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### CHAMBER EVENTS

- 1/10 **New Members / Connections Breakfast** • 8 am • Holiday Inn Express  
Sponsored by: **Machen McChesney**
- 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
- 1/16 **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
- 1/30 **Legislative Reception** • 5 – 7 pm • John Emerald Distilling Company  
Hospitality Sponsor: Arbor Springs Health & Rehab Center
- 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**

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

**NaKeda Woods • MAX Credit Union • 3021 Frederick Road, Ste 1 • 334.260.2600 •**

**[www.mymax.com](http://www.mymax.com)** • NaKeda is a Member Services Consultant for MAX. She loves her job because it allows her to build relationships with customers and network with businesses in the community. NaKeda volunteers at her church, Greater Peace Baptist, and helps civic organizations. She enjoys shopping, reading, traveling and spending time with family. She also is a beauty-fashion consultant.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- **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.

### **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 1 – 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 5 – 11 • 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

**January 5,6,9,10,11 7 pm**

**January 7 3 pm**

### **Sears Hometown Store Offering Family & Friends Event**

**January 7 & 8 • Saugahatchee Square • 3724 Pepperell Parkway**

Get an extra 10% off almost everything in the store! For more information, call 334.364.0174.

[Flyer](#)

### **Rocky Brook Rocket Documentary Premier: "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 Extravaqanza.**

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

Find everything a bride will need under one roof! Visit the many vendors to find whatever suites 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**

### **Route 66 & Justin Rivers Perform for Benefit Concert for OHTS**

**January 20 • 7 pm • Opelika Performing Arts Center (OPAC)**

Route 66 and Justin Rivers from *The Voice*, Season 4, will perform at OPAC to benefit the OHS "Children of Eden" cast and crew's trip to Kentucky. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 334.745.9715.

### 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**

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### 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**

#### **Special Events**

- **Tuesdays at Two - Director's Speaker Series:**
  - **Jan. 9: Sarah Bliss Wright**  
"Alabama Cotton and Bemis Bags Pieced into Quilt History"
  - **Feb. 13: Delores Hydock**  
"Footprints on the Sky: Voices from Chandler Mountain"
  - **Feb. 27: Dr. Daniel Haulman**

By Appointment Only (Ancestry.com)  
● **Tech Help:** By Appointment

“The Tuskegee Airmen Chronology”  
● **Book Butler** ● Month of February

**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](https://www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift).

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**February 2018**

- **EAA: The Hot Sardines** ● February 12
- **Read Between the Wines** ● February 22

**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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