GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE LIGHTHOUSE

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Message from the President

The best gift this year has been the wonderful involvement of our community and the dedication of everyone here at the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce. It is a blessing to be able to do our work in such a great town and we are looking forward to 2019 and what the year has in store.

Kicking off the last of this year's events will be our annual Holiday Oyster Roast at Lake Murray on Tuesday, December 4th. This year Marc Rankin and the team at the Woodmen Life Lodge will be hosting us. Join us for beautiful scenery, lots of oysters, beer, wine, hot dogs, chili and of course some great networking. I look forward to celebrating with each and every one of you!

We will not have a chamber breakfast or luncheon this month but please still plan to attend our Tuesday morning Coffee Talks. These are a great networking opportunity and resource for community members and businesses.

New Year, New You, right? Let the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce help with your New Year's resolution by participating in **#GUTBUSTERS2019** Health & Fitness Challenge! If you are interested in shedding a few holiday pounds, making some lifestyle changes and working on improving your overall health and wellness then THIS is the competition for you! The event kicks off December 17, 2018 and you can view the full details on our website.

We hope to see you at a Greater Irmo Chamber event soon!

Thank you,
Kerry Powers, President and CEO

The Chamber's
HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE

We will be
closed from
December 24, 2018
through
January 2, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

>> COFFEE TALK TUESDAY

Please join us for our weekly Coffee Talks
Tuesday, December 4, 11 and 18, 2018 • 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!

>> ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST ON THE LAKE

Tuesday, December 4 • 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
The Woodmen Life Lodge on beautiful Lake Murray!
2000 Johnson Marina Rd. Chapin, SC 29036
Join us for our Annual Holiday Oyster Roast! We'll have plenty of oysters to shuck. Chili, hot dogs, beer, wine and lots of Chamber fellowship. Very special thanks to the Woodmen Life Lodge for hosting our event this year and to Charles Moore and his team for cooking our oysters! $25 per person or $40 per couple.

>> NO CHAMBER BREAKFAST OR LUNCHEON IN DECEMBER - WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

>> RIBBON CUTTING: NOTHING BUNDT CAKES

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 • 12:30p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
131 Harbison Blvd., Columbia, SC 29212
Join us to welcome Nothing Bundt Cakes to our Chamber!
Ribbon Cutting @ 12:45 p.m.
Come sample their delicious bundt cakes!

To sponsor or host a
Business After Hours event
contact Kerry Powers by email:
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DIAMOND MEMBERS

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EMERALD MEMBERS

CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

CRESCENT CONSTRUCTION

First Citizens Bank

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Bolder Engraving
Carolina Carpet Cleaning
Eagle One Self Storage
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Perfectly Posh-Toni Hunihan
Splurge
State Farm - Scott Hanners Agency
United Way of the Midlands

MARKETING MEMBERS

- Allstate Insurance: The Owens Agency, LLC
- Allstate: The Salmon Agency
- Art of Dentistry-Dr. Gregory J. Wych
- Big Eyed Bird Creative, LLC
- Cassell Brothers Heating & Cooling
- Cut Throat Marketing
- Digital Hearing Outlet
- DoubleTree by Hilton
- Duraclean
- 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
- Belk, Inc.
- Brookdale Senior Living Solutions
- Caughman Harman Funeral Home
- GrandSouth Bank
- Lutheran Homes of South Carolina
- South Carolina Blue Retail Center
- South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
- Staples

GOLD MEMBERS

- 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
- Brian Center Nursing Care/St. Andrews
- Century Glass
- Columbia Metropolitan Airport
- Columbia Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Comfort Services, Inc.
- Consultants in Gastroenterology
- 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
- First Community Bank
- 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
- Javis Tax Service
- Keller Williams Realty-Corrina Hooker
- Lake Murray Floor Covering
- Lake Murray Marina & Yacht Club
- LandrumHR
- 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
- 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
- Palmetto SolarPros
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Prudential Financial - 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 Dr. Christina S. Melton

Superintendent, School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties

What do you look forward to most being a Board Member for the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce?
As a GICC Board Member, I look forward to strengthening partnerships between School District 5 and the Greater Irmo Community.

Why do you believe businesses and individuals should get involved with The Chamber?
Being involved with the Chamber connects businesses with the pulse of the Greater Irmo area. Not only will you meet people that care about our community, you meet people who have gained the trust of our community.

What is your favorite GICC event?
My favorite GICC event is our monthly Chamber Luncheon. This is my favorite event because in an hour and a half, you have an opportunity to connect with others, enjoy a sponsored meal from a local restaurant or caterer, and hear a presentation. The variety of speakers and topics make each luncheon different, informational and enjoyable.

What do you like most about Irmo?
There are so many things about Irmo to celebrate: the people; the resources in the community; our schools; entertainment options; shopping; greenspace; and of course, my grandchildren who live in Irmo!

What are your goals for the Chamber as a Board Member?
As a new Board Member on the Chamber, my personal goal this year is to familiarize myself with the operations of the Chamber Board and to support the vision. The success of the business community in Irmo directly impacts the success of School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties.

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?
I first became involved with the Chamber as a principal in School District 5. The first time I visited the Chamber to recognize a student and a teacher of the month, I was immediately impressed that the business community would value a partnership with our school district and extend an invitation to me as a principal to celebrate a student and a teacher!

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December 17th

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