December 2017

Thank You To Our 2017 - 2018 Chamber Champions

* Allstate Insurance - Steve Matthews Agent
* Always Air Heating & Cooling
* ClikWiz
* Cruiser’s Travel & Tours, LLC
* Deborah Snowden - Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty
* Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County
* Farr Law Firm
* Gale West - Your Health Consultant
* Great Florida Insurance - Heather Reichle
* Heartland
* Linda & Ted Curran - Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty
* Mary Kay - Linda L. Zick, IBC
* Mike Lowe CPA, LLC
* Olde World Restaurant
* Paul Patterson Handyman Service
* Presto Air
* SeePort Optometry
* State Farm Insurance - Dean McConville
* The Springs at South Biscayne
* Venice Print Center
* Wendy Namack, CFP - Namack Portfolio Investment Professionals, LLC
* Worksite Employee Leasing

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A Message from the Executive Director

It is hard to believe, but the Holiday Season is here. This year sure has gone fast.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is conducting a "Year End" Membership Drive. The concept of this Membership Drive is to encourage businesses that are not currently a member of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, to expand their efforts and make a commitment to help their business grow and be more successful. The Chamber wants to help by offering non-Chamber businesses an opportunity to join the Chamber and receive benefits that will help their business be more successful and grow. Any business that joins the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce by December 31, 2017, will receive 3 days advertising in the North Port Sun newspaper ($184 value), will be entered a raffle to win a New Year's "Cheer Basket" and the Chamber will waive the $25.00 administrative fee. This is also the last chance that a business can join the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and claim the membership dues on their 2017 business tax return. Any current and active Chamber Member that solicits and secures a new Chamber Member during the "Membership Drive" will receive a $25.00 credit to their Chamber account (for each new Chamber Member secured) and be entered a raffle to win the "Business Spotlight" in the February 2018 Communicator Newsletter.

I would like to invite each of you to attend the Chamber’s Annual Holiday Social which will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Charlotte Harbor National Golf Club (formerly Bobcat Trail Golf Club) in North Port. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the Holiday Season with your fellow Chamber Partners and to help support those less fortunate as we collect new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corp League Detachment 948 Toys for Tots Program. If you do not plan to conduct a Holiday Social at your place of business this is a great opportunity to offer a low-cost benefit to your employees and recognize the hard work that they provide to you and your business. The cost is $20.00 per person or $35.00 per couple and includes heavy hors d’oeuvres, non-alcoholic drinks and entertainment (Karaoke). A cash bar will be available. Word has it that there will be a special appearance by "Santa Claus".

You are invited to attend the Annual Awards Banquet to be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club. All nominees & winners of the 2017 Business-of-the-Year and the Annual Frosty Award will be announced and all Committee Members that volunteered over the past year will be recognized. The cost is $25.00 per person and includes a plated ham or turkey lunch and drinks. Table sponsorships are available for $250.00 (includes seating for eight (8) people) and ½ table sponsorships for $150.00 (includes seating for four (4) people) and includes: recognition in the Program, verbal recognition, and a special table sponsor sign. Come join us as we recognize the nominated and winning businesses for their accomplishments and success. Space is limited, so register for the luncheon now!!!!

The Chamber is an official drop-off location for the Holiday Shoe Box for Seniors Program. This is a program in which you can fill a wrapped shoe box with gifts that will be delivered to needy seniors of our community. The senior community is a segment of our population that too often gets overlooked or forgotten. For many of our seniors, they have invested their life savings to live and retire in North Port. Many of them live on a fixed income and struggle daily with the everincreasing cost of living. I would like to ask you to support this worthwhile program and our senior community and donate today.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is an official drop-off location for the Holiday Toys for Tots Program. This program is being sponsored by the Marine Corps League, Detachment 948. The Chamber would like to encourage the community to donate a new, unwrapped toy at the Chamber office so that these toys can be distributed to those less fortunate than us. A special request is made for donation of batteries that can be used with the toys. Please help the Chamber bring the joy of the Holiday Season to deserving children. All donations are requested to be delivered to the Chamber office by Friday, December 15, 2017.

I would like to wish you and all your loved ones a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and hope that you enjoy all the festivities that the Season has to offer you.

Sincerely,

Bill
William J. Gunnin
Executive Director
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
The Charlotte Chorale presents:

It’s Christmas!

Saturday
December 9, 2017
4:00 PM

Charlotte Performing Arts Center
701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda

$25 Adults • $10 Students
Season Tickets $65 Adult • $25 Student

To order tickets call 941.204.0033
All seats are reserved.

Quality choral music since 1989
www.charlottechorale.com
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
NORTH PORT
Area Chamber of Commerce

YEAR END
Resolution

- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE -
Sign up by December 1-29, 2017

Make your next year’s resolution to join the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and help your business GROW!

Offer includes 3 days advertising in the North Port Sun ($184 Value)

Chance to win a Holiday Cheer Basket

Can claim membership dues on your 2017 tax return!!

Application Administrative fee of $25 WAIVED!

For more information contact the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce at 941-564-3040
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!

**BB&T Insurance Services**
Tara Clune

**Precise Painting**
Tricia Gibbs

**Fairway Funding Group**
Katrina Brennan
## North Port Area Chamber Honor Roll

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

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Join us as we Celebrate...

Tapas1
a wine bar

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
Monday, December 4th at 5:00pm
1083 N. Toledo Blade Blvd.
(next to Little Caesars in the Shoppes at North Port)

...and welcome Tapas1 Wine Bar to the
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce!
Chamber Networking Breakfast

Location: The Olde World Restaurant
Address: 14415 Tamiami Trail
          North Port FL 34287

Day/Date/Time: Wednesday
               December 6, 2017
               7:30am to 9:00am

**There is no cost to attend unless you wish to order breakfast off their delicious breakfast menu**
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce

Holiday Social & Toy Drive

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Charlotte Harbor National Golf Club
(formerly Bobcat Trail Golf Club)

$20.00 per person/$35.00 per couple
(includes food, beverages and entertainment)

Donations of new toys will be collected and donated to the Marine Corp League, Detachment 948 "Toys for Tots" Drive. We are in special need of AA batteries to be used with Remote Control Cars

Cash bar will be available!

To register & pay, please go to the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.northportareachamber.com by Friday, December 8, 2017.
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Social
Tuesday, December 12, 2017
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Yes! Please reserve ______ person(s) for the Holiday Social.

Amount: $___________

Name(s): __________________________________________________________

Business: _________________________________________________________

Telephone: _______________________________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________________________

Method of Payment: VISA Master Card

Credit card #: ___________________________ Exp Date: ______

CVV (3 #’s on Back of Card): ____________ Zip Code: __________________

Check enclosed: Check # _______________

Pay at the Door: ______ Invoice: ______

Please RSVP online, via fax or mail by Friday, December 8, 2017
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
15141 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287
Phone: 941.564.3040 • Fax: 941.423.5042
www.northportareachamber.com
You are invited to attend the
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce

2017 Annual Awards Luncheon

to be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017
from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club
located at 5301 Heron Creek Boulevard

The winners of the
2017 Business-of-the-Year Awards
Annual Frosty Award
will be announced
&
NPACC Committee Members
will be recognized

Cost: Individual - $25.00 per person
Table Sponsor (seats 8) - $250 (includes table sign, name listed in program, and recognition at luncheon)
1/2 Table Sponsor (seats 4) - $150 (includes table sign, name listed in program, and recognition at luncheon)
Meal: Plated Turkey or Ham with Stuffing, Mash Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, and Beverages

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Company: _________________________________________________________

Please reserve ___ ticket(s) or ___ table or 1/2 table sponsor at $_______ The following people will be attending:
1. ______________________________________________________________
2. ______________________________________________________________
3. ______________________________________________________________
4. ______________________________________________________________
5. ______________________________________________________________
6. ______________________________________________________________
7. ______________________________________________________________
8. ______________________________________________________________

___ check enclosed  ___ invoice me  ___ below is my credit card information:

Card type: Visa/MasterCard/Discover  Number: ____________________________

Expiration Date: __________  CVV: ______  Zip Code: ____________  Signature: ______________________________________

*** Seating is Limited. Deadline to Register is Monday, December 11, 2017 ***
NORTH PORT
Area Chamber of Commerce

Advertise in our monthly Electronic Newsletter,
The Communicator!
(replacing the mail out version)

Advertising is the best way to communicate the existence of a product in the market to its prospective customers. A good advertisement generates demand and it will in turn increase the sale of the product. Does your customer know you’re there? If not, they may turn to your competitor. Don’t let that happen!

Advertising in The Communicator is an affordable and proven way to generate business!

The Communicator reaches over 1200 recipients.

Your next customer could be one of them!

Monthly Cost (1 sided) in The Communicator is NOW ONLY $50

Complete the form below and fax to (941) 423-5042 to get on the schedule! Reserve Your Spot Now! Limited space available each month!
First Come, First Served!

Call today or fax this flyer back to us with your reservation! Please supply us with a JPEG or Word document of the flyer you wish to have inserted.

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

Business Name & Contact Name ________________________________________________

Email & Phone: _____________________________________________________________

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15141 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287
Phone: (941) 564-3040 · Fax: (941) 423-5042
info@northportareachamber.com · www.northportareachamber.com
Marketing Plus Promotion Package

1) Banner Ad in Category Page - $599.00 per year:
   - Limited rotating 468px x 60px Banner Ad

2) Enhance Listing - $249.00 per year:
   - Priority placement over basic members on category page.
   - 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

3) Priority Listing - $99.00 per year:
   - Priority placement on category page

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Business: _________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
Telephone/Email ____________________________________________________
Package Selection: 1 (__) 2 (__) 3 (__)
Method of Payment:
Credit card (Visa/MasterCard)#: _______________________________________
Exp Date: ________ CVV (3 #'s on Back of Card): ____________
Check enclosed: Check #__________________________________________ Cash: ____________ Invoice: ____________

Online payments accepted.
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, 15141 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287
www.NorthPortAreaChamber.com • Fax: 941.423.5042 • Phone: 941.564.3040
Veterans Program Deliveries

Cassady’s Goodfellas Moving
Jeanne Whitted
5 Years

North Port Concert Band
5 Years
Business After Hours | Tuesday November 14, 2017 | SeePort Optometry
Bon Salut Organic Med Spa
Relax Your Mind, Body, & Soul

Ribbon Cutting | Friday, November 10, 2017
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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)
Kelly Louke (Charlotte State Bank & Trust)
Jamie Lovern (Lolablue, LLC)
Kim Quigley (BB&T Bank)
Amy Schuldt (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.

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY GROWING TOGETHER

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Your Chamber Working For You

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