



A
P
R
I
L

S
P
O
N
S
O
R

April 4, 2018



Since
1993

937 Opelika Road | Auburn, AL 36830
334.821.0558 | www.auburnmattress.com

CHAMBER EVENTS

- 4/11 New Members / Connections Breakfast (No RSVP required)**
8 am • Taziki's Mediterranean Café • 2119 Interstate Drive, Suite C4
Sponsored by: Faulkner University
- 4/12 Business After Hours at Storybook Farms**
5 – 7 pm • 300 Cusseta Road
- 4/16 Legislative Reception**
5 – 7 pm • AU Regional Airport
- 4/20 Auburn Opelika Dental Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 1610 2nd Avenue
- 4/24 Business Over Breakfast with DesignAlabama**
7:30 – 9 am • Saugahatchee Country Club
- 4/25 The Denson Group Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 458 S. 10th Street

Chamber Accepting Small Business of the Quarter Nominations

Sponsored by: **OPS ONE**

Honor a business that has really gone above and beyond to help you by nominating them for the Small Business of the Quarter. Deadline for applications is April 6. [Nomination Form](#)

Legislative Reception (Members Only Event)

April 16 • 5 – 7 pm • Auburn University Regional Airport

This reception is a great opportunity to meet our state representatives and have conversations with them about concerns and issues, as well as to thank them for their service. This reception is a joint event with the Auburn Chamber.

Business Over Breakfast with DesignAlabama

April 24 • 7:30 – 9 am • Saugahatchee Country Club

Presenting Sponsor: **Glynn Smith Chevrolet - Buick – GMC**

Gold Sponsors: **Baxter International • S & S Termite & Pest Control, LLC**

MAX • Opelika-Auburn News • Huntingdon College • OPS ONE

DesignAlabama Director Gina Clifford will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Business Over Breakfast. This non-profit, citizen led organization seeks to raise the bar for design in our great state through education of the applied arts, promoting designers who live and work in Alabama and supporting sound design thinking to sustain our communities. They develop initiatives to bring awareness to design professions that help shape how we live and the environment around us. The cost for the event is \$20 for Chamber members / \$25 for potential members.

[Register Here](#)

CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Brooke Kastner • Auburn/Opelika Marriott at Grand National • 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail, Opelika, AL 36801 • 334.741.9292 • www.marriott.com/csgab • Brooke stays very busy as the Director of Sales and Marketing at the Marriott at Grand National, which is a part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. She has 12 years' experience in the hotel industry. Brooke manages the Group Sales, Catering Sales and Event Management departments for the hotel, along with planning and managing all marketing and advertising efforts for the hotel, conference center, food and beverage outlets and the new spa. In her spare time, she loves to travel and cook and volunteers with the Junior League of Lee County and the Opelika Rotary Club. Brooke sits on the board of the Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau and is in the 2017-2018 Class of Leadership Lee County. She is one of the reasons the Marriott has won and is still winning so many awards!

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Auburn/Opelika Marriott** Named *Hotel of the Year* by Marriott International and Praised by *Golf Digest* Editors!
- **The City Of Opelika** announces **New Brand and Launches Redesigned Website!** The new look will carry through social media. Very soon, the new brand will be on signage, business packages, fleet graphics and buildings. Take a look at the City's new branding video! [Branding](#)
- **CyberZone Entertainment Center** is featured in Play Meter Magazine as the FEC of the Month (Family Entertainment Center). This feature is quite an honor as Play Meter is an international publication that has been in operation since 1974, and is regarded as the premier trade magazine of the American video game industry and as the earliest example of video game journalism.

NEW MEMBERS

- **Digi Deals**
Marketing-Digital / Interactive
- **Which Wich**
Restaurants
- **Auburn Pressure Washing – Home of Sir Wash-A-Lot**
Pressure Washing
- **New York Life Insurance – Hyun "Sean" Rhee**
Insurance
- **New York Life Insurance – Rick Norred**
Insurance
- **Carlisle Enrichment Foundation**
Home Health Care
- **Historic White Oaks**
Event Venue & Hotels

MEMBER NEWS

Visit our Community Calendar at www.opelikachamber.com for more details.

Last Day for Kindergarten / First Grade Registration at Opelika City Schools

April 4 • 8 am – 3 pm • Primary Schools

To be enrolled in kindergarten in August, a child must have their 5th birthday no later than September 2 of the year entering school. To be enrolled in 1st grade, a child must have their 6th birthday no later than December 31 of the year entering school. All children must live within the city limits of Opelika and within the school zone in which they are registering. Parents unable to register during these hours on these days should call the school office to set up an appointment for after-hours registration.

What to Bring with You: Birth Certificate • Certificate of Immunization • Child's Social Security Card

Proof of Residency • Picture ID of Parent / Guardian

Schools: Carver Primary • 307 Carver Avenue • 745.9712

Jeter Primary • 700 Jeter Avenue • 745.9723

Southview Primary • 2712 Marvyn Parkway • 745.9711

Board of Education • 745.9700

Alabama Launchpad Finale Event

April 4 • 4 – 8 pm • ALFA Pavilion – Ag Heritage Park • Auburn University

This event is to support start-up companies at a “Shark Tank” style event where each company will pitch their idea to compete for a share of \$100,000. Open to the public, the admission to this event is \$10 which includes: networking, panel discussion, startup competition, live music, great food and drinks.

[Details.](#)

Red Clay Brewing Company Anniversary Celebration

April 6 • 6 pm • 704 N. Railroad Avenue

Join Red Clay in celebrating their 3rd anniversary! There will be live music from Daniel Webster and the Devil, Leroy Gold, Dogwood Lung, Beagles, West Chewacla Section Rhythm. Call 334.737.5409 for more information.

Hudson Family Foundation Concert

April 6 • 6-10 pm • Campus Green at Auburn University

The event features Brothers Osborne, an Auburn pep rally and Blane Rudd. Pit tickets are \$30. Sponsorships are still available. For additional information, please contact Jenny Hall at 334.707.9007 or

info@hudsonfamilyfoundation.com.

Opelika Theatre Company Presents: “I Buried An Idol”

April 6 • 6:30 Doors Open / 7 pm Show Begins • Niffers on the Tracks

April 22 • 6:30 Doors Open / 7 pm Show Begins • Irish Bred Pub

Join the kooky cast of singing characters on the popular (but deadly) reality TV show, “I Buried an Idol.”

Contestants are vying for the honor of being America’s top singing idol – “The Next Big Thing!” The winner receives a recording contract. The contestants crave fame, fortune, and the fabulous life of a reality star. Of course in order to win, they’ll have to sing their way into America’s heart. Competitions can get real nasty – a perfect setting for murder! Make your reservation by calling 334.663.2593.

Lee County Autism Resource & Advocacy (LCARA) 5K Race (Run or Walk)

April 7 • 8 am • Courthouse Square

Be a champion for LCARA and join us on A-Day to support the families affected by autism in Lee County. LCARA is an all-volunteer non-profit organization. All proceeds from the race go directly to our families in the form of events, educational programs, outings and camp free of charge. Rather walk or only run 1 mile! We have you covered. Bring your dog (on a leash of course), the stroller or a wagon to participate in the 1 Mile Walk/Run.

Price: \$25.00 Race Fee + \$1.25 SignUp Fee

Price: \$15.00 Walk Fee Race Fee + \$1.25 SignUp Fee

Opelika Azalea & Dogwood Trail Biking Tour

April 8 • 9 am • 2nd Avenue and 8th Street

Get your exercise and enjoy the beautiful spring colors as you bike through the Opelika Azalea & Dogwood Trail Biking Tour. [AO Tourism Route](#)

SUSCC Hosting 3rd Annual Simply Spring Luncheon, Fashion Show, & Marketplace

April 10 • 10 am – 2 pm • SUSCC – Opelika Campus • Southern Room

This fun event is a fundraiser for the Foundation Scholarship Program. To purchase a ticket, please call 334.745.6437, ext. 5352.

10 am – 2 pm

Marketplace

12 pm

Luncheon and Fashion Show

Business Owners & Future Entrepreneurs Professional Network, Inc. Hosting Lunch and Learn
“Starting Your Own Business – Everything You Need to Know to Start a Successful Business!”

April 10 • 12 – 1 pm • Opelika Chamber • 601 Avenue A

The cost of \$20 covers registration and lunch. For more information, call Joanne Finley, 344.332.5970. Register online at www.joanneconsulting.org.

Opelika High Theatre Society Presents: “Kiss Me Kate”

Opelika Center for the Performing Arts • 1700 Lafayette Parkway

Brush up on your Shakespeare! *Kiss Me, Kate* is a musical written by Samuel and Bella Spewack with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The story involves the production of a musical version of William Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* and the conflict on and off-stage between Fred Graham, the show's director, producer, and star, and his leading lady, his ex-wife Lilli Vanessi. A secondary romance concerns Lois Lane, the actress playing Bianca, and her gambler boyfriend, Bill, who runs afoul of some gangsters. The original production won the Tony Award.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 334.745.9715 or emailing ohts@opelikaschools.org. [Flyer](#)

Production Dates:	April 12 7 pm	April 14 3 pm & 7 pm
	April 13 7 pm	April 15 3 pm

Jewelry By Design Hosting 1st Annual “Reset, Restyle or Remount” Event

April 12, 13, & 14 • 590 N. Dean Road • Auburn [Flyer](#)

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get gifts for graduation, Mother's Day, engagement or just for yourself! Choose from 100's of remounts brought in exclusively for this event – Pendants, Rings & more! Reset your diamond and gems or upgrade. Select from 100's of loose diamonds and gemstones. Save 10% or 24 months interest-free financing! For more information or to secure your early appointment, call 334.821.9940.

“Cops on Top” – Local Law Enforcement Raising Funds for Lee County Special Olympics

April 13 • 8 am - 8 pm •

The Police Departments of Opelika and Auburn and the Lee County Sheriff's Dept., will be fundraising at Kroger locations to raise funds and awareness for the Lee County Special Olympic organization which sponsors competitive events each year for individuals with intellectual disabilities. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Kaufman, ekaufman@auburnalabama.org or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1658225094243613/>.

Opelika Parks and Recreation Hosting Fun Events

April 14 • www.opelikaparks.com

• **Opelika Dog Park Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting • 10 am • Floral Park**

In conjunction with the ribbon cutting, the Lee County Humane Society (LCHS) and iHeart Media are hosting their annual *Family Fun Day*, which will feature adoptable pets, free hotdogs, inflatables and giveaways. Community members are welcome to bring their dogs and help support LCHS.

• **Opelika Trampoline & Tumbling's (OTT) “Flip for a Cure” • 1 – 5 pm • Denson Drive Recreation Center**

The OTT Team is bringing their trampolines outside and performing some of their awe-inspiring routines for the public. All proceeds from this event will benefit Relay for Life. There will also be games and inflatables for children, a baked good sale and photo opportunities with the OHS cheerleaders. Butcher Paper BBQ and Kona Ice will be on sight for those that are hungry.

• **“A Rocket in a Railroad Town” • 7 pm • Municipal Park**

This 45-minute documentary highlights the history of Opelika, the Rocky Brook Rocket and the renovation the train underwent in 2016. While the film will begin at 7 pm, those that arrive early can take advantage of free rides on The Rocky Brook Rocket from 5 – 6:45 pm.

Junior League's 8th Annual Dancing Stars of East Alabama

April 14 • The Bottling Plant Event Center

6:30 – 7:30 pm **Heavy Hor D’oeuvres and Cocktail Reception**
7:30 - 8 pm **Pre-Show and Opening Numbers**
8 pm **Competition**

This year’s event will be a special night of dancing stars, celebrity lip sync battles, and toasting the night at the exclusive after party. Food is included in the ticket price and the event will have a cash bar. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.dsoea.com.

2nd Annual AU Veterans Golf Classic

April 18 • Moores Mill Golf Club

11 am – Registration / 12 pm – Lunch & Program / 1pm – Shotgun Start / 5:30 pm – Awards

After returning from service, many veterans face challenges. The Veterans Resource Center at AU want to make the transition as easy as possible. Through your participation, you are directly contributing to the well-being of AU student veterans and their families and having a wonderful time playing golf with your friends! Teams of 3 are \$390 with the 4th player a Student Veteran. Individual players are \$130. For more information, email Kim, evanski@auburn.edu, or call 334.750.3732 or register online, www.aub.ie/vetsgolf.

AU’s Harbert College of Business (HCOB) Seeking Mentors for Students

The HCOB students have shown a great interest and need for meaningful mentoring relationships as they develop professionally. In an effort to provide our students with the best opportunities to succeed, the Office of Professional and Career Development is launching the College’s redesigned mentorship program—**Harbert Connects** which is supported by an online platform (People Grove) that is features-rich allowing for more targeted and meaningful connections, easier and more secure communication, and detailed analytics. Harbert Connects is user-friendly and easily tailored to your specific needs and availabilities. There are two mentorship relationships available, formal and informal, depending on the time you can spend with the mentee. The students and the program could not succeed without your help. Students are eager to form these professional relationships.

[Mentorship Details](#)

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

GED for Free at Southern Union

Take the official GED Practice test FREE. If you pass, take the GED Test FREE (\$144 value). Call Southern Union Adult Education Department for details, 334.749.8480 and ask about *See 4 Free*.

Walk in times: **Opelika Campus: Wednesdays, 8 am – 2 pm (CST)**

Valley Campus: Mondays, 8 am – 2 pm (EST)

Wadley Campus: Wednesday, 3 -8 pm (CST)

Upcoming Events at the Cooper Library

Lewis Cooper Memorial Library • 200 S. 6th Street

For more information or to register, call 334.705.5380 or visit www.cooperlibrary.com

- **Library Week • April 8 – 14 • Special events all week long**
- **Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit • Month of April**

Lee County Literacy Hosting Control Your Money Financial Workshop

April 17 – 18 • 5:30 – 7:30 pm • EAMC Education Center • 2027 Pepperell Parkway

This two-session workshop over two days covers basic financial information such as how to track spending, how to budget, and more. For more information or to register, call 334.705.0001 to speak with Tina or visit <http://www.leecountyliteracy.org>.

Software Made Simple Trainings

9 am – 4:30 pm (EST) • 233 12th Street, Suite 911-A • Columbus, GA

To register, call 706.332.7372 or email training@softwaremadesimple.net.

- **April 19 Excel 2016 Intermediate \$225**

- April 26 Excel 2016 Advanced \$225
- April 26 QuickBooks 2017 Level 1 \$225
- April 27 QuickBooks 2017 Level 2 \$225

AU Office of Professional & Continuing Education Hosting QuickBooks Class

May 15 ● 8 am – 5 pm ● Auburn School of Nursing ● 710 South Donahue Drive ● Auburn University

This workshop is a one-day, two-part training course, and participants can register for one or both courses in the series. Both courses qualify attendees to earn CPE and A&A. For more information or to register: [Click QB Class](#)

● **Introduction to QuickBooks Online 8 am – 12 pm**

You will learn an overview of the software’s reporting benefits and capabilities and learn to navigate and record transactions.

● **QuickBooks Online (QBO) - DeeperDive into Reporting Add-ins & Apps 1 – 5 pm**

You will be take a deeper dive into the reporting benefits and capabilities of QBO, the approved add-ins and mobile apps to expand usability. This course will review a few of the most popular QBO add-ins (Online Payments & Payroll) and Apps in more detail.

Goodwill Career Center Events

334.275.4815 ● 3740 Pepperell Parkway ● www.gwivr.org

- April 17 Career Spotlight: Healthcare

Drake Martin – State Farm Seeking Account Representative

Are you outgoing and customer-focused? Do you enjoy working with the public? If you answered yes to these questions, working for a State Farm independent contractor agent may be the career for you! State Farm agents are independent contractors that market State Farm insurance and financial services products. [Job Details](#)

ADS Seeking Outside Sales Representative

They are looking for highly motivated individuals who want to be part of a winning team. Sales Consultants daily responsibilities includes prospecting (self-generate), follow-up on company sales leads, presenting security products and services to businesses and homeowners, ensure proper contracts and continuous communication with sales management. Email resume to jculberson@adssecurity.com or mail to: ADS Security ● 1619 Thomason Drive, Opelika, AL 36801 (No phone calls, please).

[Job Requirements & Benefits](#)

The Hotel at AU & Dixon Conference Center Has Positions Available

Positions open include: Conference Services Manager, Chef de Partie, and Guest Relations Coordinator. For more information, contact Kelly Giddens, kelly.giddens@auhcc.com.

Economy Air, Heating & AC Hiring Sales / Service Technician

For more information, call 334.524.5328 or email economyairauburn@gmail.com to apply.

Qualifications:

- EPA Certified
- 3 – 5 years min. Experience
- High School Diploma or Higher
- Valid Driver’s License
- Positive Attitude, Organized
- Works Well with Others

SAVE THE DATE

April 2018

- Boys & Girls Clubs: Black Male Summit ● April 21
- Museum of East Alabama: 6th Annual Taste of the Town ● April 24

- EAA: A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder ● April 26
- JCSM: Celebrating the Birthday of John James Audubon ● April 26

May 2018

- 19th Annual Member Golf Tournament ● May 1
- Summer Swing Concerts in the Park ● May 1 – July 31
- Noon Tunes Concert Series ● May 2 – 30
- Two Men & A Truck Mother's Day Gift Project ● May 13

Character Trait: **Truthfulness**

The Connector Policy

Please contact Dinah Motley, dmotley@opelikachamber.com if you have an event that you would like to put on **The Connector** newsletter which is emailed to all members on Wednesday. Our policy is to run the event for 2 weeks. Deadline is noon Monday. Because of so many members getting the newsletter on their phones, the information is limited to 3 lines and an email address, website or phone number for additional information. Check out our community calendar on our website, www.opelikachamber.com.

601 Avenue A - Phone 334.745.4861- Fax: 334.749.4740
Become friends with the Opelika Chamber on Facebook
Follow us on Twitter and Instagram