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CHAMBER EVENTS

- 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 • Saugahatchee 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 • Saugahatchee Country Club**
Guest Speaker: Opelika City Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark Neighbors
Presenting Sponsor: Glynn Smith Chevrolet • Buick • GMC
Gold Sponsors: Baxter International • S&S Termite & Pest Control
 • **MAX • Opelika Auburn News • Huntingdon College**
 • **Opelika Power Services**

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 and what the plans are for the future as they “Educate Every Child Every Day.”

To register, Visit www.opelikachamber.com.

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Lee County Sheriff Jay Jones was recently named Alabama Sheriff of the Year!**
- **Universal Design Is A Winner For Homeworks Of Alabama With A Silver Award At Nahb's 55+ Awards**

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Donna Carter • LaQuinta Inn & Suites • 3155 Capps Way • 334.748.9000

Donna is the newest ambassador for the Chamber. She is the Director of Sales for AU Hospitality which is a part of LaQuinta Inn & Suites and will be opening in April. Donna brings over 18 years of experience in hospitality sales and management and has experience in the staffing industry in management, human resources, training and recruiting. As Director of sales, Donna has knowledge and experience in both transit and extended stay business. She has been successful in creating and overseeing yearly business, marketing, and advertising plans for hotels. Maximizing revenue in all market segments including government, corporate and leisure travel. Planning and organizing company sales blitzes in local and

feeder markets. Originate and execute successful sales and marketing programs to heighten product awareness and strengthen brand image. Her career has included positions with IHG, Choice Hotels, and Hilton Brands. As the Director of Sales, Donna is passionate about delivering an exceptional guest experience for our facilities guest and committed to providing an unsurpassed level of attention to detail, organizational strength, the efficiency of service and giving 100%, plus a little extra our customers might not expect.

NEW MEMBERS

- **Fritz Clinic**
Physicians – Clinics
- **Alliance HR Services**
Payroll / HR & Benefits
- **LaQuinta Inn & Suites**
Hotels

MEMBER NEWS

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

Economy Air Heating & AC, LLC Offering Special to Opelika Chamber Members

334.524.5328 • www.economyairauburn.com

Economy Air Heating & AC understands small business and loves giving back to them and the community. They are offering a \$25 discount on all their services to all Chamber members and their employees! For information, give them a call or email economyairauburn@gmail.com.

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.

Upcoming Events at The Bottling Plant Event Center

614 N. Railroad Avenue • 334.705.5466 • www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com

- February 2 ● Mardi Gras Bash with J-Wonn ● Show Begins: 8 pm
- February 9 ● Henry Cho – Funny but Clean Comedy ● Show Begins: 7 pm

Upcoming Events at The Hotel at Auburn University

241 S. College Street • 334.821.8200

- Piccolo February 2 ● 8 – 11 pm ● Kidd Blue is back!
- Ariccia Trattoria Pints & Pies (Pizza) Every Thursday ● 5:30 – 10 pm
Sunday Brunch ●

Barks & Brews at Red Clay Brewing Company

February 3 ● 3 – 5 pm ● 704 N. Railroad Avenue, Downtown Opelika

The Lee County Humane Society (LCHS) joins Red Clay for this adoption event. This event is a great opportunity for you to sample Opelika's finest local beer, socialize with passionate people of the LCHS, and meet your best friend. For more information, call 334.821.3222.

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.

Hudson Family Foundation: Super Bowl Party

February 4 ● 4 – 11 pm ● Cypress Hill on Wire Road ● 8015 County Road 53

Iron Chef Winner David Bancroft will cater the event and there will be entertainment and a live and silent

auction as well as the Super Bowl! For more information, Call Jenny Hall, 352.302.7708 or info@hudsonfamilyfoundation.com.

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 or 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. **Flyer**

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/.

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 nomination 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. **The deadline to submit is February 7 at 4 pm.**

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 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, or visit the website at www.olliatauburn.org.

• **January 31** • Dr. Clif Perry will provide a presentation entitled “*Presidential Pardon Authority*”? During this presentation, Dr. Perry will address the authority of the presidential pardon.

- **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.

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

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.auburnedu/projectuplift ● www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift

Cooper Library: Tuesdays @ Two Director’s Speaker Series

February 13 ● 2 pm ● Cooper Library ● 200 S. 6th 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.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

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.

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

Goodwill Career Center Job Fairs

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SAVE THE DATE

February 2018

- Read *Between the Wines* • February 22
- RAD Self Defense Class for Women at SUSCC • February 26 & 27, March 5 & 6
- 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

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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