	863-8953	Lewis ☉, Clinton	736-0786
Bragg, Brian	860-4971	Maier ☉, Arthur	860-1986
Brodbeck ☉, George	736-2988	May ☉, Paul	868-0395
Cannon, Lee	737-4471	Meeks, Phillip	739-1450
Claussen, Bob	447-2990	Miller, Boyd	736-4679
Cooney ☉, William	860-6600	Monro ☉, William	737-8374
Cooper, Jamie	737-0373	Mulherin ☉, Brian	733-6426
Dean, Gary	651-8621	Moody, Bert	738-2679
Dixon, Karen	724-2557	Rowland, Robert	733-6635
Durant, Edward	738-5529	Partridge Inn	364-1546
Etterlee, Chris	724-2063	Smith ☉, J Dan	863-7762
Far, WW	736-1491	Sparks, Parris	823-4118
Gamble, Bill	496-2308	Stafford ☉, Frank	724-0271
Griffin ☉, Alan	737-4575	Stirewalt ☉, Clarence	863-4240
Gunter, Fred	736-5779	Strickland ☉, Curt	228-4748
Hill ☉, Levi	736-5281	Whitney ☉, Barry	722-3704
Heck ☉, Jeff	737-1745	Williams, James	855-5187
Henderson ☉, David	828-2454	Williamson ☉, Charles	737-1759
Hickman ☉, Elige	863-2880	Yort, Bennett	823-4132
Hickman, Randy	868-3772		
Hodges, Michael	279-4887		
House ☉, Stanley	722-3341		
Hydrick, Phil	790-8567		

☉ Indicates Active Past Presidents

56 Members and Growing!

Committees 2008-2009

Membership – Bill Bates – Chair David Henderson, Brian Mulherin, Paul May, Lansing Lee III (2), Elige Hickman, Stan House

Youth Services – Randy Hickman – Chair Jeff Heck, Parris Sparks (2), Bert Moody, Bill Farr, Bert Bentley, Brian Bragg, Tommy Jones

Human/Spiritual Committee – Gary Dean Chair Bob Rowland, Fred Gunter, Henry Bailey, Charles Bowen, George Bowen, James Jones, Boyd Miller,

Community Service – Bennett Yort – Chair Jim Williams, Bill Gamble, Clint Lewis, Hunter Baggs, Art Maier, Ed Durant

Fundraising – Phil Meeks – Chair Frank Stafford, George Brodbeck, Alan Griffin, Barry Whitney, Russell Blanchard, Bill Monro,

Meetings – Levi Hill – Chair Program Coordinators: DEC-Jeff Heck, NOV-Phil Hydrick (2), JAN-David Henderson, FEB-Mike Hodges, MAR-Tom Altizer, APRIL-Lansing Lee III, MAY-Chris Etterlee, JUN-Charles Williamson, JUL-Barry Whitney, AUG-Brian Mulherin, SEP-Bennett Yort, OCT-Frank Stafford. Other meeting issues: Partridge Inn. William Jackson.

Public Relations – Bob Claussen – Chair Lee Cannon, Bill Cooney, Clarence Stirewalt, J Dan Smith, Jamie Cooper, Roy Krouse

Special Events – Lansing Lee, III – Chair Lansing Lee, Jr, Phil Hydrick, Curt Strickland, Kile Kinney