

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE LIGHTHOUSE

AUGUST 2019



Message from the President

Can you believe school starts in a few short weeks?? As summer draws to an end, we've got some great events to put on your calendar.

Our monthly Chamber Luncheon will be on August 14th at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. This month, we will welcome Joey Von Nesson, a research economist in the Division of Research at the Moore School of Business at USC. A big thank you to one of our hotel partners, Hyatt Place, for sponsoring this event and we are pleased to announce that Hardee's will be catering!

While this month typically means returning to routines, we'll be shaking things up with two ribbon cuttings welcoming new partners to the #FunChamber! First, join us on August 13th at the Chamber Building as we welcome Mentor Midlands to our Chamber family. A light lunch will be served while we learn about the work this organization is doing right here in our community. Join us again on August 20th for the grand opening and ribbon cutting for Irmo Wellness Center at their brand new location on Woodrow Street. Both of these events are great networking opportunities and we hope to see you there!

Leadercast 2019 is day long leadership development event being hosted by the Chamber at the Harbison Theatre at Midlands Tech on September 12, 2019. The theme this year is "Leading Healthy Teams" and we'll hear from speakers like Gayle King, Andy Stanley and more! Continuing Education credits are available for this event and it will be an experience you won't want to miss. Tickets are on sale now and sponsorship opportunities are available at FunChamber.com. Limited seating is available so don't delay. A HUGE thank you to Nephron Pharmaceuticals for presenting this event!

We hope to see you at an upcoming Greater Irmo 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, August 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2019 • 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
 Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
 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.**

>> RIBBON CUTTING: MENTOR MIDLANDS

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
 Ribbon cutting at 11:45 a.m. A light lunch will be provided!

>> CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday August 14, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
 6952 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
 This month, we will welcome **Joey Von Nesson** from the **Moore School of Business at USC**. A big thank you to one of our hotel partners, **Hyatt Place**, for sponsoring this event and we are pleased to announce that **Hardee's** will be catering! **Registration is required.** \$10 fee in advance or \$12 at the door.

>> GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING: IRMO WELLNESS CENTER

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 • 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 7182 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063
 Ribbon cutting @ 4:45 p.m. **Catering by Anna Cline!**

>> LEXINGTON MEDICAL HEALTH SCREENING

Monday, August 26, 2019 • 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
 Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
 Heart Health Screening: (FASTING IS REQUIRED FOR 12 HOURS PRIOR)
 Visit the Chamber website for more information. **Call to schedule an appointment @ 749-9355**

>> BUSINESS AFTER HOURS - HYATT PLACE

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 1130 Kinley Road, Irmo, SC 29063
 Join us for free appetizers and drink specials!!

To sponsor or host a **Business After Hours** event contact Kerry Powers by email: CEO@GreaterIrmoChamber.com

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Pyramid Contracting

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Steve Padgett's Lake Murray Honda

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- Steve Padgett's Lake Murray Honda
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- FedEx Office-Lexington Walmart
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- FIT413 Health Club
- Flexible Focus, LLC
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- Irmo Music Academy
- Irmo Wellness Center
- J King Real Estate
- Javis Tax Service
- Keller Williams Realty-Corina Hooker
- Lake Murray Floor Covering
- Lake Murray Marina & Yacht Club
- Liberty Taproom on the Lake
- Liberty Tax Service (St. Andrew's)
- Lowe's of Irmo
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- Mentor Midlands
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- Regal Columbiana Grande Stadium 14
- Residence Inn by Marriott
- Roper Staffing
- Rowe Rooter Plumbing Inc
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- Sam's Club #6203
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- Security Federal Bank
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- Shaw Industries, Inc.
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- South State Bank
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- Town of Irmo
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DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH

A Q&A with Diplomat, Ashely Unrue

Hilton - Area Director of Sales

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

Working with the team at the Irmo Chamber & the opportunities available. Being a diplomat gives you a little more exposure and opportunities to meet other people from industries/companies that I would not likely cross paths with on a day to day basis.

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

There are many things: exposure, networking, "insider" information about business and the town. But above all else, the networking opportunities. There are so many events and opportunities available to businesses/individuals. You are bound to have a good time at them as well!

What is your favorite GICC event?

I have a few! I can't decide. The Corn Hole Tournament, The Red, White, & Blues Wine Walk, and the Annual Gala. They all have a great atmosphere & laid back networking opportunities which make for a successful, fun event! Of course, add a little friendly competition in with the Corn Hole Tournament!

What do you like most about Irmo?

The community. I like that it is small, but vibrant. There are so many things to do, see, shop, etc. Also, the location. It is easy to get to just about anywhere in Columbia from Irmo.

What are your goals for the Chamber as a Diplomat?

To become more involved with the community and continue to grow relationships with networking and learn more about some of our local partners here in the area..

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

When I started in my current position, the hotel was already a member of the Chamber. I found out when the monthly meetings were and started there. When I saw how friendly and welcoming everyone was; I decided I wanted to see how I could become more involved; which led me to the Diplomats.



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Thursday, September 12

Harbison Theatre
at Midlands Technical College
9AM-3:30PM



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