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CHAMBER NEWS

- 9/18 **National Bank of Commerce Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 2443 Enterprise Drive
- 9/20 **Prewett Insurance Group – Allstate Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 1849 Ogletree Road, Suite 300 • Auburn
- 9/24 **Chamber Membership Reception for SUSCC President Todd Shackett**
5 – 6:30 pm • Red Clay Brewery • 704 N. Railroad Avenue
- 9/25 **Simply Sleep Mattress Center Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 2701 Frederick Road, Suite 105
- 9/28 **First Responders Breakfast**
8 am • Saugahatchee Country Club

Reception for Southern Union President Todd Shackett

September 24 • 5 – 6:30 pm • Red Clay Brewery • 704 North Railroad

Join the Opelika Chamber, the City of Opelika and the Opelika Industrial Authority in welcoming Todd Shackett as the new president of Southern Union State Community College.

Chamber Accepting Christmas Parade Applications

Now through October 19 –No late Entries Accepted After 5 pm on October 19

Parade Date: Saturday December 1 • 10 am • Downtown Opelika

Help us usher in the Christmas season by being a part of the Opelika Christmas Parade. The theme this year is Christmas Showcase. Each handcrafted float entered should be decorated with fun tributes to Christmas-themed films, songs, musicals, etc. The Parade Committee must approve each float idea. If you would like to be on a committee to help with the Christmas parade, please email coc@opelikachamber.com.

[Christmas Parade Guidelines](#)

[Christmas Parade Application](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

- **The City of Opelika and its Parks and Recreation Department** are excited to announce **Olympic Gold Medal Winner Tyler McGill** as the new Opelika Head Swim Coach. McGill will be in charge of all swimming programs in the city.

- **230th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution!** September 17-21 has been declared Constitution Week by Opelika Mayor Gary Fuller.

MEMBER NEWS

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

Newk's Cares: September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Through the month of September, visit Newk's or order online to donate and support finding a cure for ovarian cancer. For more information about Newk's Cares, please visit NewksCares.com. To learn more about Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance, visit www.ocrfa.org. September's featured soup is Thai Chicken with antioxidant-rich ingredients.

Opelika SportsPlex's Celebrating 10th Anniversary (8/31/19) by Offering Free Admission to Small Business

In honor of the 10th anniversary, the SportsPlex has decided to celebrate every month until August 2019! September is "Small Business Sundays" and they are allowing free admission to all small business owners every Sunday in September. Click on the links below to find out all the specials per month!

September

[Small Business Sundays](#)

[Master Calendar](#)

[Member Fun](#)

[Free Guess Passes](#)

RealtySouth Hosting 7th Annual RealtySouth Loves First Responders BBQ Lunch

September 13 • 11 am – 2 pm • RealtySouth Sales Office • 1725 E. University Drive • Auburn

RealtySouth agents will prepare a barbeque box lunch for all Law Enforcement and Emergency Personnel in Lee County. These men and women who are members of our community put their lives on the line for us every day. Please take a minute to tell them how grateful you are for their service to us.

Opelika Rotary Hosting Blood Drives in Celebration of 100 Year Anniversary

September 13th – Opelika City Hall • 8 am – 5 pm

September 19th – Old Navy in TigerTown • 10 am – 3:30 pm

September 21st – Childcare Network • 1 – 6 pm

The Opelika Rotary Club is turning 100 in 2019. In honor of that milestone, the Club is donating 100 items every month to an organization. July was 100 School Supplies for United Way's "Stuff the Bus." August was 100 Cans / Pounds of Food to East Alabama Food Bank and September is 100 Pints of Blood to LifeSouth. Show your support for the Opelika Rotary by "Giving the Gift of Life." Drop by one of these locations on the above dates or the LifeSouth office, 505 East Thomason Circle, during September and donate. Tell them you are a friend of Opelika Rotary.

Opelika City Schools News

• **Board of Education Meeting • September 13 • 4 pm**

The meeting will immediately follow the budget hearing scheduled from 2-4 pm. For more information, call 334.745.9700.

• **West Forest Intermediate Open House • September 13 • 6 pm**

• **Northside Intermediate Open House • September 17 • 6 pm**

Sears Hometown Store Offering 15% - 50% Off Many Items Plus Extra 10% on Most Items

September 14 & 15 • 3724 Pepperell Parkway • 334.364.0174 • [Flyer](#)

Red Clay Oyster Fest

September 18 • 704 N. Railroad

Red Clay Brewing and The Depot in partnership with the Alabama Coastal Foundation are thrilled to present the First Annual Red Clay Oyster Fest featuring the craft brews of Red Clay Brewing Co out of Opelika, AL, and Isle Dauphin Gulf Oysters, from Mobile Oyster Company.

East Alabama Arts Performance Series: Yekwon Sunoo Piano Recital

October 3 • 7:30 – 9:30 pm • Opelika Center for the Performing Arts

(Reception Sponsored by AO Tourism: 5 – 6:45 pm • Bottling Plant Event Center

Gold medalist of the Fifteenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, 28-year-old pianist Yekwon Sunwoo has been hailed for "his total command over the instrument and its expressiveness" (*San Francisco Examiner*). A powerful and virtuosic performer, he also, in his own words, "strives to reach for the truth and pure beauty in music," and hopes to convey those fundamental emotions to audiences. For more

information or to purchase tickets, email info@eastalabamaarts.org or call 334.749.8105.

6th Annual Point University Golf Classic

October 5 • Point University Golf Club

Show off your golf game at this fun event which provides local students in Chamber and Troup Counties scholarships. Please contact Stacy Bartlett, stacy.bartlett@point.edu, for more information.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000
- Skyhawk Sponsor: \$2,500
- Gold Sponsor: \$1,000
- Team Sponsor: \$500
- Hole Sponsor: \$300
- In-Kind Sponsorships

SUSCC Annual Bison Classic Golf Tournament

October 22 • Moore's Mill Club

Calling all Golfers and all those that just love the game of golf! It's time to have a lot of fun with friends on the Golf Course for a great cause! The annual Bison Classic Golf Tournament benefits the SU Foundation Scholarship Fund. If you would like to be a sponsor or register a team, please contact sbrown@suscc.edu.

[Registration Form](#) [Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CarePoint Resources Offering Free Training with AED Purchase to Chamber Members

877.242.2527 • info@carepointresources.com

The free training includes up to five people with a purchase of an AED or small business AEd value package. For more information, call 877.242.2517 or email them info@carepointresources.com.

Auburn University: What's New in Quickbooks Desktop 2018

September 13 • 8 am – 12:30 pm • AU's CASIC Building

To register, call 334.844.5100 or Online

The course will help attendees utilize the features of Quickbooks Desktop 2018 successfully and use the program to offer their clients support. To register, call 334.844.5100 or Online. [Register Online](#)

OLLI at Auburn General Membership Meeting and Information Fair

September 18 • 9 am – 12 Noon • Auburn Church of Christ • 712 S. College Street • Auburn

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Auburn University (OLLI at Auburn) members, guests and friends are all invited to learn more about OLLI at Auburn course offerings, social engagements and initiatives. For more information, please contact Ileeia A. Cobb, Ph.D., OLLI Director, at 334.844.3105, olli@auburn.edu, or visit the website at www.olliatauburn.org.

Auburn University's Project Uplift Upcoming Training Sessions

Cary Hall 158 • Auburn University • <http://www.auburn.edu/projectuplift>

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to children between the ages 5-12, please come to one of the following trainings. No registration is required and only one session is needed. For more information, call 334.844.4430 or visit their website. Like them on Facebook, www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift. Follow them on Instagram: [@auprojectuplift](https://www.instagram.com/auprojectuplift).

September 18 4 - 8 pm

September 30 3 - 7 pm

OLLI at Auburn Hosting General Membership Meeting & Information Fair

September 18 • 9 am – 12 Noon • 712 S. College Street

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) members, guests and friends are invited to learn more about OLLI course

offerings, social engagements and initiatives. AU President Dr. Steven Leath will bring the greetings and William Johnson will provide the presentation. For more information, contact Ileeia Cobb, 334.844.3105 or email olli@auburn.edu.

AU: Blue Ridge Conference on Leaders

October 3 – 5

“The Leadership Experience” is the theme for this year’s conference. The conference provides a management leadership development experience for private and public sector principals, employees and representatives. For more information or to register, call the AU Office of Professional & Continuing Education, 334.844.5100.

[Details](#)

AMEA Scholarships Available for High School Seniors

Deadline: February 11, 2019

If you are graduating from high school in the spring of 2019 and receive public power utility in Alabama, then you could be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) and its 11 Member cities / utilities. AMEA and its Members will make available 44, \$2,500 scholarships (4 scholarships per Member city) in 2019. AMEA Members include Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley (Riviera Utilities), LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga and Tuskegee. To be eligible for an AMEA scholarship, a student’s parent and/or legal guardian must receive electric service from an AMEA Member utility, and the student must attend a four-year college/university, community college, and/or vocational/trade school within the state of Alabama. Applications are currently available from school counselors in these Member cities, or you can go online, www.amea.com. For more information on the program, contact your school counselor or Pamela Poole, AMEA Scholarship Program Coordinator, 334.387.3504, 800.239.2632, Ext. 110, or pam@amea.com.

[Scholarship Application](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Lee County Association of Realtors Seeking Administrative Assistant

The position starts at \$14 per hour. General responsibilities include performing a variety of Internet research functions, use word processing, spreadsheets and association management systems, provide system support to membership, field telephone calls, assist in filing and data entry, maintain social media marking, greet visitors and perform general administrative duties. For more information or to apply, send a resume to Jamie Sergen at jsergen@leecorealtors.com or call 334. 321.0606.

SAVE THE DATE

October 2018

- Dixie Electric Plumbing & Air: Catch Me in the Pink Campaign ● Month of October
- Lee County Fair ● October 2 – 6
- New Members / Connections Breakfast ● October 10
- Cooper Library: Crafter Hours ● October 18
- The Hallows ● October 27
- Parks & Rec: Tour de Fright ● October 23
- Halloween Drop-In ● October 25
- Great Pumpkin Splash ● October 26
- Fall Movie at the Plex: Halloweentown ● October 27
- Fall Festival ● October 30
- Business Over Breakfast with Alabama Association of Realtors ● October 23
- Alliance HR Ribbon Cutting ● October 23
- Glenn Shepard Seminar ● October 25

- Alzheimer's Association: East Alabama Walk to End Alzheimer's ● October 28

Character Trait: Cooperation

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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