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## CHAMBER EVENTS

- 4/3 **Iceland Trip Informational Meeting**  
12 Noon or 5:30 pm • Chamber
- 4/11 **New Members / Connections Breakfast**  
8 am • Taziki's
- 4/12 **Business After Hours at Storybook Farms**  
5 – 7 pm • 300 Cusseta Road
- 4/16 **Legislative Reception**  
5 – 7 pm • AU Regional Airport
- 4/24 **Business Over Breakfast with DesignAlabama**  
7:30 – 9 am • Saugahatchee Country Club

### Chamber Members

Please let us know what year your business opened for our records. Please email [coc@opelikachamber.com](mailto:coc@opelikachamber.com).

### Chamber Taking 20 Under 40 Applications for 2018-2019

**Presenting Sponsor:** Opelika City Council

**Platinum Sponsor:** Baxter International • Opelika Industrial Development Authority

**Gold Sponsors:** Chicken Salad Chick • MAX • The Opelika Rotary Club

The “20 Under 40” program, under the direction of the Opelika Chamber of Commerce, is looking for 20 outstanding people under the age of 40 who live in Opelika, love Opelika and have a vested interest in shaping the direction of this city’s future. You will be encouraged to think outside the box and you will be challenged to think of ways to make our city better and improve the quality of life. For more information, call 334.745.4861 or visit [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com). [Application](#) [Employer Letter](#) [Scholarship Application](#)

### Iceland Trip Informational Meeting

April 3 • 12 Noon or 5:30 pm • Opelika Chamber

Trip Date: March 16 – 22

**Highlights:** Reykjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, Vik, Eyjafjallajokull Volcano Visitor Center, Skogar Folk Museum, Skogafoss, Jokulsarlon, Glacial Lagoon, Skaftafell National Park, Vatnajokull Glacier, Blue Lagoon

## CONGRATULATIONS

- **Irish Bred Pub** is under new ownership. Enjoy a new atmosphere, new menu, new drinks, and same great service. Visit them at 833 South Railroad in Downtown Opelika.
- **Three-Sixty {real estate} Resort Living** is getting a permanent home at Lake Martin in Dadeville on Highway 49!

- **Three-Sixty {real estate} welcomes Payton Hester to their expanding group.**
- **Trip Walton of Walton Law Firm, P.C. has been selected to “Super Lawyers” for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row! 334.321.3000 | www.waltonlaw.net**

## **CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT**

**Shey Knight • Autosport • 3601 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika • 334.745.2166  
www.betterfasterrepairs.com** • Shey is the chairman of the Opelika Chamber Board of Directors. He has been in the auto collision industry for 33 years and is the CFO for The Only One, Inc. (dba Autosport.) Because he loves what he does, Shey really doesn't look at it as a job. He oversees the company's operations and usually balances his time between interacting with customers, analyzing best /safest repair procedures, maintaining revenue management and inspecting and /or test driving cars. As a Rotarian, he volunteers with many projects including Back to the Dawghouse football camp, special needs Christmas party, Burger Wars and packing back packs. Being a Master Gardener, he helps with many beautification projects. In his spare time, he likes to work in his yard, snow ski, ride motorcycles, scuba dive and hang out with his 205lb great dane, "Little."

## **MEMBER NEWS**

Visit our Community Calendar at [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com) for more details.

### **Chamber Appreciation Week March 12-18 at Sleep Number**

Sleep Number is offering exclusive offers for chamber members. Visit Sleep Number at 2065 Interstate Drive, Opelika.

### **Upcoming Events at the Bottling Plant Event Center**

For more information, call 334.705.5466 or visit [www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com](http://www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com).

- **Wine Down Wednesdays** Every Wednesday - ½ Price House Wine 5 pm
- **March 14** "Battle for O-Town" Comedy Competition 7 – 9 pm
- **March 24** East Alabama Home & Garden Show 9 am – 1 pm

### **Kenny on the Keys is Back at Piccolo**

**March 15 • 7 – 9 pm • The Hotel at Auburn University • 241 S. College Street • Auburn**  
Enjoy an extended aperitivo hour and \$5 glasses of wine while Kenny performs favorites from Billy Joel, The Temptations and more. Space is limited so get there early! For more information, call 334.844.5140.

### **St. Patrick's Day Street Festival**

**Eat, Drink and Be Irish!**

**March 17 • 11 am – 2 pm • Downtown Opelika**

Spend your St. Patty's Day enjoying live music, street food, Irish dancing and activities for the whole family! For more information, contact the Irish Bred Pub, 334.363.2235.

### **SafeSpray Pest Control is offering Discount to Opelika Chamber Members**

SafeSpray is offering a 10% discount on one year of our **Mosquito Defender Service**. Spring is here, which means those pesky mosquitoes are out in full force. SafeSpray Pest Control is a locally owned business with a 100% satisfaction guarantee. We offer a range of services to defend your home or office from termites, pest, mosquitoes, and moisture. Call 334.209.4747 and let them DEFEND your home! Please mention that you are a member of the Opelika Chamber and receive 10% off your first year of service for Mosquito Control.

### **Family & Friends Event at Sears**

**March 18 – 20 • 3724 Pepperell Parkway**

Save over \$100 on Husqvarna lawn mowers and over \$400 on a Craftsman riding lawn mower plus 25%

to 50% off other Craftsman tools. Almost everything in the store is 10% off. For more information, call 334.364.1074.

### **Opelika Theatre Company Hosting Auditions for Hairy Tale Rock**

**March 19 & 20 • 6:30 – 8 pm • Southside Center for the Arts • 1103 Glenn Street**

Auditions for ages 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up will be held March 19 & 20 from 6:30-8 pm. This will be the first round of auditions due to spring break dates in March. This production has 22 roles and ensemble. For more information, call 334.663.2593.

### **United Way of Lee County Bunny Box Fundraiser**

United Way of Lee County is partnering with Gigi's Cupcakes to raise funds for our 28 partner agencies and programs. Each Bunny Box is \$15 with \$5 being donated to United Way of Lee County.

**All orders are due Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.** You may call United Way of Lee County to order also, 334.745.5540

### **Dad's League "Family Man" Locker Room Sessions**

**March 22 • 6 – 8 pm • 510 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

Father and father figures from all over the community can now attend these Locker Room Sessions, which are meant to provide an environment primarily for non-custodial fathers to discuss some of the issues facing them, connect with others and local resources to assist with some of the difficulties that fathers face today. To register for the session, visit [dleagueconnects.org/jtc](http://dleagueconnects.org/jtc). For more information, call Antione Harvis, 334.749.8400, ext. 235.

### **CarePoint Resources Offers First Aid CPR Training Opportunities**

For more information, call 877.242.2527 or visit [www.mycarept.com](http://www.mycarept.com).

- **March 22 • 6:30 pm • Free Community CPR AED Training • Collaboration Station**
- **March 29 • 4:30 pm • First Aid CPR Certification Class • Auburn Chamber**

### **KOB Hosts Opelika Recycle & Shred Day at Jeter Recycle Center**

**March 24 • 8 – 11 am • 675 Jeter Avenue**

All shredding will be done on sight. Paper clips and staples do not have to be taken out but paper will need to be removed from binders. There is a 10-box limit for shredding. Other items accepted daily at the Jeter Recycle Center include electronics, aluminum cans, appliances, cardboard, glass (brown, clean & green), newspaper, plastic, scrap iron, steel cans, tires, used cooking oil and yard debris. For more information, call 334.749.4970 or email Tipi, [tipi@keepopelikabeautiful.com](mailto:tipi@keepopelikabeautiful.com).

### **The Opelika-Auburn News Hosting The East Alabama Home & Garden Show**

**March 24 • 9 am – 1 pm • Bottling Plant Event Center**

Presented by The Home Depot, the show's admission is only one canned good or a \$1 donation to Newspapers in Education. Please join us for a day of fun featuring vendors who are looking to help you complete your indoor & outdoor home projects. While you're there, enter to win great door prizes from sponsors & vendors! For more information, please contact Sheila Haydel at the Opelika-Auburn News, 334.737.2538 or [shaydel@oanow.com](mailto:shaydel@oanow.com).

### **Niffers at the Tracks Donating Portion to OHS Project Graduation**

**March 26 • 917 S. Railroad**

Niffers will donate a portion of their proceeds for the evening to Opelika High School's Project Graduation. Plan to go by and have a great dinner and support Project Graduation at the same time. All you have to do is sign the bottom of your receipt and leave it with them. For more information, call 334.787.5989.

### **Granger Thagard's Upcoming Commercial Real Estate Auctions**

For more information, call Jack Granger, CAI, 873, 205.326.0833 or visit [www.gtauctions.com](http://www.gtauctions.com).

- **March 28 • 1pm • Exit #282 • Warrior, AL** [Flyer](#)
- **April 5 • 1 pm • 3453 Sierra Drive, Hoover, AL** [Flyer](#)

### Opelika Parks & Recreation Easter Events

For more information, call 334.705 5560.

- Flashlight Egg Hunt ● March 29 ● 7:30 pm ● Moore Stadium (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) [Flyer](#)
- Underwater Egg Hunt ● March 30 ● 6 – 8 pm ● Sportsplex (6 – 10 years old) [Flyer](#)
- Easter on the Square ● March 31 ● Courthouse Square (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Under) [Flyer](#)
  - 10 – 10:45 am Easter Egg-Tivities
  - 10:40 am Easter Bonnet Contest
  - 10:45 am The Ultimate Parade
  - 11 am Super Spectacular Egg Hunt

### Easter Brunch at the Marriott at Grand National

April 1 ● 11 am – 3 pm ● 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a delicious Easter lunch at the Marriott. Make your reservations by calling 334.737.2187. [Menu](#)

### Easter Brunch at Ariccia Trattoria

April 1 ● 10:30 am – 2 pm ● The Hotel at Auburn University ● 241 S. College Street ● Auburn

The brunch buffet features an omelet station, artisan cheeses, Mrs. Annie's fried chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, creamed corn, a mac & cheese bar and a carving station with a steamship round. There will also be a Kids Corner and an appearance by the Easter Bunny. The cost is \$45 for adults; \$19 for children 6 – 12 years old and free for children under 5. To reserve your spot, call 334.844.5140.

### SUSCC Hosting 3rd Annual Simply Spring Luncheon, Fashion Show, & Marketplace

Vendors for Market & Table Sponsorships available

April 10 ● 10 am – 2 pm ● SUSCC – Opelika Campus ● Southern Room

This fun event is a fundraiser for the Foundation Scholarship Program. For vendor or table information or to buy a ticket, please call 334.749.6437, ext. 5352. [Flyer](#)

10 am – 2 pm Marketplace  
12 pm Luncheon and Fashion Show

### Upcoming Events at Saugahatchee Country Club

334.749.4342 ● [www.saugahatcheecountryclub.com](http://www.saugahatcheecountryclub.com)

Is your child interested in golf? If so, join the fun at Saugahatchee in all areas of Jr. Golf! All camps are taught by Certified Golf Professional Charlie Richardson.

- Jr. Golf Academy ● April – August ● Ages 6 – 13 [Flyer](#)
- Jr. Golf Camp ● June 12 – 14, June 19-21, July 10-13 [Flyer](#)
- Advanced Jr. Golf Camp ● July 31, August 1-2 ● Ages 10 – 15 [Flyer](#)
- PGA Jr. League Golf Tournament ● \$300 / player [Flyer](#)

### Sponsorships Available for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors Ball

Guest Speaker: NFL Hall of Famer Andre Reed

April 19 ● The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center ● Auburn

The Mayors Ball is a joint fundraiser between Mayor Fuller & Mayor Ham to raise funds that contribute to the daily operating expenses of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County. If you would like to sponsor this event, visit [www.bgcleeco.org/mayors-ball](http://www.bgcleeco.org/mayors-ball) or call 334.502.1311.

- Table Sponsor of 10 with VIP Tickets \$2,500
- Table Sponsor of 10 \$ 2000
- Individual VIP Ticket \$ 150
- Individual Ticket \$ 100

### Alabama Rural Ministry's Cycle of Service Registration is Underway

April 20 – 22 ● Across Alabama or Local Gyms

Cyclists can ride across Alabama or join local gyms including Opelika Sportsplex and Aquatics Center for a 245 mile spin competition. For information, visit [www.cycleofservice.arm-al.org](http://www.cycleofservice.arm-al.org)

### Unity Stampede 5K /1 Mile Fun Walk/ Wheel Event Has Sponsorships Available

**April 28 • Opelika Sportsplex**

Envision Opelika & Southern Union are teaming up again for this unique community event with an even greater mission: to strengthen relationships among citizens of all cultures in our community. For more information, contact:

**Amy Rogers**

[arogers@suscc.edu](mailto:arogers@suscc.edu)

745.6437, ext. 5530

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[bhpatton@myops.net](mailto:bhpatton@myops.net)

745.4861

**Tom Tippet**

[thtippet@juno.com](mailto:thtippet@juno.com)

524.9148

### Spicer's Music 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Music Camps

For more information and online registration, visit [www.spicersmusic.com](http://www.spicersmusic.com).

Each camp is designed to build musical skills and encourage the love of music in a fun and positive environment. [Camp Details](#)

- **Camp Kazoo**           Ages 3 to 5
- **Rock Camp Jr.**       Ages 6 to 7
- **Rock Camp**           Ages 8 – 11
- **Rock Camp Pro**      Ages 12 - 18

### EAMC Foundation's Christmas Ball Benefiting the Cancer Center of East Alabama

**November 29**

There are several sponsorship levels available for the upcoming Christmas Ball. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! For more information, call 334.528.5923, visit <http://www.eamcfoundation.org> or email Mimi, [mimi.martin@eamc.org](mailto:mimi.martin@eamc.org).

### EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### GED for Free at Southern Union

Take the official GED Practice test FREE. If you pass, take the GED Test FREE (\$144 value). Call Southern Union Adult Education Department for details, 334.749.8480 and ask about *See 4 Free*.

Walk in times: **Opelika Campus: Wednesdays, 8 am – 2 pm (CST)**

**Valley Campus: Mondays, 8 am – 2 pm (EST)**

**Wadley Campus: Wednesday, 3 -8 pm (CST)**

#### Auburn University Project Uplift Training

**March 18 • 3 – 7 pm • Cary Hall Room 158 • Auburn University Campus**

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to children in the area between the ages of 5 -12, come to a Project Uplift training session. No registration is required. Only one session is needed. For more information, call 334.844.4430 or visit [www.auburn.edu/projectuplift](http://www.auburn.edu/projectuplift) /

[www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift](http://www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift).

#### Lee County Literacy Coalition Financial Literacy Workshop

**March 21 & 22 • 10 am – 12 Noon • Dean Road Recreation Center**

This two-session workshop covers basic financial information such as how to track spending, budget, manage a checking account and use credit. For more information, call 334.705.0001.

#### Upcoming Events at the Cooper Library

**Lewis Cooper Memorial Library • 200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

For more information or to register, call 334.705.5380 or visit [www.cooperlibrary.com](http://www.cooperlibrary.com)

- **Full STEAM Ahead • March 19 -23 • 1:30 pm daily**  
*Join Library staff for a full week of exciting STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) events*
- **Tuesdays @ Two Director's Program Series • 2 pm**  
**March 27 • Of Goats & Governors**

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Goodwill Career Center Events**

334.275.4815 • 3740 Pepperell Parkway

- March 19 Student Job Fair – Held at the Opelika Housing Authority on Raintree Street
- March 23 Health Fair – Free Health Resources
- March 28 GED Orientation

### **Drake Martin – State Farm Seeking Account Representative**

Are you outgoing and customer-focused? Do you enjoy working with the public? If you answered yes to these questions, working for a State Farm independent contractor agent may be the career for you! State Farm agents are independent contractors that market State Farm insurance and financial services products. [Job Details](#)

### **ADS Seeking Outside Sales Representative**

They are looking for highly motivated individuals who want to be part of a winning team. Sales Consultants daily responsibilities includes prospecting (self-generate), follow-up on company sales leads, presenting security products and services to businesses and homeowners, ensure proper contracts and continuous communication with sales management. Email resume to [rgarrido@adssecurity.com](mailto:rgarrido@adssecurity.com) or mail to: ADS Security • 1619 Thomason Drive, Opelika, AL 36801 (No phone calls, please).

[Job Requirements & Benefits](#)

### **The Hotel at AU & Dixon Conference Center Has Positions Available**

Positions open include: Conference Services Manager, Chef de Partie, and Guest Relations Coordinator. For more information, contact Kelly Giddens, [kelly.giddens@auhcc.com](mailto:kelly.giddens@auhcc.com).

### **Home Instead Senior Care Hiring Training & Engagement Coordinator**

The coordinator is expected to meet the needs of the CAREGivers, develop and maintain a workplace culture and organize and execute the training programs. For more information, contact Bridget Sager, 334.321.1050 or [bridget.sager@homeinstead.com](mailto:bridget.sager@homeinstead.com). [Job Details](#)

### **Economy Air, Heating & AC Hiring Sales / Service Technician**

For more information, call 334.524.5328 or email [economyairauburn@gmail.com](mailto:economyairauburn@gmail.com) to apply.

Qualifications:

- EPA Certified
- 3 – 5 years min. Experience
- High School Diploma or Higher
- Valid Driver's License
- Positive Attitude, Organized
- Works Well with Others

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **April 2018**

- Red Clay Brewing Company Anniversary Celebration • April 6
- Library Week • April 8 – 14
- Library: Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit • Month of April
- Opelika Historic Preservation Society: “All Aboard” Grand Slam • April 12
- Southern Union Job Fair • April 17
- Main Street: On the Tracks • April 20
- Boys & Girls Clubs: Black Male Summit • April 21
- Sensigreen Foundation Golf Classic and Silent Auction • April 23
- Business Over Breakfast • April 24

- Museum of East Alabama: *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Town* • April 24
- EAA: *A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder* • April 26
- Unity Stampede 5K • April 28

### May 2018

- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Member Golf Tournament • May 1

### Character Trait: Sincerity

#### 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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