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♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

We Love our Chamber Members!

-----CHAMBER NEWS-----

- 2/18 Performance Series Reception / Business After Hours**
5 – 6:45 pm • La Cantina Mexican Restaurant • 870 N. Railroad • Opelika
Before The Czech National Symphony Orchestra
- 2/19 Warehouse Bistro Ribbon Cutting**
4 pm • 105 Rocket Avenue • Opelika
- 2/20 Onin Staffing Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 2805 Frederick Road • Opelika

Pre - Performance EAA Reception / Chamber Business After Hours

February 18 • 5 – 6:45 pm • La Cantina Mexican Restaurant • 870 N. Railroad Ave. • Opelika
Sponsored by: Auburn Opelika Tourism Bureau

This reception is scheduled before the East Alabama Arts performance by The Czech National Symphony Orchestra and is for Chamber Members and Performance Ticket Holders. [Purchase tickets for the performance.](#)



Deadline: February 22 / Email to Chamber Members: March 1

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 Member Enterprise 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.

Annual Membership Golf Tournament

May 7 • Morning Flights available • Robert Trent Jones Grand National

The saying is that more business deals are made on the golf course than in the boardroom.

Whether you love the game of golf, or just want to have fun, this tournament is one that you won't want to miss! There are a few team spots left in the morning flight and some sponsorship opportunities as well. Contact Jill, jrobinson@opelikachamber.com for all the details.

-----CONGRATULATIONS-----

● **Stone Martin Builders** has been honored with the **Platinum Builder award by 2-10 Homebuyers Warranty, the highest tier of their new awards program.** The Platinum Builder Award recognizes accomplished builders who demonstrate leadership in new construction with innovations in design, marketing strategy and construction technology. These builders think big while remaining committed to providing the personal touch that connects home buyers to the communities in which they build.

-----MEMBER NEWS-----

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

Special Election on February 19 for Education

Vote YES for Children and Education

The Lee County Commission has called and ordered a special election to be held on February 19 for the RENEWAL and continuation of the levy of the one mill countywide school tax in Lee County for schools.

City Of Opelika Road Work Notification

Fox Trail, on the interstate side of Fox Run, will be closed through Wednesday, February 13 due to a road failure next to the bridge. The City of Opelika's Public Works Department (ESG) should have the repair completed by February 13. For questions, please call 334.705.5400.

RACO Alabama Has a New Name : INCO Group, LLC

The company continues to be the same Alabama limited liability company. For more information, contact: **Scott Davis, 334.303.2028, scott@incogc.com / Ted Lee, 334.233.3663, ted@incogc.com**

New Website: www.buildindustrial.com

Office Phone Number: 334.273.8904

Spicer's Music Open Now for Rock Camp Registration

There are several camps and sessions offered throughout the summer. For more information, call Spicer's Music at 334.329.7529. [Complete List of Sessions](#)

Here Molly Girl Newsletter

#MollyMail is the monthly newsletter from Here Molly Girl Creative, Strategic Marketing that brings a marketing pick-me-up each month! Subscribers will receive practical tips, information on what's trending and various other musings on marketing and life. To receive #MollyMail, [Click Here](#).

Spend Valentine's at the Spa at Grand National

The Spa at Grand National is offering a special Valentine's Day treat! The Cupid's Calling couples massage is \$240 and the Valentine's Party of One massage for \$230. Room packages are also available. For more information on the massage packages, call 334.737.2250.

The U. S. Census Bureau is Hiring for the Decennial 2020 Census

If you would like to join the 2020 Census Team in collecting data, please call 1.855.562.2020. You can also visit 2020census.gov/jobs.

Valentine's Day Massage Specials at Better Bodies Massage Institute

Offer Ends February 17 • 334.737.1400 • 1010 Renfro Avenue • Opelika

Terrific specials at Better Bodies including 10% off Professional Massage and/or Aroma-Massage for Two in the Student Clinic (\$100 value). Both of you will receive a 60 minute full body massage with two student massage therapists, on separate heated massage tables, with personalized aromatherapy and hot towels to enhance your experience. Student Special is \$85. Vouchers expire in 6 months.

[Special Details](#)

Annual Veterans & Business Employment Workshop

February 15 • 9 am – 3 pm • Southern Union State Community College

Calling all Veterans and Businesses! Register now to participate in the Heroes Hub of Opelika's Annual Veterans & Business Employment Workshop. Registration is free and includes one on one assistance with resume prep, interview prep, and priority interviews with local employers. [Register Here](#)

[Flyer](#)

EAA Presents: The Czech National Symphony Orchestra

February 18 • 7:30 – 9:30 pm • Opelika Center for the Performing Arts

This Symphony puts together a sparkling performance with a conductor who coaxes the very best from his players. Leonard is a true treasure and is immensely talented and charismatic. She is already one of the world's leading artists though still relatively early in her career. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call 334.749.8105 or visit <http://www.eastalabamaarts.org>.

Community Canopy Meeting Hosted By Keep Opelika Beautiful

February 21 • 6:30 pm • Cooper Library • 200 S. 6th Street • Opelika

Ever had a question about a specific tree or wonder which trees are your responsibility? During this meeting we'll hear from Arborist George Barker on his plans for assessing trees on city property. We will also discuss future tree plantings. Contact Keep Opelika Beautiful for more information, tipi@keepopelikabeautiful.com or 334.749.4970.

Ward 2 Academy Presents: "Watch Me Lead, Watch Me Make Change"

February 21 • 6:30 pm • Opelika Learning Center • 214 Jeter Avenue • Opelika

This is a Black History Month Celebration! Join them as their after-school participants show off their art work and acting skills. There will be live performances, an art showcase, and lots of fun! For more information, contact Ward 2 Representative, Tiffany Gibson-Pitts, tiffanygpitts@gmail.com.

Taylor Made Designs 18th Birthday Celebration

February 21 - 22 • 10 am - 6 pm • 120 S. 8th Street • Downtown Opelika

Join them for a 2-day birthday party event and sale! For more information, call 334.749.2343 or visit www.taylormadeopelika.com.

Child Care Resource Center Hosting Workshop

February 23 • 8 am – 12 Noon • Southern Union Community College

This family resource center provides free training for child care providers in our region. For more information, call Susan Morris Fordham, 334.749.8400. [Register Here](#)

March Of Dimes: The March For Babies Kickoff

February 26 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • EAMC Education Center • 2027 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika

Let's fight for the health of all moms and babies! The funds they raise help March of Dimes empower families with programs, information and tools to have healthier pregnancies. By giving every baby the best possible start, they're building a brighter future for us all. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Linda Gross at lgross@marchofdimes.org, or call 334.513.7381 by **February 21**.

EAMC: "Walk with a Doc"

February 26 • 8 am – 4 pm • EAMC Fitness Trail • Pepperell Parkway

This is a one mile walk with the EAMC Health Care Physicians Group. For more information, call 334.528.2404.

17th Annual Philanthropy Board: Spring Symposium & Luncheon

April 8 • The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center • Auburn

Chef Emeril Lagasse will be the keynote speaker for the upcoming symposium. He will do a "Kick it Up a Notch" cooking demonstration and tasting after the luncheon through a purchase of a Premium Table Sponsorship. Also speaking are Teri Lovelace, "Social Impact Investing" and Olivia Hails, "The Science of Negotiating: A Guide for Women." For sponsorship opportunities or to purchase a ticket, visit www.carycenter.auburn.edu/wpb.

2019 Administrative Professionals Conference

Not All Superheroes Wear Capes: Develop and Celebrate Your Superpowers

April 23 • 8 am – 4 pm

Auburn University Office of Professional and Continuing Education has recruited expert and innovative leaders to present a full day of interactive sessions and group intensives. Flex your creative and analytical muscles, solve problems more easily, make better decisions and gain recognition, confidence, and credibility. This event is designed to help you develop your Super Powers past today's challenges and soar into the future. [Register now](#) and save! Early Registration ends **March 22, 2019**

-----EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES-----

OLLlatAuburn Hosts Wisdom Wednesday's Lecture Series

February 13 • 2:30 – 4 pm • Jules Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art • 901 S. College St. • Auburn

Author and illustrator of "Coloring Your Way Through Alabama's Capitals," Laura Murray will take you on a tour of 200 years of Alabama history through the locations of our state's 5 capitals. For more information, email olli@auburn.edu or call 334.844.3105.

Upcoming Classes at Software Made Simple

9 am – 4:30 pm 233 • 12th Street, Suite 911-A • Columbus, GA • 706.332.7372

- **February 15** **EXCEL 2016 Intermediate** **\$225 per person**
 - **Working with Advanced Functions (Formulas)**
 - **Working with Lists (Sorting / Filtering / Subtotals)**
 - **Analyzing Data (Tables and Conditional Formatting)**
 - **Creating Charts**
 - **Creating PivotTables and PivotCharts**

- **February 20** **QUICKBOOKS Level 1** **\$275 per person**
 - *Setting up the Chart of Accounts*
 - *Creating Customers, Vendors, Employees*
 - *Working with Accounts Payable*
 - *Working with Accounts Receivable*
 - *Working with Inventory*
 - *Working the Item List*
 - *Working with Bank Accounts*

- **February 22** **EXCEL 2016 Advanced** **\$225 per person**
 - *Working with Multiple Worksheets & Workbooks*
 - *Using Lookup Functions and Formula Auditing*
 - *Automating Workbooks (Data Validation, Macros)*
 - *Creating Spark Lines and Maps*
 - *Forecasting Data*
 - *Importing & Exporting Data*

- **February 28** **QUICKBOOKS Level 2** **\$275 per person**
 - *Memorizing Transactions*
 - *Creating Custom Forms (Invoices, Statements)*
 - *Working with Asset, Liability and Credit Card Accounts*
 - *Working with Payroll*
 - *Working with Sales Tax*
 - *Creating Custom Reports*
 - *Estimating, Time Tracking, and Job Costing*
 - *Managing Company Files*

SHRM-CP/SCP Test Prep

Tuesdays, Now - April 30 ● 6 pm - 9:15 pm ● 356 Davis Hall ● Auburn University

The SHRM-CP/SHRM-SCP certification preparation course is designed primarily for individuals seeking credentials that focus on identifying and testing the knowledge and practical real-life experiences HR professionals around the world need to excel in their careers today.

[Register Today!](#)

RAD: Self Defense for Women Class

February 25 & 26 / March 4 & 5 ● 5 – 8 pm ● Southern Union ● Southern Room

The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. It is not a Martial Arts program. The class is free compliments of Sheriff Jay Jones and is led by Corporal Pamela Revels. For more information or to register, email Amy Rogers, arogers@suscc.edu or call 334.745.6437, ext. 5530. **This 12 - hour course requires your attendance at each session to participate in the final simulation for safety reasons.*

Project Uplift Mentor Training

February 26 ● 4 – 8 pm ● Cary Hall 158 ● AU Campus

If you interested in becoming a mentor to children in the area between ages 5 – 12, please come to one of these trainings. No registration is required. Please call 334.844.4430 or email puplift@auburn.edu.

Web: www.auburn.edu/projectuplift Facebook: www.facebook.com/AUprojectuplift

Graphic Design Online: Mastering Adobe Illustrator

March 5 – March 30

Adobe Illustrator is the designer's essential tool for creating vector logos, professional type effects, maps, diagrams, illustrations and more. Understand the unique features of Illustrator, the difference between vector and raster graphics and how to create complex graphics with simple components and selection tools. This course is offered by the Auburn University Office of Professional and Continuing Education as part of the new online graphic design program. [Register Today!](#)

AU Leadership Presents Matt Overby: The DNA of a Level 5 Leader

March 19 • 8 am - 12 noon • Auburn University Student Center • Ballroom B

The AU Leadership Series returns for 2019! In his presentation, Overby will use his past experience with national brands including Chick-fil-A, Starbucks Coffee Company and Target, to help participants apply the attributes of a healthy culture, emotional intelligence, teamwork, vulnerability, generational differences and communication to become leaders worth following.

[Register Today!](#)

-----JOB OPPORTUNITIES-----

Job Fairs & Workshops at Goodwill Career Center

3740 Pepperell Parkway • 334.275.4815 • www.goodwillsr.org

• **Alliance HR Job Fair • February 20 • 10 am – 12 pm (CST)**

Current Openings: Assembly • Press • Machine Operators

• **McDonald's Restaurants Job Fair • February 21 • 9 am – 12 pm (CST)**

Current Openings: Crew Members • Maintenance Person • Shift Managers

-----SAVE THE DATE-----

MARCH 2019

- **Project Uplift Training • March 5 • 4 – 8 pm**
- **Kids Clothes Connection • March 9 - 23**
- **MAX Business After Hours • March 14 • 5 - 7 pm**
- **Project Uplift Training • March 17 • 3 – 7 pm**
- **Business Over Breakfast • March 28 • 7:30 am**
- **Lifestyle Group Business After Hours • March 28 • 5 -7 pm**

Character Trait: TOLERANCE

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.

Registration Policy

Because the Chamber needs to give a headcount to the venue, please register for events by the deadline. No reservations will be taken after the deadline or at the door.

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