

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE LIGHTHOUSE

NOVEMBER 2018



Message from the President

Happy November! As we celebrate Thanksgiving later this month with family and friends, please know all of us here at the Irmo Chamber are thankful for our Partners and the Irmo Community. We have had a very busy, successful year so far and we could not have done it without all of you.

This month's Chamber Luncheon will welcome Dr. Michele Reid, from Get Well with Michele on Wednesday, November 14th. We are especially excited because Dr. Reid will be filling us in on all the information for GUTBUSTERS 2019, a wellness challenge the Chamber will be participating in next year. Join us as we add #HealthyChamber to our #FunChamber lifestyle!

We certainly couldn't talk about November events without getting ready to Eat, Drink, Bid at the 23rd Annual Chuck Larsen Silent Auction held at Saluda Shoals River Center on Thursday, November 8th. Join us for dinner from Carrabba's Italian Grill, fabulous items and an amazingly fun event to benefit the Chamber. There is still time to purchase tickets, sponsor the event or donate to the auction. Please contact the Chamber with any questions.

At your #FunChamber we like to keep the good times rolling, so we are gearing up for the annual Holiday Oyster Roast on Tuesday, December 6th at the Woodmen Life Lodge on Johnson Marina Road. Tickets will go on sale soon so make plans now to join us for oysters, hot dogs, chili, beer and wine as we gather together for our last Chamber event of 2018.

As always, we invite you to give us a call or come by our office to find out how you can get more involved with your Chamber and your community. We would love to meet you and discuss how you and your business can get better connected in Irmo.

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

Thank you,
Kerry Powers, President and CEO

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WISHES EVERYONE A
Happy Thanksgiving!

UPCOMING EVENTS

>> COFFEE TALK TUESDAY

Please join us for our weekly Coffee Talks Tuesday, November 6, 13, 20, and 27, 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!

>> CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Thursday, November 1 • 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Greater Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063 Caroline Ward with Madison Insurance Group will provide a brief overview of the essential insurance coverage that a business of any size needs. From small start-ups to major corporations, Madison Insurance Group can provide customized insurance coverage, tailored to meet specific needs. Tim's Catering will provide a full breakfast. Seating is limited so please register on our website! \$10 per person.

>> EAT DRINK BID: 23RD ANNUAL CHUCK LARSEN SILENT AUCTION

Thursday, November 8 • 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. River Center at Saluda Shoals 5605 Bush River Rd, Columbia, SC 29212 Join us for a fun filled evening full of eating, drinking, and bidding on fabulous items! Can't Attend the Auction - No worries, you can now bid online! Check our website for details. This fundraiser benefits the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce and enables us to continue serving the Irmo business community. Tickets can be purchased on our website: Single - \$25 and Couple - \$40.

>> CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 14 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 6952 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212 We will welcome Dr. Michele Reid, a Holistic Health and Wellness Coach with Get Well With Michele. Dr. Reid will be rolling out the information for GUTBUSTERS 2019, a health and wellness challenge that The Chamber will be participating in from January - May 2019. Everyone knows we are the #funchamber and our goal for 2019 is to be the #healthyhchamber, too! Here's a hint: there will be CASH Prizes up for grabs at the end of this challenge so you don't want to miss out! Special thanks to our partners at Dunbar and Caughman-Harman Funeral Homes for sponsoring this event! Seating is limited so please register on our website! \$10 per person.

>> RIBBON CUTTING: SERENITY THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Monday, November 19 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 1220 Bower Parkway, Sola Studios, #28 Columbia, SC 29212 Join us as we welcome Serenity Therapeutic Massage to their new location! Ribbon Cutting 11:45 a.m. A light lunch will be provided!

To sponsor or host a Chamber event contact Kerry Powers by email: CEO@GreaterIrmoChamber.com

OUR MEMBERSHIP



DIAMOND MEMBERS



EMERALD MEMBERS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- CresCom Bank
- Columbia Arts Academy
- Councilman Barry Walker
- Experimac
- Irmo Music Academy
- Lexington School of Music
- Splurge

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
- Columbia Conference Center
- 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
- FATZ Southern Kitchen
- 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-Corina 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 Nancy Nelson-Embler

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Irmo

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

To increase awareness of the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce. And to continue to grow the Chamber as the #Fun Chamber!

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

There is such an opportunity to meet other businesses and connect with them. And the networking is unlimited.

What is your favorite GICC event?

My favorite event is the Chuck Larsen Annual Auction. This is a fundraiser for the Chamber and so much fun. We always have great items to bid on and this year we can bid online for the first time.

What do you like most about Irmo?

Irmo is a hidden gem. We are close to Lake Murray and hours from the beach or the mountains. As a Realtor, I love to show potential buyers the Irmo area and what it has to offer. And it is the friendliest community!!

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

We are always looking to increase the membership with quality businesses. Also, as a Chamber, we are always on the cutting edge with information of what's going on in and around our community which we pass on to our membership. And we strive to give our input on projects and happenings that are important to us.

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

Many years ago I was asked to be an Ambassador for the Chamber (now they are called Diplomats who work so hard for the Chamber). I have been involved with the Chamber ever since and love it!!



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EAT DRINK BID

THE 23RD ANNUAL CHUCK LARSEN

SILENT AUCTION

Thurs., Nov. 8, 2018 • 5 to 9 PM

River Center at Saluda Shoals • Tickets: Single \$25 | Couple \$40

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For More Information about: Purchasing Tickets, Sponsorship Opportunities, or Auction Donations
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