

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE LIGHTHOUSE

SEPTEMBER 2019



Message from the President

Your commute may have gotten longer, the days are getting shorter, and all things pumpkin spice are available in stores. That can only mean September is here! While we're barreling toward all the fall activities we love and hoping for cooler temperatures make sure you come out, have some fun, and support your community.

It is finally time for Leadrcast 2019: Leading Healthy Teams! This is a one of a kind event at the Harbison Theatre at Midlands Tech brought to you by Nephron Pharmaceuticals. Tickets are still available for this all-inclusive leadership experience on September 12, 2019. I challenge all of you out there who are in leadership roles in your businesses to join us at this event. Send your leadership teams. Come master the art and science of developing and leading healthy teams. This is the largest fundraiser for the Irmo Chamber so I hope you'll support this event!

Continuing the trend of keeping your calendar full the Irmo Okra Strut will return for its 46th year on September 27th and 28th with headlining act Edwin McCain! And I'll be your crying shoulder if you miss out!

There is plenty more to do this month to get you and your business more involved in the community. Be sure to keep an eye our calendar at FunChamber.com for all we've got going on this month and beyond..

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, September 3, 10, 17, and 24, 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.**

>> LUNCH & LEARN: HEALTHY SKIN/ NUTRIANCE ORGANIC SKIN CARE

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
 Come enjoy a delicious Organic Lunch, while you learn about the new Nutriance Organic Skin Care System! How to build Healthy Skin from the inside out! This Skin Care System is for men, women & teens!

>> CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday September 11, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 6952 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
 We welcome Kim Stenson, Director of the **SC Emergency Management Division.** We're right in the midst of hurricane season and Mr. Stenson will have some interesting information about being prepared. A big thank you to our partners at **Shaw Industries** for sponsoring this event and we are pleased to announce that **Texas Roadhouse** will be catering! \$10 in advance - \$12 at the door - Please register in advance.

>> LEADERCAST 2019: LEADING HEALTHY TEAMS

Thursday, September 12, 2019 • 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Harbison Theatre at Midlands Technical College
 7300 College St., Irmo, SC 29063
Leadercast is the largest one-day leadership event in the world. Broadcast live each year from Atlanta to hundreds of Host Sites around the world, **Leadercast** assembles globally respected leadership experts on one stage to share knowledge and insights from their leadership journeys. **TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE** at GreaterIrmoChamber.com.

>> BUSINESS AFTER HOURS: ATLANTIC @ PARKRIDGE

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 356 Lake Murray Boulevard, Irmo, SC 29063
 Join us at Atlantic @ Parkridge for appetizers and drink specials! Network with other members at this Business After Hours!

>> RIBBON CUTTING: GENTLEMEN HAIR CUTS

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 378 Columbiana Drive, Suite 300, Columbia, SC 29212
 Join us to welcome Gentlemen Hair Cuts to our Chamber! A light lunch will be provided! Ribbon cutting @ 11:45 a.m.

>> RIBBON CUTTING: WOODBRIDGE MEMORIAL PARK & FUNERAL HOME

Thursday, September 28, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 131 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072
 Join us to welcome Woodbridge Memorial Park & Funeral Home to our chamber! A light lunch will be provided! Ribbon Cutting @ 11:45 a.m.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS



DIAMOND PARTNERS



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WELCOME NEW PARTNERS

- Family Heritage / Protect1Family
- Foundation Church at Dutch Fork
- Gentlemen Hair Cuts
- Green Charter School of the Midlands
- Jennifer Cannon
- Mind's i Creative
- Something Borrowed
- United Community Bank

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- 94.3 The Dude (WWNQ)
- Accel Outdoor
- Allstate Insurance: The Owens Agency, LLC
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- Art of Dentistry - Dr. Gregory J. Wych
- Bart's Crazy Good Coffee Roasting Company
- Big Eyed Bird Creative, LLC
- Cassell Brothers Heating & Cooling
- ColaDaily.com
- Company Name
- 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
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- Prisma Health
- Pyramid Contracting, LLC.
- Southland Log Homes
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- Studio 3P
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- The UPS Store at Kennerly Crossing
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- AT&T
- B2'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
- Consultants in Gastroenterology
- Cooperative Conference Center
- CresCom Bank
- 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
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- FedEx Office-Lexington Walmart
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- Irmo Wellness Center
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- 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
- Meetze Plumbing Company, Inc.
- Modern Exterminating Company, Inc.
- Mentor Midlands
- Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative
- Midlands Technical College-Center for Entrepreneurial Success
- Millcore Computing
- 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
- 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
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- Spine Pain Center
- Stanick Sheet Metal & Roofing, Inc.
- State Farm Insurance - Terri Brock Agency, Inc.
- Sun Shades & Graphics
- 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
- United Community Bank
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Irmo
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Lexington
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Newberry
- Wells Fargo-Columbia
- Wilson's Refrigeration & Air

DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH

A Q&A with Diplomat, Eric Schelble

United Community Bank - VP, Commercial Relationship Manager



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

I really enjoy our monthly meetings where all the diplomats come together to build a plan around continuing a fun, engaging, and efficient organization. It is always a privilege to sit in a room with a focused team of community leaders, learn from them, and apply it to my work both professionally and within the Chamber.

I always look forward to meeting the members whom I act as a diplomat. I like to hear why they joined the Chamber and what they want to get out of their membership.

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

It is such a great group if you are trying to meet people with a common goal of driving business in the community. The events, small and large, always provide you a platform to talk about your work. Everyone I have met in my two years in the Chamber is open and willing to help however they can. This group is also always looking to combine business with fun, which never hurts!

What is your favorite GICC event?

I would have to put this as a tie between the Golf Tournament and the Gala.

Anytime I get to wake up and go play in a Captain's Choice Golf Tournament, it is going to be a great day! The fact we get to compete with so many familiar faces, all while raising money to create a better business community; makes it even better.

The Gala is so great because of how much effort our Chamber leaders put into the event. The atmosphere and attendance is always so strong, it leads to a great time.

The cornhole tournament is a smaller, but very fun event.

What do you like most about Irmo?

Growing up down the road in Chapin, I have met so many great families in the Irmo area. Irmo has been so welcoming since getting involved in the Chamber, the people continue to be great.

What are your goals for the Chamber as a Diplomat?

In my first year as a diplomat my goal has been to help out wherever and however I can. Be an active learner and listener in meetings and at events to best see where my skills can help the organization.

As I have gained a portfolio of chamber members; my goal has been to get to know them, have them see the fun and benefits of staying involved.

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

Living in Columbia and being from Chapin, the Irmo Chamber seemed like the perfect place to begin getting involved in a professional organization. After meeting with Kerry and Ginger and hearing about the events and opportunities that came with membership, I knew it was the right organization to join.

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LEADING HEALTHY *Teams*

Thursday, September 12

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



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