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### **CHAMBER EVENTS**

- 1/10 **Jahvon's Restaurant Ribbon Cutting** • 11 am • 2356 Pepperell Parkway
- 1/11 **Auburn Therapy & Learning Center** • 10 am • 2408 E. University Drive, Suite 109 • Auburn
- 1/12 **Business Owners & Future Entrepreneurs Professional Network Ribbon Cutting**  
11 am • 414 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- 1/12 **Boys & Girls Clubs Potter-Daniel Unit Extreme Makeover Ribbon Cutting**  
4 pm • 1610 Toomer Street
- 1/15 **Chamber Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day**
- 1/16 **State Farm Insurance – Altumura Bynum Ribbon Cutting** • 10 am •  
2701 Frederick Road, Suite 311
- 1/26 **State of the City** • 11:30 am – 1 pm • SUSCC Southern Room
- 2/6 **River Bank and Trust Business After Hours** • “Mardi Gras Party”  
5 – 7 pm • 1804 Thomason Drive

### **State of the City with Mayor Gary Fuller**

January 26 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • Southern Room • Southern Union

Presenting Sponsor: **ESG**

Gold Sponsor: **MAX & Opelika Power Services**

Don't miss this important event! Opelika's Mayor Gary Fuller will give an update of this past year and what is planned for 2018! The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$30 for potential members.

**Seating is limited, so a reservation is required.** Register online by visiting [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com). **Deadline to register is January 22.**

*\* The college is closed that day for school, so parking should be plentiful. To get to the parking lots, please enter either of the back entrances behind the schools. The Business & Technology Building is in the new building that is across from Winn Dixie and has its name on it. There will also be a Chamber sign to let you know you are at the right place!*

### **AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT**

**Demetra (DeDe) Jackson** • **Four Seasons Federal Credit Union (FSFCU)** • 2915 Pepperell Parkway / 2300 Marvyn Parkway • 334.364.0474 / 334.745.4711 • [www.fourseasonsfcu.com](http://www.fourseasonsfcu.com) •

DeDe Jackson has just celebrated 30 years with FSFCU where she has worked in many different capacities from member service representative to VP of Marketing. She has served on the compliance committee, asset liability management committee, as well as the executive management team at the credit union. DeDe has obtained two associate degrees from SUSCC, a banking diploma from the American Institute of Banking, Managerial Certifications from Alabama Credit Union League and CUNA Mutual. She is also a graduate of Credit Union Marketing University, Southeastern Credit Union Management School, and has earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Faulkner University. In her spare time, she is an active member of Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church, City of Opelika Character Council, Auburn City School's Business/Marketing Advisory Board, and has been serving as an Ambassador for the Opelika Chamber of Commerce since 2005. DeDe enjoys working with youth, encouraging them to be the best that they can be.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- **Auburn-Opelika ranked #16 in the nation for adding the most jobs in 2017**, according to 24/7 Wall St., an Internet-based financial news and opinion company.
- **Bailey-Harris Construction Company** announces promotion of **Russell Harris** to President of the Company.
- **John Emerald Distilling Company** will be featured on May 3, 2018, in a new ABC series about local breweries and distilleries. Located in Downtown Opelika, John Emerald released the first legally distilled whiskey in the state since Prohibition. This father-son duo own and operate the small-batch distillery using quality products to produce quality gin, vodka, whiskey and rum. Don't miss them on May 3 on ABC.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

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

### **NOTICE: Construction On Power Poles On Williamson Avenue**

PowerSecure, on behalf of Alabama Power, began construction January 8 and will work through February 9, 2018, installing poles on a line segment on Williamson Avenue. This will be between South Long Street and Poplar Street. One lane will remain open for traffic. Single lane closure will be daily Monday – Friday, 6:30 am – 5 pm. Should both lanes need to be closed, this will occur on a weekend when traffic is not as heavy. Any questions, please call City of Opelika Public Works office, 334.705.5400.

### **Auburn University's SaveFirst Offering Free Tax Preparation & Electronic Filing**

This free service is provided for households earning up to \$55,000 with children, or up to \$20,000 without children. Call 1.888.99-TAX-AL for an appointment.

### **Pick Your Perks Meetings Package at Pursell Farms**

**January – March 31 • 386 Talladega Springs Road • Sylacauga, AL**

Start 2018 with an engaging, affordable meeting at Pursell Farms. Pick your meeting perks based upon the groups' objective that include social gatherings, team-building events, and other budget-friendly offers. For more information, call 1.877.292.3276. [Details](#)

### **Opelika High Theatre Society (OHTS) Presents: "Almost, Maine"**

**January 10 & 11 • 7 pm • Opelika Performing Arts Center (OPAC)**

*Almost, Maine* is a delightful romantic comedy - a magical look at relationships of the heart. The setting is a small town in far northern Maine, on a Friday night in the middle of winter. Under a big, moonless northern sky, residents of the town of Almost, Maine are falling in and out of love at an alarming rate. Knees are getting bruised; hearts are getting broken ... but the bruises heal and hearts mend - almost - in what has been described as "a charming mid-winter night's dream." The story of a town and its people, Almost, Maine offers an evening of surprising revelations. For more information, call 334.745.9715 or email [ohts@opelikaschools.org](mailto:ohts@opelikaschools.org). Students: \$7 / Adults: \$10

### **Rocky Brook Rocket Documentary Premiers: "A Rocket in a Railroad Town"**

**January 13 • 5 pm • Municipal Park • Denson Street**

This 45 minute film tells the story of the Rocket's history and the restoration process that brought it back to its current condition, as well as a brief history of the City of Opelika and why it's called a "railroad town." Prior to the event, Opelika Parks and Recreation will give free train rides to the public from 3 – 4:45 pm. For more information, call 334.705.5560.

### **Opelika-Auburn News Bridal Extravaganza**

**January 14 • Marriott Auburn Opelika Hotel & Conference Center**

Find everything a bride will need under one roof! Visit the many vendors to find whatever suits your style: from classic elegance to the latest trends. The cost is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Visit [oanow.com/weddings](http://oanow.com/weddings) for tickets or call the OA News, 334.749.6271, for more information.

***Hair & Beauty • Fashion & Jewelry • Cakes • Catering & Venues  
Travel & Hotels • Photography • Entertainment***

### **Piccolo Hosting Kenny Heard**

**January 18 • 7 – 9 pm • The Hotel at Auburn University**

Kenny on the Keys is back! Hear Kenny as he performs favorites from Billy Joel, The Temptations and more. Guests can enjoy an extended aperitivo hour and \$5 glasses of wine. Please RSVP on facebook and request a song for Kenny to play.

### **Upcoming Events at The Bottling Plant Event Center**

**334.705.5466 • 614 N. Railroad • [www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com](http://www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com)**

• **January 19 • The Velcro Pygmies**

Doors open at 8 / Show begins at 9. Must be 21 years old to enter.

Tickets: \$12 in advance / \$15 at the door.

• **January 20 • Lazybirds Live**

Doors open at 6 pm / Show begins at 7 pm. Advance tickets: \$15 / \$20 at the door

Event proceeds to support St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church's effort to help rebuild a severely damaged church in the Virgin Islands.

• **January 27 • The Ultimate Elvis – “The David Lee Show”**

Doors open at 6 pm / Show starts at 7 pm. Advance tickets: \$20 / \$25 at the door.

• **February 2 • Mardi Gras Bash & Show Featuring J-Wonn**

Performing his many hits. Must be 25 to enter. Doors open at 7pm / Show begins at 8 pm.

Food available for purchase. General admission tickets: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door.

• **February 9 • Funny but Clean Comedy with Henry Cho**

Doors open at 6 pm / Show begins at 7 pm. Advance tickets: \$20 / \$25 at the door.

### **J. W. Darden Foundation 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie Legacy Gala**

**January 27 • 6 pm Cash Bar Reception / 7 pm Dinner • Marriott at Grand National**

This year's Gala is honoring Dr. Michael B. Williams. This Gala perpetuates the legacy of Dr. J.W. Darden, Opelika's first black physician. Scholarships are awarded to future medical providers enrolled in a post-graduate degree program. It also helps support the Darden Wellness Center and the mission of the Foundation. For more information or to become a sponsor, call Peggy, 334.663.1833 or Jeanette, 344.745.6578 or email [jeanettepeters@bellsouth.net](mailto:jeanettepeters@bellsouth.net). Deadline is January 11.

### **Korean Broadway Returns to Alabama: The Fragrance of Spring**

**January 22, 2018 • Opelika Center for the Performing Arts**

The hour and a half performance will feature individual artist showcases of UNESCO intangible cultural heritages of Korean singing, dance, musical ensembles, and more! Finally, the performance will also feature the timeless folk story of one of Korea's oldest and more revered literary female characters. Unlike any other cultural performance in Alabama, this year's Korean Cultural Experience will incorporate student workshops, allowing the performing artists to teach local students more about the arts featured in the performance with fun, hands on activities. It is truly an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Alabamian students to learn foreign arts from international and multi-awarded artists. For more information or if you would like to be a sponsor of this event, email [seeMeesoon@akeep.org](mailto:seeMeesoon@akeep.org).

### **Upcoming East Alabama Arts Performances**

For more information or to order tickets, call 334.749.8105 or visit [www.eastalabamaarts.org](http://www.eastalabamaarts.org)

• **Orpheus Chamber Orchestra • January 25 • 7:30 pm • OPAC**

Grammy Award-winning Orpheus Chamber Orchestra combines the intimacy of a chamber ensemble with the richness of a symphony orchestra. Norway's trumpeter extraordinaire, Tine Thing Helseth, performs here with the orchestra just a week before her Carnegie hall debut!

● **Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* ● January 29 ● 7:30 pm ● OPAC**

Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of Rogers + Hammerstein's most beloved songs in this hilarious and romantic national-tour Broadway experience. For anyone who's ever had a wish, a dream . . . or a really great pair of shoes.

**Hudson Family Foundation Has Sponsor Opportunities for Super Bowl Bash**

**February 4 ● Cypress Hill on Wire Road ● Auburn**

Have a wonderful time while helping a great cause! For more information, call 334.707.9007 or email [info@hudsonfamilyfoundation.com](mailto:info@hudsonfamilyfoundation.com). [Flyer](#)

- **Special Super Bowl Menu prepared by Chef David Bancroft & his culinary team (Acre)**
- **Host Bar**
- **Live and Silent Auctions**
- **Super Bowl Contest and Games**

**AU Hosting 2018 Best Diversity Practices Conference**

**February 5 & 6 ● The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center**

The Office of Inclusion & Diversity will bring together scholars from diverse disciplines and institutions to explore organizational best practices and address key issues impacting the field of inclusion and diversity. Dr. Damon Williams is the keynote speaker. Registration is \$175. For more information, contact Timothy Fair, [fair@auburn.edu](mailto:fair@auburn.edu).

**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.

**EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Goodwill Career Center Events**

**3740 Pepperell Pkwy ● Opelika ● 334.275.4815**

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| ● January 10 | Home Buying Session                 | 4:30- 6 pm |
| ● January 31 | Get Your GED – Mondays & Wednesdays | 2 – 5 pm   |
| ● February 6 | Blue-Collar Leadership Class        | 3 – 5 pm   |

**Cooper Memorial Library Events**

**200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street ● 334.705.5380 ● [www.cooperlibrary.com](http://www.cooperlibrary.com) ● [library@opelika-al.gov](mailto:library@opelika-al.gov)**

**Ongoing Programs**

- **Story Time:** Every Monday ● 10 am
- **Brick Builders:** Every Thursday ● 3:30 pm
- **Code Club Jr.:** Every Wednesday ● 3:30 pm
- **Code Club:** Every Thursday ● 4:30 pm
- **Story Time & Craft:** Every Friday ● 10 am
- **Crochet & Knitting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month 4 – 6 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month 10 am – 12 pm
- **Mindfulness:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday month ● 6 pm
- **Rooted in Research: Genealogy Workshop**  
By Appointment Only (Ancestry.com)
- **Tech Help:** By Appointment

**AU's Project Uplift Offering Mentor Training**

**January 16 ● 4 – 8 pm or January 29 ● 4 – 8 pm ● Cary Hall 158 ● Auburn University**

Mentoring training is offered twice a month every month. No registration is required and one session is

needed. For more information, call 334.844.4430 or visit [www.auburn.edu/projectuplift](http://www.auburn.edu/projectuplift) or [www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift](http://www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift).

### **OLLI at Auburn General Membership Meeting and Information Fair**

**January 17 • 8:30 am – 12 Noon • Auburn Church of Christ • 712 S. College Street • Auburn**  
The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Auburn University (OLLI at Auburn) members, guests and friends are all invited to learn more about OLLI at Auburn course offerings, social engagements and initiatives. This meeting will feature William Johnson presenting “The Helen Keller You Never Saw”. For more information, call at 334.844.3105, [olli@auburn.edu](mailto:olli@auburn.edu), or visit the website at [www.olliatauburn.org](http://www.olliatauburn.org).

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Goodwill Career Center Job Fairs**

**3740 Pepperell Pkwy • Opelika • 334.275.4815**

- January 11                      Job Fair – 150 Jobs                      10 am – 12 pm
- January 16                      Job Fair – Onin Staffing / Hardees              9 am – 12 pm

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **February 2018**

- EAA: The Hot Sardines • February 12
- Cooper Library: Tuesdays at Two Director’s Speaker Series • February 13
- Read Between the Wines • February 22
- Cooper Library: Tuesdays at Two Director’s Speaker Series • February 27

**Character Trait of the Month: Decisiveness**

#### **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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