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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 Mediterranean Café • 2119 Interstate Drive, Suite C4
- 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
- 4/26 The Denson Group Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 458 S. 10th Street

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. Deadline to Register is March 31, 2018.

[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*

Chamber Accepting Small Business of the Quarter Nominations

Honor a business that has really gone above and beyond to help you by nominating them for the Small Business of the Quarter. Deadline for applications is April 6. [Nomination Form](#)

CHAMBER BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Alfred Davis, Sr. • **Southern Union State Community College** • **1701 Lafayette Parkway, Opelika** • **334.745.6437** • **www.suscc.edu** • Alfred Davis has been in workforce development for many years. First as the Executive Director of Central AlabamaWorks, Region 5 Workforce Council and for the last 15 months as the Director of Workforce Development with Southern Union. He is responsible for coordinating all aspects of Southern Union Workforce Solutions, including Training for Business and Industry, Ready to Work Program, CDL Truck Driving Program, and Career Coach. In addition, he also manages the East Alabama Industrial Consortium Industrial Systems Registered Apprenticeship Program and the Internship/Cooperative Program. In his spare time, Al enjoys walking, gardening and reading and is very active in his church, Washington Chapel A.M.E. Church.

NEW MEMBERS

- **Haddie's Home**
Associations & Organizations
- **Highland Business Park**
Real Estate
- **Mando**
Manufacturing
- **The Mosquito Authority**
Pest Control
- **The Smocking Bug**
Retail

MEMBER NEWS

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

City of Opelika Road Resurfacing Update

When workers are present there could be traffic delays due to flaggers and pilot cars, but traffic will remain open. Drivers are advised to slow down around the work area to watch out for construction workers and equipment. City will update as projects changes occur.

-Oak Bowery Road section from Wigdon Road to Grand National Parkway, and in the Cedar Creek Drive area.

-Patching on Oak Bowery at the bridge near the Grand National entrance

-Patching on Scott Street between Hillcrest and Twin Lakes

-Mobilizing to 30th Street between Pepperell and Cunningham and 24th Street between Pepperell and 1st Ave

Opelika Parks & Recreation Easter Events

For more information, call 334.705 5560.

- **Flashlight Egg Hunt** • **March 29** • **7:30 pm** • **Moore Stadium (3rd – 5th grade)** [Flyer](#)
- **Underwater Egg Hunt** • **March 30** • **6 – 8 pm** • **Sportsplex (6 – 10 years old)** [Flyer](#)
- **Easter on the Square** • **March 31** • **Courthouse Square (2nd grade and Under)** [Flyer](#)

Opelika City Schools Board of Education Meeting

March 29 • **4 pm** • **300 Simmons Street**

CarePoint Resources Offers First Aid CPR Training Opportunities

March 29 • **4:30 pm** • **First Aid CPR Certification Class** • **Auburn Chamber**

For more information, call 877.242.2527 or visit www.mycarept.com.

Paint On The Patio At Ariccia Trattoria

March 29 • 5:30 – 7 pm

Join Lauren Duncan from THE locAL market at A•T Ariccia Trattoria for a series of Easter-themed paintings. Individuals will be guided through a cross and church. The class is \$50 per person and includes the class, materials, two Easter paintings to take home and one glass of wine. [Purchase tickets](#)

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.

Celebrate Easter at Pursell Farms

April 1 • 2200 Farmlinks Blvd. • Sylacauga, AL

Celebrate and enjoy Easter with your family at the Farm! There are two options: Easter Brunch or an Easter Package Stay. For more information, call 256.208.7600 or click on [Pursell Farm Easter](#).

Kindergarten / First Grade Registration at Opelika City Schools

April 2, 3 & 4 • 8 am – 3 pm • Primary Schools

To be enrolled in kindergarten in August, a child must have their 5th birthday no later than September 2 of the year entering school. To be enrolled in 1st grade, a child must have their 6th birthday no later than December 31 of the year entering school. All children must live within the city limits of Opelika and within the school zone in which they are registering. Parents unable to register during these hours on these days should call the school office to set up an appointment for after-hours registration.

What to Bring with You: Birth Certificate • Certificate of Immunization • Child's Social Security Card • Proof of Residency • Picture ID of Parent / Guardian

Schools: Carver Primary • 307 Carver Avenue • 745.9712

Jeter Primary • 700 Jeter Avenue • 745.9723

Southview Primary • 2712 Marvyn Parkway • 745.9711

Board of Education • 745.9700

OLLI at Auburn Spring Term 2018

April 2

OLLI offers academic not for credit programs for adults aged 50 years or older through program sites at Auburn University, AUM in Montgomery, Alabama, and the Chambers County Public Library in Valley, Alabama. OLLI a program of the Office of the Vice President for University Outreach at Auburn University. For more information regarding this program, contact Ileeia A. Cobb, Ph.D., OLLI Director, at 334.844.3105, olli@auburn.edu, or visit the website at www.olliatauburn.org.

Alabama Launchpad Finale Event

April 4 • 4 – 8 pm • ALFA Pavilion – Ag Heritage Park • Auburn University

This event is to support start-up companies at a "Shark Tank" style event where each company will pitch their idea to compete for a share of \$100,000. Open to the public, the admission to this event is \$10 which includes: networking, panel discussion, startup competition, live music, great food and drinks.

[Details.](#)

Red Clay Brewing Company Anniversary Celebration

April 6 • 6 pm • 704 N. Railroad Avenue

Join Red Clay in celebrating their 3rd anniversary! There will be live music from Daniel Webster and the

Devil, Leroy Gold, Dogwood Lung, Beagles, West Chewacla Section Rhythm. Call 334.737.5409 for more information.

Hudson Family Foundation Concert

April 6 • 6-10 pm • Campus Green at Auburn University

The event features Brothers Osborne, an Auburn pep rally and Blane Rudd. Pit tickets are \$30. Sponsorships are still available. For additional information, please contact Jenny Hall at 334.707.9007 or info@hudsonfamilyfoundation.com.

Opelika Theatre Company Presents: "I Buried An Idol"

April 6 • 6:30 Doors Open / 7 pm Show Begins • Niffers on the Tracks

April 22 • 6:30 Doors Open / 7 pm Show Begins • Irish Bred Pub

Join the kooky cast of singing characters on the popular (but deadly) reality TV show, "I Buried an Idol." Contestants are vying for the honor of being America's top singing idol – "The Next Big Thing!" The winner receives a recording contract. The contestants crave fame, fortune, and the fabulous life of a reality star. Of course in order to win, they'll have to sing their way into America's heart. Competitions can get real nasty –a perfect setting for murder! Make your reservation by calling 334.663.2593.

Opelika Azalea & Dogwood Trail Biking Tour

April 8 • 9 am • 2nd Avenue and 8th Street

Get your exercise and enjoy the beautiful spring colors as you bike through the Opelika Azalea & Dogwood Trail Biking Tour. [AO Tourism Route](#)

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 334.745.6437, ext. 5352. [Flyer](#)

10 am – 2 pm

Marketplace

12 pm

Luncheon and Fashion Show

Opelika Historic Preservation Society: "All Aboard" Grand Slam

April 12 • 7 pm • The Bottling Plant Event Center

Only 300 tickets will be sold! Come join the fun and maybe win \$10,000! Tickets can be purchased from Opelika Historical Preservation Society board members.

Opelika High Theatre Society Presents: "Kiss Me Kate"

Opelika Center for the Performing Arts • 1700 Lafayette Parkway

Brush up on your Shakespeare! *Kiss Me, Kate* is a musical written by Samuel and Bella Spewack with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The story involves the production of a musical version of William Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* and the conflict on and off-stage between Fred Graham, the show's director, producer, and star, and his leading lady, his ex-wife Lilli Vanessi. A secondary romance concerns Lois Lane, the actress playing Bianca, and her gambler boyfriend, Bill, who runs afoul of some gangsters. The original production won the Tony Award. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 334.745.9715 or emailing ohts@opelikaschools.org. [Flyer](#)

Production Dates: April 12 7 pm

April 14 3 pm & 7 pm

April 13 7 pm

April 15 3 pm

2nd Annual Au Veterans Golf Classic

April 18 • Moores Mill Golf Club

11 am – Registration / 12 pm – Lunch & Program / 1pm – Shotgun Start / 5:30 pm – Awards

After returning from service, many veterans face challenges. The Veterans Resource Center at AU want to make the transition as easy as possible. Through your participation, you are directly contributing to the well-being of AU student veterans and their families and having a wonderful time playing golf with your friends! Teams of 3 are \$390 with the 4th player a Student Veteran. Individual players are \$130. For

more information, email Kim, evanski@auburn.edu, or call 334.750.3732 or register online, www.aub.ie/vetsgolf.

Sponsorships Available for the 13th 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 or call 334.502.1311.

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

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:

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745.6437, ext. 5530

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AU's Harbert College of Business (HCOB) Seeking Mentors for Students

The HCOB students have shown a great interest and need for meaningful mentoring relationships as they develop professionally. In an effort to provide our students with the best opportunities to succeed, the Office of Professional and Career Development is launching the College's redesigned mentorship program—**Harbert Connects** which is supported by an online platform (People Grove) that features rich allowing for more targeted and meaningful connections, easier and more secure communication, and detailed analytics. Harbert Connects is user-friendly and easily tailored to your specific needs and availabilities. There two mentorship relationships available, formal and informal, depending on the time you can spend with the mentee. The students and the program could not succeed without your help. Students are eager to form these professional relationships. [Mentorship Details](#)

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)

Upcoming Events at the Cooper Library

Lewis Cooper Memorial Library • 200 S. 6th Street

For more information or to register, call 334.705.5380 or visit www.cooperlibrary.com

- **Library Week • April 8 – 14 • Special events all week long**
- **Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit • Month of April**

Software Made Simple Trainings

9 am – 4:30 pm (EST) • 233 12th Street, Suite 911-A • Columbus, GA

To register, call 706.332.7372 or email training@softwaremadesimple.net.

- **April 5** **Excel 2016 Basic** **\$225**
- **April 19** **Excel 2016 Intermediate** **\$225**

- April 26 Excel 2016 Advanced \$225
- April 26 QuickBooks 2017 Level 1 \$225
- April 27 QuickBooks 2017 Level 2 \$225

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Fritz Clinic Seeking Patient Coordinator

Send resume to Barry, barry@fritzclinic.com. [Job Description](#)

- Must have excellent written and oral communication skills
- Must possess telephone etiquette and customer service skills
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and other basic computer programs
- Previous Office Administration, receptionist or experience in a medical office setting preferred

Goodwill Career Center Events

334.275.4815 • 3740 Pepperell Parkway • www.gwisr.org

- March 28 GED Orientation
- March 29 Advantage Solutions Job Fair
- April 3 Time & Stress Management
- April 17 Career Spotlight: Healthcare

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 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.

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. [Job Details](#)

Economy Air, Heating & AC Hiring Sales / Service Technician

For more information, call 334.524.5328 or email 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

- Boys & Girls Clubs: Black Male Summit • April 21
- Business Over Breakfast • April 24
- Museum of East Alabama: *6th Annual Taste of the Town* • April 24
- EAA: A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder • April 26

May 2018

- 19th Annual Member Golf Tournament • May 1
- Summer Swing Concerts in the Park • May 1 – July 31
- Noon Tunes Concert Series • May 2 – 30
- Two Men & A Truck Mother's Day Gift Project • May 13

Character Trait: Sincerity

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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