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## Yes. This is an Another Attack Ad.

It's an attack against the perpetrators of numerous abuses that continue without apology by the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce leadership, who have no accountability except to their own "Buddy Board" as they feather their nests at the expense of members.

## Our Key Question to Current Chamber Members:

■ **Ask Yourself** — As a dues-paying member why do you really want to renew your membership? How is that \$345 or more "investment" (as they like to call it) doing for you?

■ **1,017 Members Just to Pay Bill's Salary** — It's embarrassingly unbelievable. Consider how your dues are being sucked up. Based on the last time Chamber President Bill Miles revealed his pay package in 2012 (only because we forced him to), it was \$351,003. This consumes all the dues of more than 1,000 members. Astonishing but true, and it doesn't even include the free trips for Bill and his family to China, and to see the Queen in England. It took 52% of all membership dues in 2013 just to cover Bill's salary. With a sweet deal like that, I'd have a perpetual grin on my face too!



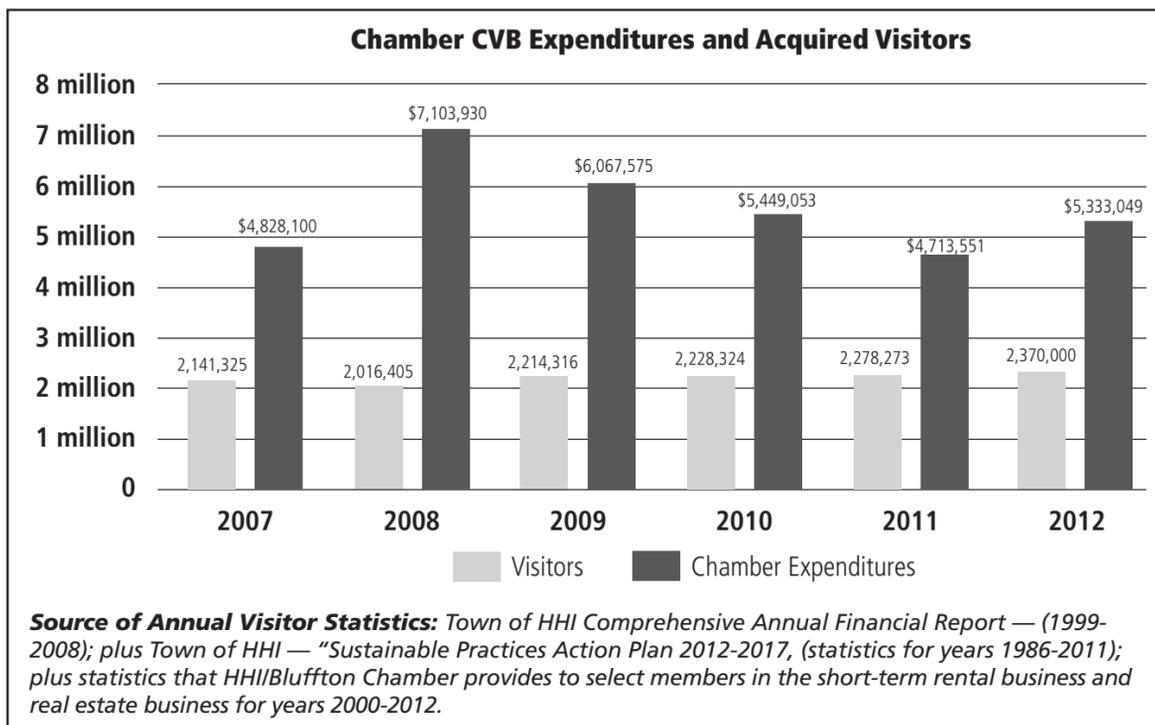
Source: Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce IRS Form 990, for year ending June 30, 2012, pg.8

## Wake Up and Take Notice!

■ **1.** Chamber expenditures keep soaring while visitor traffic stagnates.

■ **2.** Our Chamber takes public tax dollars from the Town of Hilton Head Island while refusing to open its books for full transparency. **What are they hiding??**

■ **3.** Instead of hiring local professionals and boosting the local economy, our Chamber sends major 6-figure contracts to out-of-town businesses in New York, Canada and elsewhere. **Has it done any good? Just look at the chart above.**



■ **4.** Our chamber competes directly with its membership in several business activities in order to generate extra revenues to cover its exorbitant costs for salaries and overhead — despite calling itself a "non-profit" enterprise. It's an unfair trade and competitive practice. **Would this be done if they didn't need to pay Bill Miles all that money?**

## Please join our fight to put a stop to these abuses!

Help end unfair and illegal practices by this out-of-control chamber. Tell your town council member you want it to stop. **And, don't renew your membership.**



### My Quest Continues:

**I will not stop until every rock is turned over ... every abuse brought to light.**

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