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

- 5/2 **Here Molly Girl Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 1006 Opelika Road • Auburn
- 5/9 **First South Farm Credit Joint Business After Hours**
5- 7 pm • 1613 Frederick Road • Opelika
- 5/14 **Chicken Salad Chick Ground Breaking**
10 am • Tiger Town (in front of Kohls)
- 5/17 **Hometown Furniture & Appliance Grand Opening**
3:30 pm • 3720 Pepperell Parkway • Opelika
- 5/23 **Prestige Properties - Auburn Opelika Lifestyle Group
Joint Business After Hours**
5 – 7 pm • 1500 N. Donahue Drive • Auburn
- 5/27 Chamber Closed for Memorial Day

20 Under 40 Program Gearing Up for Fall 2019

Deadline for Applications: May 17

Opelika Chamber's 20 Under 40 program begins in August and runs through May. This program consists of 20 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. Participants will be encouraged and challenged to think of ways to make our city better and improve the quality of life. If you have questions, please contact Mackenzie, mkayler@Opelikachamber.com or call 334.745.4861.

[Application](#) [Scholarship Application](#) [Letter to Employer](#)

Member Enterprise Mailer

Deadline: May 24 / Email to Chamber Members: May 31

Got a terrific sale or service going on? Want to reach over 1400 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.

78th Annual Meeting

July 10 • 11:30 am – 1 pm • Opelika High School Indoor Practice Facility

**Sponsored by: Opelika Ford Chrysler Dodge Jeep
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NEW MEMBERS

- **Center for Vein Restoration**
Healthcare
- **Sign Essentials**
Manufacturing

MEMBER NEWS

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

Auburn Opelika Tourism: Volunteers Needed for The LPGA's Zimmer Biomet

May 23-26 • RTJ Grand National

Volunteers are in need to make this event a success. As a Volunteer AO member of the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau, you will not have to pay the \$35 fee associated with volunteering for this event. A promotional code to waive the fee is listed, below. ** All Volunteer AO members who register to volunteer for this event can use the promotional code **volunteerao2019** to waive the \$35 required registration fee for this event. Only Volunteer AO members will be eligible to volunteer with no registration fee. Interested in volunteering for this event and others? Sign up for [Volunteer AO](#) here! Once you've signed up for Volunteer AO, [click here to volunteer for the LPGA event](#).

Community Foundation of East Alabama Announces Opelika Giving Day

May 1

Ten very valuable nonprofit organizations in Opelika are highlighting important projects they would like to accomplish in their service to the community. Please visit the site below and become familiar with what they would like to achieve. Please consider supporting the project or projects of your choice. To participate, visit <https://www.opelikagivingday.org/>.

Griff Goods Celebrating Opelika Giving Day

May 1 • 6:30 – 8 pm 26 • 719 First Avenue 26 • Opelika

Join Griff Goods for Opelika Giving Day to learn more about the Creepline paths and ways you can help! Drive-By-Tacos will be available and Griff Goods will provide drinks. [Flyer](#)

Jule Collins Smith Museum: Opening Reception for Roger and Greg Brown Exhibition

May 1 • 5 pm • 901 S. College Street • Auburn

Attendees can meet exhibiting artist Greg Brown and enjoy an advance preview of the exhibition before the official opening date of Thursday, May 2. Admission is \$25 for non-members and free for JCSM members. Admission includes beer, wine and light fare. [Register Here](#).

Lee County Master Gardeners Plant Swap

May 1 • 12:30 pm • Harris Center • 425 Perry Street • Auburn

Bring a potted or bare root plant or plants to trade with others. The plants must be healthy and pest-free. Participants may be asked to contribute an interesting or favorite story about their plant. For more information, visit www.leemg.org.

Noon Tunes Concert Series

Wednesdays in May • 12 – 1 pm • Courthouse Square

Bring a chair or blanket, grab lunch and enjoy a picnic while listening to the sounds of local artists!

- **May 1** **Larcus Fuller**

- May 8 Murray Brown Band
- May 15 Martha's Trouble
- May 22 Muse
- May 29 Strawberry Whine

Keep Opelika Beautiful: 14th Annual Garden in the Park

Opelika's Annual Festival Showcasing Homegrown and Handmade Art

May 4 ● 8 am – 3 pm ● Municipal Park ● Denson Drive

Throughout the day, a variety of vendors, children's activities, and live entertainment will be showcased. Items for sale will include handmade jewelry, bags, paintings, bird feeders, personalized items, children's clothing, and pottery. Children will be able to participate in activities such as inflatables, Rocky Brook Rocket rides, making a bird feeder, planting flowers and building kits. Farmer Brown's Petting Zoo will have a camel, donkey, kangaroo, tortoise and more for children to enjoy. Don't miss an introduction to the animals at 12:45pm. The Lee County Master Gardeners and Saugahatchee Bee Keepers Association will also be displaying their exhibits. Live entertainment will be provided by Jeter and Carver Singers, West Forest Singers, Southview Singers and Northside Singers. Also on stage will be Opelika High School Impressions, Opelika Middle School Sensations, Make Your Move and Opelika Theatre Group. Food vendors will be selling BBQ, hotdogs, fish, cakes, pies, smoothies, and more. There is no charge for admission into Garden in the Park. Garden in the Park is a rain or shine event. Please leave all pets at home. For more information, visit www.keepopelikabeautiful.com.

Graduation Brunch At Ariccia Cucina

May 4 – 6 ● 11 am – 2 pm ● 241 S. College Street ● Auburn

Celebrate graduation in style! Enjoy a buffet brunch from 11 am – 2 pm followed by the regular dinner menu. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 334.844.5140 or clicking [Here](#).

Volunteers Needed for NCAA DI Women's Golf Regional

May 5 – 8 ● Saugahatchee Country Club

A slate of the top collegiate Women's Golf teams in the region will compete for one of 6 spots in the 2019 NCAA DI Women's Golf Championships. Auburn University is proud to host this event & Saugahatchee Country Club is honored to have been selected as the host course this year. For more details on the event and for spectator information, please contact the SCC ProShop at 334.749.4342. To volunteer, contact Charlie Richardson, 334.749.4342 or Charlie@saugahatcheecountryclub.com.

Southside Speakeasy Event to Benefit Arts Association of East Alabama

May 10

Imagine you are dressed in your best cocktail attire ready for a night out, and your destination is a secret! A limo will be waiting to take you to the exclusive undisclosed location. Your driver will reveal a code word that gets you in the door. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, live jazz for listening and dancing and other surprises! Proceeds from The Southside Speakeasy will go to The Arts Association of East Alabama in support of its more than 50-year history of bringing the best of the arts to the Opelika / Auburn community. [Purchase Tickets Here](#).

Stamp Out Hunger

May 11

On May 11, letter carriers all across the United States will collect food items and deliver them to the local food banks to help the millions of Americans who face hunger every day. Place bags filled with NONPERISHABLE food items like canned meats, canned soup, juice, pasta, canned vegetables and rice next to your mailbox on Saturday, May 11th, before your carrier arrives and they will deliver the food to

the Food Bank of East Alabama. Please help feed our neighbors in need. For more information, call 334.821.9006.

EAMC's Fit to Fight Event Benefiting the Robert & Marjorie Goodson Oncology Wellness Program

May 11 • 8 am – 12 pm • HealthPlus Fitness Center • Auburn

There are Group Fitness Classes, Skin Cancer Screenings, Chair Massages, Silent Auction and more!

For more information, call 334.887.5666 or email Rachel, carswra@gmail.com.

To register for walk, [Click Here](#). Register by May 3 to guarantee a Fit to Fight t-shirt. Registration is \$20.

[2019 Fit to Fight Event Flyer.pdf](#)

Dermatology Specialists of Alabama Offering Free Skin Cancer Screening

May 17 • 1543 Professional Parkway • Auburn

In honor of Skin Cancer Awareness Month, Dermatology Specialists of Alabama is hosting a FREE cancer screening to any adult who has not been screened within the past 12 months. Call 334.821.9308 to schedule your free screening. www.dermatologyspecialistsal.com.

East Alabama Arts Presents: Opelika Songwriters Festival

Memorial Day Weekend: May 24-26 • Downtown Opelika

The Opelika Songwriters Festival will consist of 40 singer-songwriters including local artists as well as internationally acclaimed singer-songwriters who will perform solo and in the round. The Festival will take place in Downtown Opelika in seven locations including John Emerald Distillery, Irish Bred Pub and Chirpwood Gallery. [Purchase Tickets / Passes](#)

Upcoming Camps at Saugahatchee Country Club

334.749.4342 • 3800 Bent Creek Road • Opelika

Sign up now for these fun activities before the space is gone! All golf camps are taught by PGA Certified Golf Professional, Charlie Richardson. Call 334.749.4342 to register or email Charlie,

Charlie@saugahatcheecountryclub.com.

- **Junior Golf Camp** ● June 11-13 / June 18-20 / July 9-11 / July 30-Aug 1 [FLYER](#)
10 am-2 pm Each Day – Lunch Included

- **Junior Golf Academy** ● Every Wednesday from August 7th – October 23rd
3:45 pm – 5 pm [FLYER](#)

- **Saugahatchee Kids Summer Discovery Camp** ● June 25-28 [FLYER](#)
9 am – 4 pm Each Day – Snacks & Lunch Included
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334.749.3441 or Mary@saugahatcheecountryclub.com

-----**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**-----

SUSCC Hosting Adult Education Free Computer Literacy Class

April 15 – June 10 / Orientation April 15 • 4 -6:30 pm • Southern Union
Classes are on Mondays from 5 – 6:30 pm.

Each participant has the opportunity to earn up to 10 different certificates from NorthStar Digital Literacy. All adults in the community are invited to improve their computer skills! Call Stephanie, 334.745.6437, ext. 5413 or visit <http://www.suscc.edu/adulted>.

The Auburn University Office of Professional & Continuing Education Upcoming Events

● Graphic Design Online: Up and Running on Adobe Photoshop ● May 6 – June 3 (Online)

In this hands-on course, we will work through examples of real-world creative challenges you will encounter as you learn to master Adobe Photoshop CC. They will start from the basics and work up to more challenging and exciting techniques. You'll learn about adjusting colors, masking, retouching, and manipulating images. As a graphic designer, you will learn what it takes to work efficiently and effectively, gaining the skills needed to add Photoshop into your creative toolkit. This course is offered as part of the new online graphic design program.

[Register Today!](#)

● AU Leadership Presents Lori King Taylor: Emotional Intelligence ● May 16 ● 8 am – 12 pm

Emotional intelligence is the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and with empathy. As a leadership tool, emotional intelligence provides a leader with the ability to analyze, interpret, and assess the environment and use that information to inform the decision making process. In this emotional intelligence leadership course, you will increase your personal leadership by learning how to manage your emotions in your most difficult moments, enabling you to perform and lead at your best, and connect with others in a more meaningful way. **This session is recognized by SHRM to offer Professional Development Credits (PDCs).*

[Register Today!](#)

● Hap Arnold Lecture Series (Free and open to the public.) ● May 16 ● 6 – 8 pm

In partnership with the Office of Professional and Continuing Education, the Hap Arnold Lecture Series is an outreach effort of the United States Air Force Air War College with the goal of fostering direct discussion and exchange between senior military officers and the public on matters related to national security. The platform employs a panel of senior officers, designated for their military experience, academic accomplishments and expertise in the area of national security. Held annually, this program was created to foster dialogue and to expand understanding between senior military leaders and the surrounding communities.

[Register Today!](#)

Emerging Leadership Training at Goodwill Career Center

May 3, 17 & 31 / June 14, 28 / July 12 ● 9 -11 am ● 3740 Pepperell Parkway ● Opelika

This is a great training to understand your strengths and how to leverage them in a positive, effective way that helps improve productivity and results. Seating is limited to 12 so make sure you get registered today! **[Details](#)**

Harbert College of Business Recruiter Summit

May 15 ● 8 am – 3:30 pm ● Auburn University CASIC Building

Space is limited and registration is required. The cost to attend is \$50, which includes breakfast and lunch. This summit qualifies for 4 CEU credit with both SHRM and HRCI.

Topics include:

- Best Practices for Creating a World Class Internship Program**
- Harbert College of Business Update**

- **Update on Current Hiring Practices and Strategies – What the Data Tells Us**
- **Panel Discussion with Harbert College of Business Program Representatives**
[Register Here](#)

-----**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**-----

Peaches ‘n Clean Seeking Office Manager

This position is a full-time job. Office Management experience is preferred. If interested, drop off a resume at their location, 1962 Mall Blvd Auburn, Alabama.

Summer Multi - Industry Job Fair at Goodwill Career Center

May 7 ● 3740 Pepperell Parkway ● Opelika ● www.goodwillsr.org

If you have a business in the Opelika - Auburn area and have open positions, then you will want to participate in this job fair. Please [Sign Up Here](#). For more information, please contact Dee Skipton, 334.275.4815.

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

JUNE

- **Touch-A-Truck ● June 1**
- **Rotary: Burger Wars ● June 1**
- **Lee County Commission:**
 - Lee County Courthouse Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours ● June 3**
- **Business Leaders Legislative Luncheon ● June 19**
- **Joint Legislative Reception with Auburn Chamber ● June 24**
- **Kathy Powell - State Farm Business After Hours ● June 27**

Character Trait: Tenacity

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.

Having Trouble Registering Online?

Here are 3 easy steps to help you. [Steps](#)

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