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## CHAMBER NEWS

- 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
- 10/2 **Lee County Fair Ribbon Cutting**  
4 pm • Lee County Fair Grounds
- 10/3 **Performance Series Reception before Yekwon Sunoo Piano Recital**  
5 -6:45 pm • Adams Beverages  
Sponsor: **Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau**
- 10/10 **New Members / Connections Breakfast**  
8 am • The Southern Room (SU Opelika Campus)  
Sponsored by: **Southern Union Community College**
- 10/17 **Chappy's Deli-Auburn Ribbon Cutting**  
10 am • 754 E. Glenn Avenue • Auburn

### 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.

### Performance Series Reception – Before the Yekwon Sunwoo Piano Recital

**October 3 • 5 – 6:45 pm • Adams Beverages • 2800 Wyndham Industrial Drive**

**Sponsor: Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau**

Join us for a Performance Series Reception with wine, beer & hors d' oeuvres. The event is open for Opelika Chamber Members and Performance Ticket Holders. No RSVP is necessary.

### 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**

**Grand Marshal Sponsor: Prewett Insurance Group**

**Grand Marshal: Dixie Boys State Champions**

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](mailto:coc@opelikachamber.com).  
[Christmas Parade Application & Guidelines](#)

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- **Opelika Oberver is Celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**
- **Homeworks of Alabama** is thrilled to welcome Design Assistant **Lilly Rezutko** to the team!
- **230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution!** September 17-21 has been declared Constitution Week by Opelika Mayor Gary Fuller.
- **Grand National, Robert Trent Jones Trail**, made the “Three Favorite Golf Destinations for a Fall Buddies Trip” list. It was at the top of the “Five Must Play Courses” in the RTJ Golf Trail.
- **Members of the Auburn Fire Department and Opelika Fire Departments** participated in the Alabama Remembers 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Sunday, September 16, 2018. The Stair Climb is a way to honor and remember the FDNY firefighters who selflessly gave their lives so that others might live on 9-11-2001. Each participant pays tribute to an FDNY firefighter by climbing the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. The firefighters climbed 22 stories of the RSA Tower five times. The support of the 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb events provides assistance to the surviving families and co-workers of the 343 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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| ● Toland Realty                  | <i>Real Estate</i>                    |
| ● Jay Toland - Toland Realty     | <i>Real Estate Agent</i>              |
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## **MEMBER NEWS**

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

### **Louie's Chicken Fingers (Opelika) Hosting 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fridays After OHS Home Games**

1479 Fox Run ● 334.745.0050

Every Friday night after an OHS home game Louie's (Opelika location only) will be open late and have a \$5 chicken fingers and fries special. [Flyer](#)

### **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](http://NewksCares.com). To learn more about Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance, visit [www.ocrf.org](http://www.ocrf.org). September's featured soup is Thai Chicken with antioxidant-rich ingredients.

### **Simply Sleep Mattress Center Running a Contest for a Free Mattress**

**Now through November 1 ● 2701 Frederick Road, Suite 105**

Simply Sleep Mattress Center is running a contest for a free king Mattress. Everyone who comes to the Ribbon Cutting on September 25 will be getting two entries to try two mattresses while they are there. There will also be food and coffee. Come by the store anytime between now and November 1 to try two mattresses and receive two

entries. We will also be giving away coupons for a free smoothie for Honestly Smooth, located behind the store.

### **Eleve - Auburn Dental Spa Specials**

**1575 Professional Parkway • 334.821.2846 / 334.521.7728**

- **5% of the sales** from our eLeve products (Signature lotion & Signature body wash) will be donated to the Exceptional Foundation of East Alabama!
- **ELEVE : 10% off** of all Couple's Massages/Facials (please continue to run through the year)
- **AUBURN DENTAL SPA** : September 3 - September 27 - Book a Teeth Whitening Session at Auburn Dental Spa and be entered to win a YEAR of FREE smoothies from Edible Arrangements (1 per week for 1 year, so 52 smoothies!) AND a FREE Teeth Whitening session to use before the end of the year from Auburn Dental Spa!
- **BONUS ENTRY OPPORTUNITY** : write a review on our Auburn Dental Spa Facebook page while you receive your treatment! We will draw the winner September 27 at 4 pm!

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

In honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> 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](#)**

### **Opelika Rotary Hosting Blood Drives in Celebration of 100 Year Anniversary**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> – Old Navy in TigerTown • 10 am – 3:30 pm**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> – 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.

### **Upcoming Events at The Hotel at Auburn University**

- **Dine At A-T's Chef Table**

**September 20 • 334.844.5140**

Foodies with a curious appetite can put their palates in the hands of A-T's capable chefs. The A-T tasting menu is only available at the Chef's Table and features the chef's choice of cuisine from the A-T menu. Guests will experience a six-course dinner as chefs create tapas-style portions of current A-T favorites. The price is \$55++ per person and wine pairings are \$20++ per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (334) 844-5140.

- **Kenny Heard At Piccolo**

**September 20 • 7 – 9 pm • The Hotel at Auburn University • 241 South College Street**

Kenny on the Keys is back! Live music from Kenny Heard as he performs favorites from Billy Joel, The Temptations and more. Guests can enjoy an extended aperitivo hour and \$5 glasses of wine. This event fills up fast, so arrive early to secure a seat. For more information, call 334.832.8200.

### **OA News Focusing on Breast Cancer Awareness: Fight for a Cure**

**Deadline: September 25 / Publish Dates: September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28**

Help increase awareness of October Breast Cancer Awareness events and programs in the community by placing an ad in the OA News. \$150 for a 2 x3 ad! To place your ad or for more information, contact the Opelika-Auburn News Advertising Department, 334.749.6271.

### **March of Dimes: Blue Jeans for Babies**

**Deadline for Ordering is September 28.**

Blue Jeans for Babies® is a fun, easy way for companies, schools, organizations and individuals to show their support for the March of Dimes mission to lead the fight for the health of all moms and babies. Comfort-Color T-shirts are available in adult short and long sleeves, with four color options. Purchase your Blue Jeans for Babies T-shirt and wear in November for Prematurity Awareness Month. The deadline for ordering T-shirts is September 28, 2018. Download the order form or email Linda Gross for more information. [Lgross@marchofdimes.org](mailto:Lgross@marchofdimes.org).  
[Order Form](#)

### **Opelika High Theatre Society Presents: A Midsummer Night's Dream**

#### **Opelika Center for the Performing Arts**

Tickets are \$7 for students and \$10 for adults. Email [ohs@opelikaschools.org](mailto:ohs@opelikaschools.org) or call 334.745.9715 for more information or to obtain tickets.

- September 20, 22, 25, 26, 27 ● 7 pm
- September 23 ● 3 pm

### **The Opelika Sportsplex and Aquatics Center Hosting Health Fair for Seniors**

#### **October 2 ● 8 am – 1 pm ● SportsPlex ● 1001 Andrews Road**

In coordination with the Robert and Marjorie Goodson Foundation, the Lee-Russell Council of Governments Agency on Aging and the Opelika City Council, this Health Fair is for seniors 55 or older and is free and open to the public. It will feature a variety of free services including blood pressure checks, glucose checks, balance exams, vision screenings, cholesterol checks, hemoglobin screenings, depression screenings, medication evaluations and a plethora of information about senior health and care. For more information about the health fair please call (334) 705-5560.

### **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 ● The 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](mailto:info@eastalabamaarts.org) or call 334.749.8105.

### **6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

### **Think Pink Walk**

#### **October 6 ● 9 am Registration / Walk 10:30 am ● Downtown Opelika**

This annual event celebrates breast cancer survivors and raises awareness of the ongoing fight against the disease. The cost is \$15 which includes water, snacks and a Think Pink T-shirt. Live music, entertainment and games will be provided by DJ Ozz. For more information and updates on the event, visit the [Think Pink Opelika Facebook page](#).

### **East Alabama Gun and Hunting Show**

**October 6 & 7 • 9 am to 6 pm • Village Event Center • 804 Columbus Parkway**

There will be vendors setting up to both showcase and sell all things gun, sporting, and hunting related. This is the second gun and hunting show to grace Opelika and Auburn area, and the first was a huge success back this spring. Contact for information Craig McCullough, 334.500.2878 or Sawyer Jones at 334.707.4717.

### **Granger – Thagard Luxury Real Estate Auction**

**October 12 • 1 pm • 2230 Estate Drive • Auburn**

The property is 750+/- feet of lake-frontage in the exclusive neighborhood of Hickory Hills. The main residence is built with stacked rock walls and a cedar shake roof. The view from the backside porches is casual elegance, aligned with nature. The residence was updated three years ago to include hardwood, travertine and slate floors, new appliances, and granite countertops. HVAC and many more extras. All bedrooms including the master are on the main level and each bedroom has its own bath. The full basement can be separate living quarters as well. For more information, visit [www.gtauctions.com](http://www.gtauctions.com) or call 205.326.0833. [Details](#)

### **Opelika Preservation Society Launches Membership Drive**

**October 18 • 7 pm • Brownfield House • 611 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

This annual event will feature a program by Mr. Richard Patton called “Bringing New Life to Opelika’s Historic Past.” Following the program, there will plenty of time to mingle and enjoy refreshments. If you’re a member of the Historical Society, this is a great time to renew your membership. If you are interested in becoming a member, it’s a wonderful time to hear about the purposes of the Society, meet many members, and join!

### **25<sup>th</sup> Opelika Main Street’s On the Tracks**

**October 19 • 6 – 11 pm • Downtown Opelika**

This fun outdoor event will feature a Food and Wine Tasting trail and will weave in and out of the businesses in downtown. Live music performances will be in several locations. Tables for groups or businesses with up to 10 people are also available for purchase. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at [www.onthetracks.org](http://www.onthetracks.org). There will also be a limited supply of tickets available at the Gallery on Railroad, 809 S. Railroad Avenue. For more information, visit On the Tracks Facebook pages.

### **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](mailto:sbrown@suscc.edu).

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

### **The A|O Christmas Market Hosting Inaugural Event**

**November 29 – December 1 • The Bottling Plant Event Center**

This PREMIERE shopping event will include 40-50 merchants and hopes to attract several thousand shoppers from our area. Interested in being a sponsor, a contributor of door prizes | giveaways, or want to be merchant? Please email [larkin@aochristmasmarket.com](mailto:larkin@aochristmasmarket.com) for more details or visit [aochristmasmarket.com](http://aochristmasmarket.com). The Christmas Market will host a variety of special events where a portion of proceeds will benefit various causes in the Auburn | Opelika area. [Event Details](#)

## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **CarePoint Resources Offering Free Training with AED Purchase to Chamber Members**

**877.242.2527 • [info@carepointresources.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@carepointresources.com).

### Olli At Auburn: Wisdom

**September 26 • 2:30 – 4 pm • Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art**

Join OLLI at Auburn for Wisdom Wednesday as Daniel Haulman provides a presentation entitled "The Yamamoto Mission April 18, 1943." OLLI members, guests and friends are all invited to learn more about OLLI at Auburn course offerings, social engagements and initiatives. For more information, contact Dr. Ileeia Cobb, 334. 844.3105 or [olli@auburn.edu](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:pam@amea.com).

[Scholarship Application](#)

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### Village Friends is Seeking Part-Time Coordinator

The position starts at \$15 per hour, 20 hours per week. General responsibilities include connecting our members with our volunteers to perform service tasks, use word processing, spreadsheets and Village Friends management systems, provide system support to membership, field telephone calls, assist in filing and data entry, maintain social media marketing, and perform general administrative duties. For more information or to apply, send a resume to Martha Shepherd at [avillageseniors@gmail.com](mailto:avillageseniors@gmail.com).

#### Goodwill Career Center Hosting Job Fairs

**334.275.4815 • 3740 Pepperell Parkway**

• **1 on 1 Staffing Agency • September 20 • 9 am – 12 pm (CST)**

*Carpenter & Welders • Commercial Glass Window Installers • CNA, LPN, RN, Dieticians • Material Handlers, General Assembly & Warehouse Clerks • Forklift Drivers • Automotive Painter • Automotive Electricians*

• **Multi-Industry Job Fair • September 26 • 10 am – 12 pm**

*Plasmastic • Kelly Services • Aramark • GRIFOLS • ResCare • HomeCare • ProLink Staffing • Home Instead • McDonald's • First Choice Personnel • Money Tax Service • Staffing Connections*  
• *Allegiance Staffing • Twin City Security*

#### Envision Opelika Foundation Looking for Circles Coordinator

Circles® is a nationwide initiative to inspire and equip families and communities to adopt plans that reduce poverty and follow the nationally proven model to end poverty one family at a time through intentional relationships built

across economic classes. Envision Opelika Foundation is initiating Circles of Opelika and is looking to hire a coordinator for the program. [Details](#)

### **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](mailto: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
- Opelika Main Street: On the Tracks ● October 19
- 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](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).

**601 Avenue A - Phone 334.745.4861- Fax: 334.749.4740**

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