The referral of your friends and family is the greatest compliment that you can give me. Thank you for all your trust!
Calendar of Events January

1st all day Office is CLOSED for New Year’s Day
2nd 7:30 am Breakfast Club Networking (Longhorn Steakhouse, 1381 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte)
4th 9:00 am Marketing & Communication Committee (Charlotte State Bank, 4300 Aiden Lane)
8th 8:30 am Member Services Committee (Perkins, 6001 S. Salford Boulevard, North Port)
8th 5:30 pm Business After Hours (The Springs at South Biscayne, 6235 Hoffman Street, North Port)
9th 8:30 am Resource Development Committee (Key Agency, 14942 Tamiami Trail)
10th 2:00 pm Ribbon Cutting - North Port Meals on Wheels (13600 Tamiami Trail)
10th 4:00-6:00 pm Scramblin’ on the Green Sponsor Appreciation Reception (Beef O’Brady’s, 1037 N. Sumter Blvd., North Port)
11th all day Leadership North Port
17th 11:30 am 33rd Annual Meeting & State of the City (Suncoast Technical College, 4445 Career Lane, North Port)
21st Office is CLOSED for Martin Luther King Day
22nd 8:30 am Business & Economic Development Committee (Sarasota Memorial Health Care System ER, 2345 Bobcat Village Center Road, North Port)
23rd 5:15 pm Leadership North Port
24th 8:30 am Government Relations Committee (Sarasota Memorial Health Care System ER, 2345 Bobcat Village Center Road, North Port)
24th 5:30 pm 33rd Annual the Art of Business & Community Expo KICKOFF Party (The North Port Art Center)
30th 8:30 am Member Orientation (Sarasota Memorial Health Care System ER, 2345 Bobcat Village Center Road, North Port)
30th 9:45 am Web Training (Sarasota Memorial Health Care System ER, 2345 Bobcat Village Center Road, North Port)

Save the Date
Thursday, January 17, 2019
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Suncoast Technical College - North Port

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ART
The
OF BUSINESS & COMMUNITY EXPO
33rd Annual Kickoff Party!
Thursday, January 24, 2019
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
North Port Art Center
More Information:
(941) 564-3040
info@northportareachamber.com
$20 per person (limited availability)
Includes Heavy Hors d' oeuvres and beverages (beer & wine)
(2018 Sponsors and Vendors receive entry for two at no cost.)
Early registration discount for vendor booths & sponsorship opportunities for the 33rd Annual Business & Community Expo will be offered.
Be the First to select your vendor booth location.
Expo to take place Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the George Mullen Activity Center located at 1602 Kramer Way, North Port, FL.
"Networking will make it happen. Having a solid place to put your name and your company's name is the key."
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A Message from the Executive Director

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the Annual Meeting & State of the City Address Luncheon on Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Suncoast Technical College in North Port. The Chamber will be inducting the recipient of the “2019 Business Advocate” Hall of Fame 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 “2019 Business Advocate” Hall of Fame is Ed Davis. 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 and 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 11, 2019.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a 2019 Business & Community Expo Kick-Off Event on Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at the North Port Art Center, located at 5950 Sam Shapos Way in North Port. The Business & Community Expo will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the George Mullen Activity Center in North Port. The Expo will be held in conjunction with the City of North Port’s Annual “Arts on the Green” Event which will be held on the City Green, next to the George Mullen Activity Center. The Chamber and the City will be co-marketing each other’s event. The theme of the 2019 Business & Community Expo is “The Art of Business” which is design to promote and showcase local businesses and organizations and encourage the idea of doing business and shopping locally. Participants at the Kick-Off Event will have the first opportunity to learn about vendor booth and sponsorship opportunities and take advantage of limited time discount opportunities. 2018 Business & Community Expo sponsors will have first right of refusal on 2019 Business & Community Expo sponsorship opportunities. The cost to attend the Kick-Off Event, which includes heavy hors d’oeuvres and beverages (including adult beverages) is $20.00 per person. 2018 sponsors of the Business & Community Expo are invited to attend the Kick-Off Event at no cost as guest of the Chamber. The deadline to make reservations for the Kick-Off Event is Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

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 2019 the best year ever!

Sincerely,

William J. Gunnin

William J. Gunnin
Executive Director
The North Port Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have these partners renew their annual investment in the community:

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Welcome, Newest Members!

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!!

Helping Hands
SW FL, LLC

Gelmmtree Advertising

Balloon Excitement

CUBIC Advisors, LLC
Human Resources Day
December 14, 2018

Leadership NORTH PORT
Class of 2019
Businesses of the Year 2018

Small Business of the Year

*The Rock Box Music School & Stage*

Medium Business of the Year

*Rhonda Gustitus Team*
- Keller Williams Realty
  Peace River

Large Business of the Year

*Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty*

Big Business of the Year

*EarthBalance Corporation*

Not for Profit Business of the Year

*Charlotte County Homeless Coalition*

Rookie of the Year

*WrightWay Emergency Services*
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includes seasoned rice pilaf, fresh steamed broccoli, house salad, dessert and beverages

Cost: Individual $35.00 per person
Full Table (seats 8) $350 (includes premiere seating table sign, name listed in program and recognition at luncheon)
1/2 Table (seats 4) $200 (includes premiere seating table sign, name listed in program and recognition at luncheon)

Name: ______________________________________  Company: ____________________________________
Email: _______________________________________  Phone: _______________________________________

Please reserve ____ ticket(s) or ____ table at $______________  Platinum or Gold Chamber Champion Benefit ___
The following people will be attending:
1. _______________________________steak/salmon/chicken
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___ check enclosed  ____invoice me  ____below is my credit card information
Card type: Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AMEX  Number: ____________________________________________
Expiration date: ________  CVV: ________  Zipcode: ___________  Signature: ___________________________

**Reservations are required and payment must be received by Monday, January 14, 2019
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