

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE LIGHTHOUSE

JANUARY 2019

Message from the President

Happy New Year one and all! May the year ahead bring you new successes, new dreams, and the drive to accomplish it all! 2019 is looking to be a fantastic year here at the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce and I hope you'll consider joining us.

I could not talk about how much we are looking forward to the year ahead without stopping to say thank you for the great year that is now behind us. You rallied together and made our events some of the best we have ever had. You brought donations, you showed up in all types of weather, and you cared. This community is the best and I am grateful to be a part of it!

Part of our New Year's resolution here at the Chamber is to be more than your #funchamber. We also want to be your #healthychamber! That is why we will be participating in the #GUTBUSTERS HEALTH and FITNESS CHALLENGE. In addition to helping knock off a few of the holiday pounds some of us are bound to have gained, we also hope to encourage healthy lifestyle changes while improving our overall health wellness. If you would like to be part of the competition you must register by January 11th. Come join us to win some prizes, have some fun, and be healthy and happy in 2019.

I hope one of your New Year's resolutions is to get out and become a larger part of your community. I hope you'll consider making a part of this joining our Chamber. As always, give us a call or come by our office to meet us. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know your community even better!

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

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, January 8, 15, 22 and 28, 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!

>> CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
 6952 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
 Please join us for our January Chamber Luncheon as we will welcome Dr. Rebecca Gunnlaugsson, an Economist with Acuitas Economics. Dr. Gunnlaugsson will be discussing tax reform. Special thanks to our partners at Woodforest National Bank for sponsoring this event and we are so excited to have Chic-fil-A Columbiana as our caterer!

To Sponsor or Host an Event

Contact Kerry Powers by email: CEO@GreaterIrmoChamber.com

>> RIBBON CUTTING: NOTHING BUNDT CAKES

Wednesday, January 10, 2019 • 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 131 Harbison Blvd., Columbia, SC 29212
 Join us to welcome Nothing Bundt Cakes to our Chamber!
 Come sample their delicious bundt cakes!
 Ribbon Cutting @ 12:45 p.m.

>> LUNCH AND LEARN: LONG TERM CARE SOLUTIONS

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce
 Caroline Ward with Madison Insurance Group will give a comprehensive overview of the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY of Long Term Care insurance. A light lunch will be provided.

>> RIBBON CUTTING: PERFECTLY POSH

Thursday, January 24, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce
 Join us to welcome Toni Hunihan an Independent Consultant with Perfectly Posh to our Chamber! A light lunch will be provided!
 Ribbon cutting at 11:45 a.m.

OUR MEMBERSHIP



DIAMOND MEMBERS



EMERALD MEMBERS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bolder Engraving
 Perfectly Posh-Toni Hunihan
 Principal Financial Group - Albert Rose
 State Farm - Libby Hagins Agency
 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-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 Kenneth Robinson

Assistant Vice President, Woodforest National Bank

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

I look forward to meeting new people in the community and sharing all that the Irmo Chamber can do for them personally and for their businesses.

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

It is the BEST way to network while having FUN!

What is your favorite GICC event?

I always have a great time with the Woodforest team at the Annual Chamber Golf Tournament.

What do you like most about Irmo?

It feels like home!!! The Irmo community has been so welcoming to Woodforest National Bank.

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

I want to spread the message of why it's important to be part of a Chamber of Commerce. I want to strengthen our Chamber and provide all the resources I can to help everyone be successful.

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

I walked into the Chamber one day and met with Kerry and Ginger about sponsoring an event. Since then I have enjoyed growing my friendships with other chamber members and I haven't looked back!



SAVE THE DATE!

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.

Location to
be announced

March 2019

Have You Registered Yet?



#GUTBUSTERS2019

Deadline to Register is January 11th

Visit our website for all the details or...

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

OUR 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Coleman, Chair, Mungo Homes
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