

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE LIGHTHOUSE

JULY 2019



Message from the President

Now that summer is finally (officially!) here it is time for fun in the sun, festivals, and vacations! We will still be working hard here at the Chamber to keep you networking and plugged into your community.

This month's Chamber Lunch & Learn will be held on Wednesday, July 10th. However, this time we will be on site at Nephron Pharmaceuticals Facility to learn about the products manufactured right here in the Midlands and the economic impact on our community. In addition, Irmo Chamber members will be invited to tour the state-of-the-art facility. Because space for this event will be limited you are required to register in advance on our website (GreaterIrmoChamber.com). Sign up now for details and so you do not lose your spot for this informative and exciting lunch and learn!

The following Wednesday, July 17th join us for a night of fun and networking as we celebrate a Business After House hosted at ALOFT Hotel. In addition to your business card bring your appetite for free appetizers and drink specials. We hope to you see there!

While you're networking and expanding your business horizons don't forget your company is only as good as your best employees. Shore up your team and get a refresher on what that means in today's workplace by attending our Leadercast live event "Leading Healthy Teams". Tickets are already on sale for this September 12th event at Harbison Theatre.

We work to have fun and engaging events that connect our community and we are always open to hearing what you'd like to see more of! If you have been curious about how to get involved with our Chamber, we encourage you to come to one of our events or come by our office to meet us. We'd love to meet you and tell you more about The Chamber and how we can help better connect your business in Irmo.

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, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2019 • 8 a.m. to 8:45 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.**

>> RIBBON CUTTING: STARBUCKS COFFEE COMPANY

276 Harbison Boulevard, Columbia, SC 29212
 Tuesday, July 9, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 A light lunch will be provided!

>> THERE WILL BE NO JULY CHAMBER LUNCHEON

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

>> JULY LUNCH & LEARN: TOUR THE NEPHRON PHARMACEUTICALS FACILITY!

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 4500 12th Street Extension, West Columbia, SC 29172
 Please join us for lunch and a tour of the Nephron Pharmaceuticals facility in West Columbia. This state of the art facility is where the art and science of pharmaceutical innovation meet. We'll learn about the products Nephron manufactures right here in the Midlands along with the economic impact on our community. Space is limited. **Advanced registration is required** and lunch is provided by Nephron. Please dress comfortably and feel free to wear your company logo! FREE for Irmo Chamber members. **Closed toe shoes are required.**

>> CHAMBER AFTER HOURS AT ALOFT

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 217 Lanneau Court, Columbia, SC 29212
 Join us at ALOFT Hotel for The Chamber's Business After Hours! Enjoy FREE appetizers and drink specials!

OUR PARTNERSHIPS



DIAMOND PARTNERS



EMERALD PARTNERS



WELCOME NEW PARTNERS

- Allstate: The Giles Agency
- B's Restaurant and Sports Pub
- Flexible Focus
- Hardee's Southstar
- Irmo Wellness Center
- Mentor Midlands
- Pyramid Contracting
- Starbucks Coffee Company-Harbison
- Wilson's Refrigeration & Air-Columbia
- Wilson's Refrigeration & Air-Pomaria

MARKETING PARTNERS

- 93.1 The Lake (WZMJ)
- 94.3 The Dude (WWNQ)
- Accel Outdoor
- Allstate Insurance: The Owens Agency, LLC
- Allstate: The Salmon Agency
- American Floral, LLP
- Art of Dentistry-Dr. Gregory J. Wych
- Big Eyed Bird Creative, LLC
- Cassell Brothers Heating & Cooling
- ColaDaily.com
- Cut Throat Marketing
- DoubleTree by Hilton
- First Citizens Bank
- Frank's Car Wash
- Fully Promoted
- Grace Outdoor
- Great Southern Homes
- Kay Plumbing Services
- Loveless and Yarborough Real Estate
- LTC Heath Solutions
- McGuinn Homes
- Medi Home Pharmacy
- Midlands Media Group
- Prisma Health
- Providence Health
- Southland Log Homes
- Studio 3P
- Temples Halloran Funeral And Cremation Services
- The UPS Store at Kennerly Crossing
- Woodforest National Bank

PLATINUM PARTNERS

- 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 PARTNERS

- AAA Carolina-Travel
- Affordable Insurance Group
- AllSouth Federal Credit Union
- Allstate: The Beaty Agency
- Aloft - Harbison
- Ameris Bank
- Anchor Lanes
- AT&T
- B's Restaurant and Sports Pub
- Babcock Center Foundation
- Ballentine Collision Repair, Inc.
- Barnes Business Solutions
- Beverly C. Winstead CPA, PA
- Carolina Pest Control
- Century Glass
- 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
- Edward Jones Investments-David Wallace
- ERA Wilder Realty of Irmo
- Experience Columbia SC
- Eyes on the Lake, LLC
- FATZ Southern Kitchen
- FedEx Office-Dutch Fork/Irmo Walmart
- FedEx Office-Lexington Walmart
- First Community Bank
- FIT413 Health Club
- Free Times
- Generations Senior Care of Irmo
- Gibson and Associates Inc
- Gilbert Brothers, Inc.
- Harbison Community Association
- HarborChase of Columbia
- HDR | ICA Engineering
- Hyatt Place
- Irmo Drug
- Irmo Insurance Agency
- Irmo Music Academy
- Irmo Wellness Center
- 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.
- Mentor Midlands
- 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
- Mutual of Omaha
- 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
- R3 Fitness
- 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.
- Sweetgrass Home Staging, LLC
- 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
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Irmo
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Lexington
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Newberry
- Wells Fargo-Columbia

BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

A Q&A with Our New Board Chair, Alex Salmon

Allstate - The Salmon Agency, Broker

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

After sitting on the board for the previous year, I'm really looking forward to implementing the strategies discussed to help grow our chamber family.

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

The Irmo Chamber family is such a vibrant network of like-minded business owners and professionals! Who wouldn't want to be involved.



What is your favorite GICC event?

So, our LeaderCast Event has become my favorite event and we haven't even had it yet! You do NOT want to miss this event mid September! .

What do you like most about Irmo?

Irmo has so much to offer local businesses as well as families. Between fishing on Lake Murray, hiking at Harbison State Forest, or geocaching at Saluda Shoals, Irmo is quite the town.

What are your goals for the Chamber as Board Chair?

As the Chair-Elect for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, my goals are pretty simple; leave the #FunChamber better than I found it. This chamber has become a second family to me. The relationships I've developed as a result have been incredible.

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

Kerry's and my relationship goes back to serving together in a leadership group. It was around that time that I purchased my insurance agency. Kerry, Ginger, and Jeanette have always taken care of me as they do for all chamber members.

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LEADING HEALTHY *Teams*

Thursday, September 12

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



**Tickets now on sale:
GreaterIrmoChamber.com**

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