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CHAMBER EVENTS

- 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**
- 2/8 Business Over Breakfast • 7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club**

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. **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!*

Business Over Breakfast with DesignAlabama

February 8 • 7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club

Presenting Sponsor: Glynn Smith Chevrolet • Buick • GMC

Gold Sponsors: Baxter International • S&S Termite & Pest Control • MAX

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DesignAlabama Director Gina Clifford is the guest speaker of this nonprofit, citizen led organization that 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 design arts supported include a range of interconnected fields including architecture, engineering, graphic design, industrial design, interior design, landscape architecture and urban design. Some of their most impactful initiatives have been their Mayor's Design Summits. In these daylong workshops civic leaders work with designers and planners to excavate ideas that will help make their communities desirable, profitable and more livable. They even tackle important design problem solving such as rebuilding after a natural disaster. To register for the event, visit www.opelikachamber.com. The cost for the event is \$20 for Chamber member / \$25 for potential members.

Chamber Now Taking Small Business of the Quarter Nominations

Sponsor: Opelika Power Services

Our area has so many amazing businesses. Which one is that special business always going beyond and above to help you? Why not honor them by nominating them for the Small Business of the Quarter! Take a look at these guidelines and if the company fits the bill, then complete the form and get it to the

Chamber by February 1. The winner will be announced at the Business Over Breakfast on February 8.
[Guideline & Nomination Form](#)

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Bob Harris • Three-Sixty Real Estate specializing in Commercial and Land Sales and Management • 334.750.5276 • 411 Opelika Road • www.concepttoclosing.com

Bob has been in real estate for over 23 years with the past six years in Lee County and surrounding counties. He specializes in land with and without houses, buildings and commercial properties. Being very civic-minded, Bob is the Chairman of the Lee County Farm City Committee, Vice President of the Opelika Kiwanis Club and a Board Member of the Lee County Boys and Girls Club. He enjoys spending time with his family in Goldhill and at the Harris Family Farm near Opelika.

CONGRATULATIONS

Opelika's Springs of Mill Lakes Honored with Four Gold and Four Silver Awards From the National Association of Home Builders. The 55+ Housing Industry Council of the National Association of Home Builders (www.nahb.org) honored The Springs of Mill Lakes (www.thespringsofmilllakes.com), Auburn/Opelika's bucolic master-planned community for 55+ active adults, with four Gold and four Silver Awards at its annual 55+ Housing Awards Jan. 9, 2018. The Best of 55+ Housing Awards are the industry's only national awards program honoring excellence in building design, marketing and lifestyles in housing for the mature adult. The awards serve as a showcase for quality housing, innovation and emerging trends that appeal to the 55 and above demographic

NEW MEMBERS

- **Esperanza House**
Associations / Organizations
- **Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine**
Schools - Colleges
- **Alabama Casa Network**
Social Service Organization
- **Flipz Kidz**
Recreation
- **Spectrum Resarch**
Communications
- **New Horizons**
Distributors
- **OpelikaLife**
Advertising-Agencies
- **The Denson Group**
Real Estate

MEMBER NEWS

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

City of Opelika Closed Today

The City of Opelika, including City Hall, the Library, Parks & Recreation and all other departments will be closed on Wednesday, January 17. There will be no garbage pickup Wednesday, January 17. The City will advise if offices will be closed on Thursday, January 18. Please check the city's website and Facebook page for updates. They encourage all city employees and citizens to stay home and stay off the roads to ensure your safety.

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.

Angels of Alabama Fundraiser

January 17 • Downtown Opelika

Visit these awesome restaurants in downtown - Zazu Gastropub, Niffer's at the Tracks, Jefferson's, The Breezeway and La Cantina – on January 17 for lunch and/or dinner. They will be donating a portion of sales to The Angels of Alabama. Afterwards, beginning at 7 pm, join in the fun at John Emerald Distilling Company for a silent auction with some live music by Dallas Dorsey, Brett McDaniel, Brittany Avery, Daniel Bowden Music, Alex Wilkerson, and B.B. Palmer. Butcher Paper BBQ will be out in the Rail Yard providing great food, and will also donate a percentage of their sales. The event is free to attend and all proceeds from the auction will go to The Angels of Alabama. Donations will also be accepted. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/theangelssofarabama.com.

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

• 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.

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.

Opelika City Schools Board of Education Meeting

January 23 • 4 pm • 300 Simmons Street

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.

"No Child Deserves an Empty Bowl" Event Benefiting the Food Bank of East Alabama

February 10 • 10 am – 2 pm • Opelika Parks & Recreation • Denson Center • 1102 Denson Dr.

Money raised from the purchase of the soup bowls goes to the Food Bank of East Alabama. Enjoy soup, bread, music, & pottery demos. For information, contact Sherie Spain, Pottery Director 334.705.5558 or the Denson Recreation Center 334.705.5547.

- Handcrafted bowls - \$10 each
- Chef's Choice Cookbooks - \$20 each
- Raffle tickets - \$5 for a chance to win artwork, meals, & other items

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 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

CarePoint Resources Offering a SAFE 2018 with First Aid CPR Training

Plan as we may, the unexpected will happen. What CarePoint offers is a strategy to overcome the unexpected. Contact CarePoint to discuss providing AED protection for your organization as well as scheduling on-site training. Call 887.242.2527 or visit www.mycarept.com for all your on-site emergency preparation needs.

- January 18 • 6:30 pm • Free Community CPR AED Training • Collaboration Station
- January 25 • 4:30 pm • First Aid CPR Certification Class • Auburn Chamber
- February 20 • 4:30 pm • First Aid CPR Certification Class • Auburn Chamber
- February 27 • 6:30 pm • Free Community CPR AED Training • Collaboration Station
- March 22 • 6:30 pm • Free Community CPR AED Training • Collaboration Station
- March 29 • 4:30 pm • First Aid CPR Certification Class • Auburn Chamber

OLLI at Auburn Hosts Wisdom Wednesday's Lecture Series

January 24 • 2:30 – 4 pm • Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art

Auburn City Manager James C. Buston, III will provide a presentation regarding the City of Auburn. For more information regarding this event, contact Ileeia A. Cobb, Ph.D., OLLI Director, 334.844.3105, olli@auburn.edu, or visit the website at www.olliaatuburn.org.

Goodwill Career Center Events

3740 Pepperell Pkwy • Opelika • 334.275.4815

- January 31 Get Your GED – Mondays & Wednesdays 2 – 5 pm
- February 6 Blue-Collar Leadership Class 3 – 5 pm

AU's Project Uplift Offering Mentor Training

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 or www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Goodwill Career Center Job Fairs

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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 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.

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