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CHAMBER EVENTS

- 1/26 **State of the City** • 11:30 am – 1 pm • SUSCC Southern Room—**SOLD OUT**
 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

Business Over Breakfast with DesignAlabama

February 8 • 7:30 am • Saugahatchee Country Club

Presenting Sponsor: **Glynn Smith Chevrolet • Buick • GMC**

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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

Dianne Lowe • Home2 Suites • 3150 Capps Way, Opelika • 334.737.5155 • home2suites.com

Dianne Lowe has been a Director of Sales (DOS) in the hospitality industry for over 36 years and even won Director of Sales for Hilton Garden Inn Hotel World Wide in 2005! There isn’t much that she doesn’t know about sales in the hotel industry! She is responsible for building relationships with company and city officials in our area to promote the wonderful qualities of the Home2Suites. She works closely with the General Manager and other staff members to build a strong team that understands customer service and delivers it to each and every guest. She also handles prospecting from all sources for new business,

including all RFP proposals in the area. Dianne loves working with community leaders and the Opelika Chamber and has been an Ambassador since 2001. She has won Ambassador of the Year many times! Her hobbies include reading and going to the movies with her family. She currently volunteers at First Baptist Church in the nursery but has volunteered at the Red Cross and United Way of Lee County.

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Three Sixty {real estate} Co-founder Nonet Reese Inducted as 2018 LCAR President.**
- **Happy 1st Anniversary to La Cantina in Downtown Opelika!** Join in the celebration this weekend and enjoy \$4 award-winning house margaritas, \$2 bottled beers, new menu items, and live music from 4 pm-closing on Saturday, January 27!
- **Red Clay Brewery will soon have some homebrew in distribution in Alabama and Georgia restaurants, bars, gas stations and other retail outlets!**
- **The 2017 Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities Index named the Auburn-Opelika Metropolitan Area No. 10 in the Best Performing Cities Annual Index.** The Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities Index ranks U.S. metropolitan areas by how well they are creating and sustaining jobs and economic growth. The components include job, wage and salary, and technology growth.
- **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 Reach**
Communications
- **New Horizons**
Distributors
- **OpelikaLife**
Advertising-Agencies
- **The Denson Group**
Real Estate
- **WoodmenLife**
Insurance

MEMBER NEWS

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

Sears Hometown Store Premier Event

January 26 & 27 • 3720 Pepperell Parkway

Receive up to 30% off appliances, up to 20% lawn and garden and an extra 10% off almost everything in the store. For more information, call 334.364.0174.

J. W. Darden Foundation, Inc.'s Sixth Annual Black Tie Legacy Gala

January 27 • 6 pm / Cash Bar & 7 pm / Dinner • Marriott @ Grand National

Honoring Dr. Michael B. Williams • The Gala perpetuates the legacy of Dr. J. W. Darden, Opelika's first black physician. It will give scholarships to future medical providers enrolled in a post-graduate degree program, support the Darden Wellness Center and benefit the mission of the Foundation. Tickets are \$100 per person. For more information, call 334.663.1833 or email jeanettepeters@bellsouth.net.

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

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

- **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.

Hudson Family Foundation: Super Bowl Party

February 4 • 4 – 11 pm •

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.

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.

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

“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 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 31 • 2:30 – 4 pm • Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art

Dr. Cliff Perry will provide a presentation entitled "*Presidential Pardon Authority*"? During this presentation, Dr. Perry will address the authority of the presidential pardon. 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.oliatauburn.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

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.

Goodwill Career Center Job Fairs

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SAVE THE DATE

February 2018

- Project Uplift Training • February 11 & 27
- EAA: The Hot Sardines • February 12

- Cooper Library: Tuesdays @ Two: “Voices from Chandler Mt.” • February 13
- Read Between the Wines • February 22
- Cooper Library: Tuesdays @ Two: The Tuskegee Airmen Chronology • February 27

March 2018

- 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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