Calendar of events

1st Chamber Closed
New Years Holiday

2nd 4:00 pm
Professional Development & Education Committee (Goodwill Job & Career Center, 14879 Tamiami Trail)

3rd 7:30 am
Breakfast Club Networking (Perkins Restaurant, 6001 S. Salford Boulevard).

5th 9:00 am
Marketing & Communication Committee (Charlotte State Bank, 4300 Aiden Lane)

9th 8:30 am
Member Services Committee Meeting (Perkins, 6001 S. Salford Boulevard)

9th 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Business After Hours (Frohlich, Gordon & Beason Law Firm, 18401 Murdock Circle-2nd Floor, Port Charlotte)

10th 8:30 am
Capacity Building Committee (Key Agency, 14942 Tamiami Trail)

15th Chamber Closed
Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday

16th 4:00 pm
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, 5550 S. Sumter Boulevard)

17th 3:30 pm
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County, North Port Family Service Center - 6919 Outreach Way)

18th 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Annual Meeting & State of the City Address Luncheon (Heron Creek Golf & Country Club, 3401 S. Sumter Boulevard)

23rd 8:30 am
Business & Economic Development Committee (Sarasota Memorial ER, 2nd Floor Community Room, 2345 Bobcat Village Center Road)

25th 8:30 am
Village Center Road

Government Relation Committee (Sarasota Memorial ER, 2nd Floor Community Room, 2345 Bobcat Village Center Road)

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2017 - 2018

PLATINUM

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the Annual Meeting & State of the City Address Luncheon on Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club. The Chamber will be inducting the recipient of the “2018 Business Advocate” Hall of Fame Award at this Luncheon. This award is designed to recognize and honor an individual that has dedicated their time and efforts in support of the Business Community. The recipient’s name will be included on a plaque that will be displayed at the Chamber office and will receive a recognition award at the Luncheon. This year, we are honored to announce that the recipient of the “2018 Business Advocate” Hall of Fame is Christine Robinson, former Sarasota County Commissioner and Executive Director of the Argus Foundation. City of North Port City Manager Peter Lear will provide the State of the City Address Report and the Chamber will present their Annual Report to the Chamber membership. Tickets for this event sell out every year. Cost is $35.00 per person for Chamber members, $45.00 per person for Chamber guests. Table sponsorships are available for $350.00 (includes seating for table of eight, listing in the program, name at table and verbal recognition at the event) and 1/2 table sponsorships are available for $200.00 (includes seating for four people, listing in the program, name at table and verbal recognition at the event). The deadline to make reservations is Friday, January 12, 2018.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the 2018 Business & Community Expo on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the George Mullen Activity Center in North Port. The theme of the 201 Business & Community Expo is “Hit It Out of the Park with the Chamber in 2018” which is designed to coincide with the annual Spring Training Season that occurs in our area locally. The Business & Community Expo is designed to allow our Chamber Members and local businesses to showcase their products and services to the community and to encourage residents to shop and support local businesses. This is a great opportunity to promote your business and attract new clients and customers. The Expo will be held in conjunction with the City of North Port’s “Arts on the Green” on the same day, which will attract additional participants to attend the Expo. The Chamber will be teaming up with the Charlotte Stone Crabs to hold a “Business & Community Expo Kick-Off Celebration” inside the suites at the Charlotte County Sports Complex that will allow Chamber Members and local businesses to learn about the details of the Expo and to take advantage of early discounted registration on sponsorship and vendor booth opportunities. Look for future announcements about the Business & Community Expo Kick-Off Celebration.

On behalf of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, I would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year and encourage each business to make a “Resolution” to expand their efforts and make a commitment to help their business grow and be more successful. The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will continue to make every effort to help make this “Resolution” come true for you and help make 2018 the best year ever! Sincerely,

William J. Gunnin

William J. Gunnin
Executive Director
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
Honor Roll

The North Port Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have these partners renew their annual investment in the community:

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The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the following as partners in our mission. We suggest you support local business. Always buy Chamber!!

Welcome Newest Members!

- Advanced Asphalt of SWFL, Inc.
- Atlanta Braves Spring Training Facility
- Charlotte County Safe & Lock Locksmiths
- Chiropractic and Massage of North Port
- Cliff Wilt International
- Eclectic Whimsy
- Education Foundation of Sarasota County
- Key Fence
- MVP Realty Associates, LLP
- Sarasota Fun Machines, Inc.
- The Mortgage Firm
- Valerie LaBoy - MVP Realty Associates
- Vet Books Pro, LLC
- WrightWay Emergency Services
- Youfit Health Clubs
- Complete Roofing Solutions of Florida, LLC
THE CHARLOTTE CHORALE PRESENTS

YESTERDAY
Beatles Tribute

First time in S.W. Florida

Endorsed by
Paul McCartney & Ringo Starr

World renowned, straight from Las Vegas!
The British Are Coming!

Sunday, January 14, 2018  4:00 PM
Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center

Order tickets at www.ticketmaster.com or call Event Center at 941-833-5444
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(replacing the mail out version)

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☑ Yes! Sign me up for the month(s) of: ________________________________

Business Name & Contact Name ________________________________

Email & Phone: __________________________________________

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You are cordially invited to attend our 32nd Annual Meeting & State of the City Address Luncheon

Thursday January 18, 2018 • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Heron Creek Golf & Country Club
5301 Heron Creek Blvd.

Join us at the Chamber’s Annual Meeting to hear the City Manager, Peter D. Lear, give the Annual State of the City Address and share in the presentation of the 2018 Business Advocate Award to:

Christine Robinson

Christine has been serving Sarasota County since 2001. Amongst the variety offices Christine has held, she served as Chair of the County Commission in 2012 and currently writes regular columns for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune & SRQ Daily as the Executive Director of The Argus Foundation. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Suncoast Charities for Children and the Sky Family YMCA.

Please reserve _______ seat(s) @ $35 ea. (Chamber Member)

Please reserve _______ seat(s) @ $45 ea. (Non-Chamber Member)

Please reserve _______ ½ table(s) @ $200 ea. (Includes 4 tickets, listing in program, name at table and verbal recognition)

Please reserve _______ table(s) @ $300 ea. (Includes 8 tickets, listing in program, name at table and verbal recognition)

Please select meal choice(s):

_______ Atlantic Salmon Doria with a Cucumber Dill Butter & Shrimp Sauce, Basmati Rice and Long Green Beans

_______ Pork Medallions with Port Wine & Fig Jam, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes and Long Green Beans

_______ Balsamic Portabella Mushroom Cap with Roasted Vegetables & Rice (Vegetarian & Vegan)

• All served with rolls & butter, salad & dressing, strawberry cheese cake and choice of coffee, tea or soda.

Name:___________________________________________________________ Additional Attendees: _____

Business/Organization: ___________________________________________ Method of Payment:________________

Credit card #: __________________________ Exp Date: __________ CVV# ________ Zip Code: ________________

Check enclosed: Check #________________________ Amount: ________________

Reservations are required and payment must be received by Friday, January 12, 2018

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   - Logo, web link and 200 character description.
   - Expanded Listing which includes:
     - Additional web-links
     - Up to 8 photos/images
     - 20 Key words
     - 1600 Character description
     - 5 Bullet points

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Check enclosed: Check #__________________ Cash: ____________ Invoice: ____________

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Chamber Networking Breakfast

Location: Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Address: 6001 S Salford Blvd
NorthPort FL 34287

Day/Date: Wednesday
January 3, 2018
7:30am to 9:00am

**There is no cost to attend unless you wish to order breakfast off their delicious breakfast menu**
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Date: January 17, 2018
Time: 3:30 PM
Place: Family Service Center
       6919 Outreach Way, North Port
Reason: "Start Now! North Port" - New Office
Agency: Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County

Refreshments will be served

Literacy Changes Lives
The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is conducting a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for

St Paul’s Presbyterian Church
5550 South Sumter Blvd
on
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 3:30 pm

Spaghetti Dinner to follow the ribbon cutting.

Hope to see you there!!!
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Sponsored & Hosted by:

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Trial Lawyers Who Care

18401 Murdock Circle
2nd Floor
Port Charlotte FL 33948
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
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Mary Kay
Linda L. Zick, IBC
5 Years

Grappin Clinic of Chiropractic & Acupuncture, P. A.
5 Years
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2017-2018
Executive Committee:
President: Linda Zick (Mary Kay)
Immediate Past President: Mike Williams (ClikWiz)
Incoming President: Bill Werdell (Achieva Credit Union)
Treasurer: Ray Witkowski (Key Agency, Inc.)
Secretary: Gale West (Your Health Consultant)

Directors:
Deeana Atkinson (Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty)
Lance Broat (Venice Print Center)
Matt Dill (Stellar Web Productions)
Jim Fendrick (Edward Jones)
Sondra Guffey (West Villages)
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Jamie Lovern (Lolablue, LLC)
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Amy Schuld (Kyle Kurtis Salon & Spa)
Debbie Snowden (Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty)

Staff:
William Gunnin, Executive Director
Karol Bent, Administrative Assistant

The mission of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is
to promote and encourage business prosperity through
advocacy, engagement and cooperation