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### **CHAMBER EVENTS**

- 2/8 **Business Over Breakfast • 7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club**  
 2/23 **Seminar: Workforce Strategies for Engaging Employees & Increasing Profits**  
 8:30 am OA News • Board Room  
 Sponsor & Presenter: **LyonsHR**

### **Business Over Breakfast: Education Edition**

- February 8 • 7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club  
 Guest Speaker: **Opelika City Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark Neighbors**  
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Opelika City Schools has advanced, fully integrated technology systems. Fine arts and enrichment are at every level from elementary music and art, through award-winning band, choral, art and theatre in high school. There are also Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Classes at OHS. Many businesses partner with OHS as well as SUSCC. Come and hear an update of this top-notch school system and what the plans are for the future as they “Educate Every Child Every Day.”  
 To register, Visit [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com).

### **Adopt-A-Mile Program Focus for 20 Under 40**

Litter is a growing problem across the U.S., and Opelika is no exception. The Chamber’s 20 Under 40 participants are partnering with Keep Opelika Beautiful to bring more awareness to the Adopt-A-Mile campaign. The Adopt-A-Mile program was developed as a way for businesses, neighborhoods, organizations, families, and individuals to make a difference in their community by keeping roadways clean. The 20 Under 40 group has set a goal of doubling the current number of adopted miles in Opelika. The cost to participate is \$300, which includes the well-known blue road signage denoting your mile, and a commemorative plaque indicating the business’ participation. The commitment for the organization is to keep their adopted mile clean and conduct pick-up days at least six times a year. For more information or to adopt a mile, contact Alex Rainey, [alex.rainey@gmail.com](mailto:alex.rainey@gmail.com).

### **Chamber’s 2019 Trip: Iceland’s Magical Northern Lights**

March 16 – 22, 2019 -----Save the Date! More information to come!

### **AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT**

**Israel Jane • Comfort Keepers • 119-A South 8<sup>th</sup> Street • 334.749.8461 • [www.comfortkeepers.com](http://www.comfortkeepers.com)** • Israel Jane has been with Comfort Keepers for over 5 years as the Lead Networker. His main duties are to hire and train caregivers for the Comfort Keepers, a company that helps seniors and disabled individuals to live independently and comfortably as possible. Israel’s hobbies include music, movies and hanging out with his family. He volunteers a lot with the Phenix City School system and with Lakewood Baptist Church.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- **Opelika Parks & Rec Trampoline & Tumbling** competed against over 3,500 athletes at the Ozone Invitational in Knoxville, TN and achieved numerous awards!
- **Opelika Parks & Recreation** was recently recognized for having the most *Innovative Special Event of the Year* at this year's annual state conference. The event was the Mother Son Blue Jean Ball, a Valentine's Dance that was held last February.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

- **Davis Direct**  
*Printers*
- **Exit Realty Midtowne**  
*Real Estate*

## **MEMBER NEWS**

Visit our Community Calendar at [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com) for more details.

### **Empty Bowls Project to Benefit Food Bank of East Alabama**

**February 10 • 10 am – 2 pm • Denson Drive Recreation Center**

This community-led event is a part of the Opelika Pottery Department. Event attendees can choose one of the many handcrafted bowls, fill it with hot soup and freshly baked bread, and then take it home at the end of the day as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. This year's events will feature live music, pottery demos, a raffle, and a new addition – a Chef's Cookbook, a compilation of recipes from local chef's in our area including David Bancroft (Acre), Eron Bass (Café 123), Scott Simpson (The Depot), Robbie Nicolaisen (The Hound), Chris Wilton (Bottling Plant Event Center), Graham Hage (Zazu) and Jim Sikes. For more information, visit 2018 Empty Bowls on Facebook.

### **Eleve at Auburn Dental Spa Offering Special**

Book an appointment on any Tuesday and receive a complimentary lip or brow wax. A single session is \$28. For more information, call 334.821.2846.

### **Funny But Clean Comedy Coming to The Bottling Plant Event Center**

**614 N. Railroad Avenue • 334.705.5466 • [www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com](http://www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com)  
● February 9 • Henry Cho – Funny but Clean Comedy • Show Begins: 7 pm**

### **Ariccia Trattoria at The Hotel at Auburn University**

**241 S. College Street • 334.821.8200**

- Pints & Pies (Pizza) Every Thursday • 5:30 – 10 pm
- Sunday Brunch • 10 am – 2 pm

### **Ashley Furniture Hosting TigerTown Scavenger Hunt**

**February 4 – 18**

Ashley Furniture and TigerTown Rocks! Join in the fun and win prizes! Painted rocks will be hidden throughout TigerTown with messages from participating businesses directing rock finders to their stores to collect prizes. Rocks will not be hidden at any bank locations, near roadways, inside any businesses or in elevated areas. For more information, contact Sue Ruffing, 334.364.0440.

### **Alabama Launchpad Pitch Event**

**February 8 • 9 am – 3 pm • Courtyard by Marriott • 2420 West Pace Blvd. • Auburn**

Want to learn about the new startup companies in our region? Watch 11 start-ups compete for a share of \$100,000 and pitch their ideas to a panel of judges and the community! Hopefully, this will inspire others

to start a company or promote entrepreneurship in the area. For more information, email [amitchell@auburnalabama.org](mailto:amitchell@auburnalabama.org) or [ltb0004@auburn.edu](mailto:ltb0004@auburn.edu).

### **Galentines Event – Girlfriends, Shopping & Drinks**

**February 8 • 5 – 8 pm • Downtown Opelika**

It's Girls Night out! Spend a fun night just hanging out with the girls. Some participating businesses are Taylor Made Designs, Zazu Gastropub, Studio 3:19 and Southern Crossing.

### **Marriott at Grand National February Movie on the Lawn: Casablanca**

**February 8 • 6:30 pm • 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail**

Bring the family or have an early Valentines date and see this wonderful classic! There will be fresh popcorn and hot chocolate but remember to bring your lawn chairs and blankets! For more information or to RSVP, email [Amanda.watt@marriottgrandnational.com](mailto:Amanda.watt@marriottgrandnational.com). **Flyer**

### **Opelika City Schools Upcoming Events**

- February 7 • OHS Basketball Area Tournament
  - 5 pm • OHS Girls Championship Game (OHS vs. Winner of Game 1)
  - 7 pm • OHS Boys Championship Game (OHS vs. Winner of Game 1)
- February 9 & 10 • Southern Showcase Showchoir Competition
- February 27 • 4 pm • Board of Education Meeting 300 Simmons Street

### **AU Career Center Accepting Applications for Student Employment Awards**

AU faculty, and staff, as well as Auburn-Opelika businesses are encouraged to celebrate student employees by participating in the nominations for the Student Employment Awards. All nominees will receive recognition during the awards ceremony on April 11. Two students will receive recognition as the On-Campus Student Employee of the Year and the Off-Campus Student Employee of the Year. To submit a nomination, email [greenay@auburn.edu](mailto:greenay@auburn.edu). **The deadline to submit is February 7 at 4 pm.**

### **East Alabama Arts presents: The Hot Sardines**

**February 12 • 7:30 pm • OPAC**

Effortlessly channeling New York speakeasies, Parisian cabarets, and New Orleans jazz halls, The Hot Sardines believe that classic joyful jazz feeds the heart and soul, and brings people together in a disconnected world. For more information or tickets, call 334.749.8105 or visit [www.eastalabamaarts.org/performance-series/](http://www.eastalabamaarts.org/performance-series/).

### **Lee County Literacy Hosting: “Reading Between the Wines”**

**February 22 • 6 pm • Saugahatchee Country Club**

The featured author will be Karen Spears Zacharias, a Georgia-raised Gold Star daughter. Her work has been featured in the New York Times and on CNN, National Public Radio, and Good Morning America. Her 2013 novel, Mother of Rain, received the Weatherford Award for Best in Appalachian Fiction and was adapted for the stage and performed at Georgia’s historic Springer Opera House. Zacharias is a journalist who has written nine books across several genres. Her most recent work has been a fictional trilogy which includes Mother of Rain, Burdy, and the recently released Christian Bend. For ticket information, please email [stacie@leecountyliteracy.org](mailto:stacie@leecountyliteracy.org).

### **AU School of Communication & Journalism Internship & Job Fair**

**March 7 • Beard-Eaves Coliseum**

The school has over 1,000 students majoring in communication, journalism, media studies and public relations. Many graduates are looking for employment and all majors are required to complete an internship before graduation. The registration fee is \$200 and can be waived for non-profit organizations. Employers will set up their tables from 7:30 to 9 am. Students will browse the tables from 9 to 10 am and sign up for individual interviews with employers. Employer interviews with individual students will take place from 10 am to 3 pm. Contact Jennifer Adams, [adamsj1@auburn.edu](mailto:adamsj1@auburn.edu) or 334.844.2751 for more information.

## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **OLLI at Auburn Hosts Wisdom Wednesday's Lecture Series**

**2:30 – 4 pm • Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art**

For more information, contact Ileeia A. Cobb, Ph.D., OLLI Director, 334.844.3105, [olli@auburn.edu](mailto:olli@auburn.edu), or visit the website at [www.olliauburn.org](http://www.olliauburn.org).

• **February 7** • Bill Wilson will provide a presentation about “A Survival Guide for Widowers” addressing the research and resources for widowers along with accounts dealing with grief firsthand.

### **Auburn University Project Uplift February Training Sessions**

**334.844.4430 • Cary Hall • Auburn University Campus**

**February 11 • 3 – 7 pm / February 27 • 4 – 8 pm**

No registration is required. Only one session is needed.

[www.auburn.edu/projectuplift](http://www.auburn.edu/projectuplift) • [www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift](https://www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift)

### **Cooper Library: Tuesdays @ Two Director's Speaker Series**

**February 13 • 2 pm • Cooper Library • 200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

Guest speaker Delores Hydock will present “Footprints on the Sky: Voices from Chandler Mountain”  
For more information, please call 334.705.5380 or visit [www.cooperlibrary.com](http://www.cooperlibrary.com).

### **CarePoint Resources First Aid Training in February**

**887.242.2527 • [www.mycarept.com](http://www.mycarept.com)**

• **February 20 • 4:30 pm • First Aid CPR Certification Class • Auburn Chamber**

• **February 27 • 6:30 pm • Free Community CPR AED Training • Collaboration Station**

### **Self Defense For Women Class Offered at Southern Union**

**February 26 & 27 / March 5 & 6 • 5 – 8 pm • Southern Room at SUSCC Business**

**& Technology Building. Course Led By: Corporal Pamela Revels, Lee County Sheriff's Office**

This twelve-hour course requires your attendance at each session to participate in the final simulation for safety reasons. It is open to any woman 13 years and older with all physical fitness levels welcome. For more information, email Amy Rogers, [arogers@suscc.edu](mailto:arogers@suscc.edu) or call 334.745.6437, ext. 5530 or Corporal Pamela Revels, [prevels@leecountysheriff.org](mailto:prevels@leecountysheriff.org), 334.319.4173. Email Amy Rogers to register.

### **Citizens Police Academy Accepting Applications**

**March 1 – April 19 • Deadline to Register is 5 pm on February 9**

This interactive course gives participants a chance to get to know officers from every area of the OPD. Sessions cover patrol, traffic investigations (detectives and narcotics), SWAT, K-9 officers and FATS (fire arms training simulator). There isn't a cost to take the course and upon completion, a graduation event is held. To get an application, please email [opdjobs@opelika-al.gov](mailto:opdjobs@opelika-al.gov) and an application will be emailed to you. Complete the application, scan it and email it back. For more information, call Captain Bobby Kilgore, 334.705.5231.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Upcoming Events at the Goodwill Career Center**

**3740 Pepperell Parkway • 334.275.4815 • [www.goodwillsr.org](http://www.goodwillsr.org)**

• **February 12 • Trade & Technical Careers Spotlight Session • 10:30 am (CST) [Flyer](#)**

• **February 22 • Trade & Technical Job Fair • 10 am – 12 pm (CST) [Flyer](#)**

### **WoodmenLife Seeking Sales Professionals**

Do you have a desire to help people build their financial futures? WoodmenLife and its subsidiaries offer a variety of products, including insurance, annuities and investments. As a professional Representative for WoodmenLife, you'll set your own hours, determine your own commission-based income, and be your own boss. Bring us an entrepreneurial attitude combined with a high-energy, competitive approach to get the job done, and we'll provide you with the training, technology and support materials to build the career

you've always dreamed of. There's a career for you at Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society of Omaha, Nebraska. Email resumes to [FLBondurant@woodmen.org](mailto:FLBondurant@woodmen.org).

### **Home Instead Senior Care Now Hiring Training & Engagement Coordinator**

The coordinator is expected to meet the needs of the CAREGivers, develop and maintain a workplace culture that retains quality CAREGivers, and organize and execute the training programs. For more information, contact Bridget Sager, 334.321.1050 or [bridget.sager@homeinstead.com](mailto:bridget.sager@homeinstead.com).

### **EAMC Auxiliary: Long-Term Volunteer Opportunity**

Auxiliary members help the hospital achieve its mission of high quality, compassionate health care while gaining a sense of well-being that comes from helping others. Volunteering for only 4 hours a month can really make a difference. For more information, call 334.528.5923 or email [Victoria.beasley@eamc.org](mailto:Victoria.beasley@eamc.org).

### **The Hotel at Auburn University Has Several Openings**

For more information or to apply, visit <http://www.auhcc.com/careers>.

- Executive Administrative Assistant
- Director of Event Sales and Conference Services
- Assistant Director of Finance

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **February 2018**

- Cooper Library: Tuesdays @ Two: The Tuskegee Airmen Chronology • February 27

#### **March 2018**

- March of Dimes: March for Babies Kick Off • March 2
- Opelika Lion's Club Pancake Day • March 3
- Chili Cook-Off Benefiting Storybook • March 3
- Project Uplift Training • March 5 & 18
- EAA presents: The National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba • March 7
- Cooper Library: Tuesdays @ Two: The Art of War • March 13
- Tuesdays @ Two: Of Goats & Governors • March 19-23
- KOB's Opelika Recycle & Shred Day • March 24

Character Trait of the Month: **Justice**

### **The Connector Policy**

Please contact Dinah Motley, [dmotley@opelikachamber.com](mailto: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](http://www.opelikachamber.com).

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