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JUNE 27, 2018

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CHAMBER EVENTS

- 6/28 **First Responders Exhibit at Museum of East Alabama Ribbon Cutting**
4 pm • 121 S. 9th Street
- 7/9 **Iceland Informational Trip Meeting**
5:30 pm • Opelika Chamber
- 7/11 **New Members / Connections Breakfast**
8 am • Takizi's Mediterranean Café • 2119 Interstate Drive, Suite C4
- 7/12 **180 Wellness Spa Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 824 Avenue A, #201
- 7/26 **Business Over Breakfast with Alabama Retail Association**
7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club

Leadership Lee County Taking Applications for 2018-2019 Class

Applications Must be Postmarked on or before July 2, 2018

Leadership Lee County is a program sponsored by the Auburn and Opelika Chambers of Commerce. It seeks out, honors, educates, challenges, and develops a select group of Lee County citizens who have the potential to provide the leadership needed to solve problems of community and statewide significance. Participants are selected on the basis of ability, demonstrated interest in the community, and potential for responsible and effective leadership. For more information, visit www.leadershipleeconomy.org.
[Application](#)

Visit Iceland's Magical Northern Lights in March 2019 – Almost Sold out!

The Lights will be dimming soon – This Year is Last Chance to See the Lights for Year!

Informational Meeting • July 9 • 5:30 pm • Opelika Chamber

Come hear all the details about this fantastic 7 day trip! Jack from Collette will be here to answer all your questions. This trip includes 10 Meals, Round Trip Air from Hartsfield Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, and Hotel Transfers! Limited spots.

Highlights: Reyjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, Vik, Glacial Lagoon, Skatafell National Park and so much more!

Chamber Membership Mailer

Deadline: July 17 / Email to Chamber Members: July 20

Got a terrific sale or service going on? Want to reach over 1300 emails with your message? Send Dinah your flyer in a pdf format and your logo in a jpeg and you will be included in the Membership Mailer that will go out to all the Opelika Chamber members! The cost is \$50. Big bang for your buck! For more information, email dmotley@opelikachamber.com or call 334.745.4861.

Business Over Breakfast with Alabama Retail Association Representative

July 26 • 7:30 am • Saughatchee Country Club

Melissa Warnke from Alabama Retail Association (ARA) will be the guest speaker the upcoming Business Over Breakfast. The ARA represents 4,200 members statewide ranging from small, family owned retail stores to large national chains. Their primary objective is to lobby on behalf of retailers at the local, state and national levels of government. The association continually monitors legislative activity and represents retailers on such issues as workers' compensation regulation, worthless check fees, tax reform and business license reform. The cost is \$20 for Chamber members / \$25 or potential members. [Register Here](#)

Chamber Accepting Small Business of the Quarter Nominations

If you have a Small Business that you would like to honor because of their hospitality, great customer service or generosity, please nominate them for the Small Business of the Quarter! They will be recognized at the upcoming Business Over Breakfast on July 26. [Nomination Form & Guidelines](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

77th Annual Meeting Winners

- Keep Opelika Beautiful: Shirley Flora Award
- Auburn Opelika Tourism Partner of the Year
- Opelika Main Street Award
- Ambassador of the Year
- Community Partner
- Service Champion Award
- Visionary Award
- Small Business of the Year
- Spirit of Opelika Award
- Chairman's Award

Coach Chris Rhodes
Auburn Opelika Marriott at Grand National
Zazu Gastropub
Billy Plummer, S & S Termite & Pest Control
Henry J. Stern Family Foundation
Corporal Pam Revels, Lee County Sheriff's Dept.
Dr. Shirley Lazenby
James Bros. Bikes
Terry Andrus
Jennifer Wheeler

Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2018

- East Alabama Mental Health Center 50 years
- Medical Arts Pharmacy 50 years
- Glynn Smith Chevrolet – Buick- GMC 25 years
- Food Bank of East Alabama 25 years
- Miss Deanna's Childcare, LLC 25 years
- Wholesale Mattress Center 25 years

- **Sydney Gootee Joins 360 Management as Director of First Impressions.**

● **The TownePlace Suites Auburn** has been officially recognized by Marriott, earning multiple prestigious awards for the McNeill Hotel Company property. **General Manager Emily White** has earned **Marriott's Diamond GM of the Year Award for 2017** and staff member **Mary Munday** has earned **Marriott's Service Team Member of the Year Award for 2017**. In addition, TownePlace Suites Auburn earned the Chairman's Award, Platinum Circle Award, Maintenance and Upkeep Award and the Overall Satisfaction Award.

NEW MEMBERS

- **Trendy Transformation** *Beauty Salons / Barbers /Supplies*
- **Carol Ann Miracle – HomeLink Realty** *Real Estate Agents*
- **Globecock, LLC** *Rental Service*
- **NERDTorch Café** *Entertainment*

MEMBER NEWS

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

Donations Being Accepted for Opelika Neighborhood Mobile Wellness Clinic

Getting Opelika on the Road to Good Health

The City of Opelika is a community that cares about its citizens. With top quality education, recreational opportunities and state-of-the-art healthcare, our city ranks near the top of Alabama communities. However, not everyone in our area is enjoying the quality of life that we all cherish. Because of this, the City of Opelika is developing the Opelika Neighborhood Mobile Wellness Clinic to help the under-served. The traveling clinic will provide free medical services to the under-served such as primary and preventative healthcare; routine and chronic illness screenings; promote disease prevention; and build relationships to better learn what is needed in our neighborhoods. To do this, we need to convert the donated bus into a mobile wellness clinic. You can donate today to help us make this a reality. <https://eamcfoundation8686.thankyou4caring.org/opelika-neig...>

O Grows Farmers Market

Every Tuesday • 3 – 6 pm • 1103 Glenn Street

For more information, call 334.750.2215.

TherapySouth Hosting Fall Presentation & Recovery Workshop for Seniors

June 28 • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm • Auburn Chamber of Commerce • Auburn

This workshop is open to the public and will be conducted by Physical Therapist Sarah Klein, PT, DPT, ATC. Bring a sack lunch, your family and friends and learn some great information! Drinks and desserts will be provided. For more information, call 334.502.7839.

Opelika Theatre Company Presents Neil Simon's Hit Comedy "THE ODD COUPLE"

June 28 • 7 pm / June 29 • 2 pm & 7 pm • Southside Center for the Arts • 1103 Glenn Street

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Go online to www.opelikatheatrecompany.com to pre-order tickets or call 334.663.2593 for more information. Opelika Theatre Company is a member of the American Association of Community Theatres (AACT), Opelika Chamber of Commerce, Auburn Chamber of Commerce, and Opelika Mainstreet, and supports OHS, AHS, Auburn University, and Auburn Area Community Theatre. Come and support OTC and help us to continue to grow and keep Theatre alive in our community.

Don't miss this hilarious presentation starring :

Wesley Knox as Oscar Madison • **Garrett Bell** as Felix Ungar • **Sheriff Jay Jones** as Vinnie • **Ernie Golden** as Murray the Cop • **Dr. John Roberts** as Roy • **Kevin Caldwell** as Speed • **Cathy Mayhugh** as Cecily Pigeon • **Amanda Baker** as Gwendolyn Pigeon

Family Day at Bandy Park Rescheduled

June 30 • 11:30 am Ribbon Cutting / Family Day Afterwards • 214 Jeter Avenue

Celebrate the present upgrades of Bandy Park with a rededication and ribbon cutting at this Family Day event. All churches, families, social clubs, and graduating classes are invited to RSVP a space for a tent. For more information, call 334.444.5869 or email tiffanygpitts@gmail.com.

Basketball Games • Community Slide • Live Entertainment

Lee County Night at the Columbus Civic Center: Columbus Lions vs Massachusetts Pirates

June 30 • 7 pm (EST) • Columbus Civic Center • Columbus, GA

See the Columbus Lions in action at this thrilling, high-scoring arena football event for Lee County businesses and organizations. The Lions feature former Auburn QB Jeremy Johnson and LB Greg Hall, Jr. Have fun with "Leo the Lion," Lady Lions and the Jr. Lady Lions Dance Teams. The Lions have a 107 – 49 won-lost record with 3 league championships! Visit www.columbuslions.net or call 706.332.3336 or more information or to get tickets!

Lions Flyer / Ticket Information

Welcome and Befriend International Students with AFF Program

Auburn Family Friends (AFF) is a cross-cultural program coordinated by the AU Graduate School that connects members of the Auburn/Opelika community with international graduate students and scholars attending Auburn

University. AFF is currently recruiting local community members to become “Family Friends” to newly arriving students in early August. To apply or learn more information visit <http://foiauburn.org/>.

Opelika Parks & Recreation: 66th Annual Freedom Celebration

July 3 • Opelika High School • 334.745.5560 • www.opelika.org/opr

- 6:30 pm Celebration begins with inflatable games, hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn, activities for the whole family and entertainment by Route 66
- 7:30 pm Silver Wings
- Dark Ultimate Fireworks Show

Opelika Parks & Rec’s Summer Swing Concert Series

July 10 • Martha’s Trouble • 7 pm • Municipal Park

*Note: July 3 – No Concert

Region 5’s – Annual Career Discovery Expo Set for September

Helping Students Find their Career Path

September 13 & 14 • Southern Union • Opelika Campus

The Career Discovery Expo is an industry-led initiative that targets 8th graders in 13 counties!

How many students know what they want to be when they grow up? This Expo helps students make wise decisions about their future and helps them understand the value of education in preparing for careers that will lead to economic prosperity. Students will learn about occupations, educational requirements, and average salaries from 11 career clusters. If you would like to be in the Expo or a sponsor of this great event, please contact Rod Cater, crcater@southernco.com. [Sponsorship Information](#)

Pursell Farms Offering “The Best Adventure in Alabama”

386 Talladega Springs Road • Sylacauga, AL • www.pursellfarms.com

This package starting at just \$232 per person plus tax includes one room in the Inn, the UTV MTN. experience, a round of 100 Shot Sporting Clays and a boxed lunch. Two exhilarating adventures plus lodging for one grate rate! Add more activities to enhance your stay! [Flyer](#)

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Project Uplift at Auburn University Hosting Summer Training Sessions

No registration is required and only one session is needed. Training will be held in Cary Hall 158. For more information, call 344.844.4430 or visit, www.auburn.edu/projectuplift, www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift, [@auprojectuplift](https://twitter.com/auprojectuplift).

- July 15 3 – 7 pm

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Point University Seeking Communications Director

Point University is a private liberal arts institution that educates their students within a Christian worldview so they are equipped to take their faith into the market place and all of life while achieving their professional goals. The Communications Director serves as the University’s chief communications officer and is responsible for overseeing all marketing, branding, brand management and communication services for the University.

[Job Details](#)

Lee County Literacy Coalition Seeking Executive Director

The LCLC is a volunteer, non-profit, United Way agency dedicated to providing free, one-to-one tutoring to their residents. For more information, call 334.444.2002 or to send a resume, email betsy@leecountyliteracy.org.

[Job Details](#)

SAVE THE DATE

July 2018

- Lee County Schools Educator's Breakfast ● July 30

Character Trait: Resourcefulness

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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