

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE LIGHTHOUSE

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Message from the President

Welcome to February, bundle up and stay warm! We here at the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce certainly love having you involved in our community and involved in all the events and opportunities the Chamber offers. This short month has a lot in store for our area! Be sure to keep an eye on our website events calendar so you don't miss a thing.

We are continuing our informative series of Chamber luncheons on Wednesday, February 13th at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. February is heart month and in honor of this, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Christopher Rowley, a Cardiologist with Lexington Cardiology. Dr. Rowley will be joining us this year to discuss heart health, including atrial fibrillation and its causes and treatments. Special thanks to our Diamond partners at Lexington Medical Center for sponsoring this event and sharing their physician with us.

We will welcome March in style with our 2019 Irmo Chamber Awards Night & Gala. Join us, Friday, March 1st for a glamorous evening with casino style entertainment, cocktails, dinner and dancing the night away. This proves to be one of our favorite events each and every year. Please contact the Chamber if you are interested in attending or sponsoring the event, either way we'd love to have you!

We can't wait to meet you and tell you more about this wonderful community we call home. We hope to see you soon at an upcoming Chamber event!

Thank you,
Kerry Powers, President and CEO

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UPCOMING EVENTS

>> COFFEE TALK TUESDAY

Please join us for our weekly Coffee Talks
 Tuesday, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2019 • 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
 Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce
 Have a cup of coffee, conversation and build business relationships with other Irmo Chamber members. **FREE** with your business card! Sponsored by Bart's Crazy Good Coffee.

>> CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
 6952 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
 In honor of Heart Month, we will welcome Dr. Christopher Rowley, a Cardiologist with Lexington Cardiology. Dr. Rowley will be discussing atrial fibrillation and its causes and treatments. Special thanks to our Diamond partners at Lexington Medical Center for sponsoring this event and to the Corporative Conference Center for catering our lunch.

To Sponsor or Host an Event

Contact Kerry Powers by email: CEO@GreaterIrmoChamber.com

>> LUNCH & LEARN:

UPCOMING HOME DESIGN TRENDS

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 • 12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce
 We are excited to welcome local designer and remodeler, Shreck, from Capital Kitchen & Bath to share upcoming design trends and tips that can help you, whether you're just redecorating or if you're remodeling your home. Forget keeping up with the Jones'...make them keep up with you! A light lunch will be provided.

>> 2019 IRMO CHAMBER AWARDS NIGHT & GALA

Friday, March 1, 2019 • Cocktails 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7:30 p.m.
 DoubleTree by Hilton - 2100 Bush River Rd., Columbia, SC 29210
 join us for a glamorous evening of fun for all! Cocktails, dinner, and dancing. Featuring Casino style entertainment. Black tie optional. Tickets are \$100 individual and \$175 per couple and can be purchased online at GreaterIrmoChamber.com or call 803.749.9355. Thank you to this year's Gala sponsor, Shaw Industries!

OUR MEMBERSHIP



DIAMOND MEMBERS



EMERALD MEMBERS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- 94.3 The Dude
- 93.1 The Lake
- AAA Travel - Irmo
- AAA Car Care - Irmo
- AAA Insurance - Irmo
- ColaDaily.com
- Edward Jones - Robert Bouyea
- FIT413 Health Club
- Irmo Chapin Life Magazine
- Midlands Media Group
- Pendleton Street Advisors
- Richland County Government
- State Farm - Libby Hagins Agency

MARKETING MEMBERS

- Allstate: The Owens Agency
- Allstate: The Salmon Agency
- Art of Dentistry-Dr. Gregory J. Wych
- Big Eyed Bird Creative, LLC
- Cassell Brothers Heating & Cooling
- Cut Throat Marketing
- DoubleTree by Hilton
- Frank's Car Wash
- Fully Promoted
- Grace Outdoor
- Great Southern Homes
- Loveless and Yarborough Real Estate
- LTC Heath Solutions
- McGuinn Homes
- Medi Home Pharmacy
- Palmetto Health
- Providence Health
- Southland Log Homes
- Studio 3P
- Temples Halloran Funeral And Cremation Services
- The UPS Store at Kennerly Crossing
- Woodforest National Bank

PLATINUM MEMBERS

- Atlantic at Parkridge
- Baker Collision Express
- Brookdale Senior Living Solutions
- Caughtman Harman Funeral Home
- GrandSouth Bank
- Lutheran Homes of South Carolina
- South Carolina Blue Retail Center
- Staples

GOLD MEMBERS

- 94.3 The Dude
- 93.1 The Lake
- AAA Travel - Irmo
- AAA Car Care - Irmo
- AAA Insurance Irmo
- Affordable Insurance Group
- AllSouth Federal Credit Union
- Allstate: The Beaty Agency
- Aloft - Harbison
- Ameris Bank
- Anchor Lanes
- AT&T
- Babcock Center Foundation
- Ballentine Collision Repair, Inc.
- Barnes Business Solutions
- Beverly C. Winstead CPA, PA
- Century Glass
- ColaDaily.com
- Columbia Metropolitan Airport
- Comfort Services, Inc.
- Consultants in Gastroenterology
- Corporative Conference Center
- CresCom Bank-Knox Abbot
- Dillard Financial Solutions Inc.
- District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties
- Dunbar Funeral Home
- ERA Wilder Realty of Irmo
- Eyes on the Lake, LLC
- Experience Columbia SC
- FAIZ Southern Kitchen
- First Community Bank
- FIT413 Health Club
- Free Times
- Generations Senior Care of Irmo
- Gibson and Associates Inc
- Gilbert Brothers, Inc.
- Good Eats 2 Go
- Harbison Community Association
- HarborChase of Columbia
- HDR | ICA Engineering
- Hyatt Place
- Irmo Drug
- Irmo Insurance Agency
- Irmo Music Academy
- J King Real Estate
- Jarvis Tax Service
- Keller Williams Realty-Corina Hooker
- Lake Murray Floor Covering
- Lake Murray Marina & Yacht Club
- Legalshield
- Liberty Taproom on the Lake
- Liberty Tax Service (St. Andrew's)
- Lowe's of Irmo
- Meetze Plumbing Company, Inc.
- Mickey's Auto Repair
- Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative
- Midlands Technical College
- Midlands Media Group
- Millcore Computing
- Minute Man Movers, LLC
- MOLLY MAID of the Midlands and Columbia
- Movement Mortgage
- Mungo Homes
- NW Family YMCA of Columbia
- Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union
- Pendleton Street Business Advisors
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Principal Financial Group
- Prudential - J.D. Hacker
- PUBLIX Supermarket #656
- Regal Columbiana Grande Stadium 14
- Residence Inn by Marriott
- Roper Staffing
- Rowe Rooter Plumbing Inc
- SAFE Federal Credit Union
- Saluda River Club
- Sam's Club #6203
- SCORE
- Security Federal Bank
- Servpro of The Dutch Fork
- Shaw Industries, Inc.
- Signs N Logos Inc
- South Carolina State Credit Union
- South State Bank
- Southeastern Chapter-National Safety Council
- Southeastern Insurance Consultants, LLC
- Special Olympics South Carolina
- Spine Pain Center
- Stanick Sheet Metal & Roofing, Inc.
- State Farm Agency - Amy Masincupp
- State Farm Insurance - Terri Brock Agency, Inc.
- TD Bank
- Terminix Service, Inc.
- The Legends at Lake Murray Apartment Homes
- The Residence at Marina Bay
- Total Comfort Solutions
- Town of Irmo
- Troubleshooter A/C Refrigeration
- Universal School of Karate
- Wells Fargo-Columbia

BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

A Q&A with Beth Carrigg

Council Woman, Lexington County

What do you look forward to most being a Board Member for the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce?

Building strong bi-partisan relationships with business leaders in our community.

Why do you believe businesses and individuals should get involved with The Chamber?

Communication and regular interaction is the best foundation for growing any community and building a strong foundation for quality of life issues!



What is your favorite GICC event?

Golf Tournament! I think people tend to relax and engage more freely when an event is catered towards comradery with a slight edge of competition.

What do you like most about Irmo?

It's history! Irmo was chartered on Christmas Eve 1890 as a means of service to the railroad; but it has grown into a hub for families. Irmo is rich in opportunity for great education, outdoor activities, entertainment and fueling one's faith.

What are your goals for the Chamber as a Board Member?

To promote interest in local business and to improve the economic welfare of Irmo and Lexington County as a whole.

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

I served as the duly elected Clerk of Court for Lexington County from 2005-2017, but resided in Irmo. As an avenue to garner additional access with my constituents, I joined the Chamber of Commerce where I could foster an open line of communication and educate the community on Court Services.



Need a Place to Hold Your

Business Meeting or Event?

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

Give us a call for more information • 803-749-9355

YOU'RE INVITED!

Greater Irmo Chamber
of Commerce

Gala

& 2019 Awards Presentation

A Glamorous Evening of Fun for All. Casino Style Entertainment,
Cocktails, Dinner, and Dancing. Black Tie Optional.

Friday, March 1, 2018

DoubleTree By Hilton • 2100 Bush River Rd Columbia, SC 29210

OUR 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Coleman, Chairman, Mungo Homes
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