

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE LIGHTHOUSE

NOVEMBER 2019



Message from the President

Welcome to the month of thankfulness! This month I challenge you to think of one thing per day that makes you grateful to call this wonderful community home. We here at your #FunChamber are proud to call Irmo home and we are enjoying the exciting and productive year we've had so far!

Join us each Tuesday for our weekly Coffee Talks and get in some great networking opportunities. To continue your caffeine buzz, settle in with us on Wednesday, November 20th, for Coffee 101 – The Basics of Coffee. Starting at 11:30, Bart's Crazy Good Coffee will provide lunch, coffee samples, and answers to all your burning coffee questions! Make sure to register in advance as seating is limited.

Save the date for our annual Holiday Oyster Roast at Lake Murray on December 5, 2019 at the Woodmen Life Lodge on Johnson Marina Road. This event is one I'm thankful for every year! Tickets are \$25 or 2/\$40 and include beer, wine and all the Lowcountry oysters you can shuck! Tickets are available at FunChamber.com.

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

>> COFFEE TALK TUESDAY

Please join us for our weekly Coffee Talks
 Tuesday, November 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2019 • 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
 Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
 Enjoy a cup of coffee or two, great conversation and build your business relationships with other Irmo Chamber partners. **FREE** with your business card! **Sponsored by Bart's Crazy Good Coffee.**

>> RIBBON CUTTING: JONI'S BOUTIQUE & GIFTS (MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS)

Thursday, November 7, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 7001 St. Andrews Road, Suite A-8, (Murraywood Center), Columbia, SC 29212
 Join us to welcome **Joni's Boutique & Gifts** (Merle Norman Cosmetics) to our Chamber! Ribbon cutting at 11:45 a.m. A light lunch will be provided!

>> CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 6952 St. Andrews Rd., Cola, SC 29212
 This month, we will welcome Steve Ware with **Rivers Edge Retreat**. A big thank you to our partners at **Steve Padgett's Honda of Lake Murray** for sponsoring this event and we'll enjoy a delicious meal from **Willie Jewell's Old School BBQ!**

>> #FUNCHAMBER FLOW PAINTING

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Splurge, 6169 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
The Swirly Girls will teach you how to mix your paints, along with 2 different techniques to use. You will flow paint (1) Vinyl record and (1) 10x10 canvas. All materials are provided. \$25 each. Register online.

>> LUNCH & LEARN: COFFEE 101-THE BASICS OF COFFEE

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
 Come join Bart, of Bart's Crazy Good Coffee, and learn all about the basics of coffee! Lunch will be provided, as well as... you guessed it... plenty of coffee! Seating is limited, please register online.

WELCOME NEW PARTNERS

- Body Chek Sports Essentials
- Charles Moore
- Fazoli's
- Joni's Boutique & Gifts - Merle Norman
- Morgan E. Faulkenberry Insurance & Financial Services
- New York Life - Roger Johansson
- Raynet Technologies
- SC Representative Chris Wooten
- Shepard Community Blood Center
- Steeplechase Financial Services
- Stepping Stone Realty
- The Art of Living
- Willie Jewell's Old School Bar-B-Q
- Modern Woodmen of America - Dan Newbanks

OUR PARTNERS

DIAMOND PARTNERS



EMERALD PARTNERS



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
- Bart's Crazy Good Coffee Roasting Company
- 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
- Medi Home Pharmacy
- Midlands Media Group
- Prisma Health
- Pyramid Contracting, LLC.
- Southland Log Homes
- Steeplechase Financial Services
- STEVE PADGETT'S HONDA OF LAKE MURRAY
- 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
- Caughman Harman Funeral Home
- GrandSouth Bank
- Lowe's of Irmo
- 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 Giles Agency
- 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.
- Beverly C. Winstead CPA, PA
- Body Chek Sports Essentials
- 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
- Eyes on the Lake, LLC
- FATZ Southern Kitchen
- Fazoli's
- FedEx Office-Dutch Fork/Irmo Walmart
- FedEx Office-Lexington Walmart
- First Choice by Select Health of South Carolina
- First Community Bank
- FIT413 Health Club
- Flexible Focus, LLC
- Foundation Church at Dutch Fork
- Free Times
- Generations Senior Care of Irmo
- Gentlemen Hair Cuts
- Gilbert Brothers, Inc.
- Green Charter School of the Midlands
- Harbison Community Association
- HarborChase of Columbia
- Hyatt Place
- Irmo Drug
- Irmo Insurance Agency
- Irmo Wellness Center
- J King Real Estate
- Jarvis Tax Service
- Lake Murray Floor Covering
- Lake Murray Marina & Yacht Club
- Liberty Taproom on the Lake
- Liberty Tax Service (St. Andrew's)
- Meetze Plumbing Company, Inc.
- Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative
- Midlands Technical College-Center for Entrepreneurial Success
- Modern Exterminating Company, Inc.
- Modern Woodmen of America
- MOLLY MAID of the Midlands and Columbia
- Morgan E. Faulkenberry Insurance & Financial Services
- Movement Mortgage
- Mungo Homes
- Mutual of Omaha
- NW Family YMCA of Columbia
- Palmetto Mentor LLC
- Pendleton Street Business Advisors
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Principal Financial Group
- Prudential - J.D. Hacker
- PUBLIX Supermarket #656
- R3 Fitness
- 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.
- Sheppard Community Blood Center
- 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 Insurance - Terri Brock Agency, Inc.
- Sun Shades & Graphics
- TD Bank
- Terminix Service, Inc.
- The Art of Living
- 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
- Willie Jewell's Old School Bar-B-Q
- Wilson's Refrigeration & Air

DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH

A Q&A with Diplomat, Jessica Takach

GrandSouth Bank - VP Branch Manager

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

As a Diplomat, I love having the opportunity to get to know the Irmo Chamber members on a personal level. Knowing their "why" behind what they do is important to me. We have a remarkable group of people who make up our Chamber body. Our members are some of the most caring, compassionate, and dedicated entrepreneurs that I know, and I feel blessed to be in their presence!



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

You should get involved in the Chamber because "Doing Business" involves relationship building and community development. You can't build community and not be involved. I believe that engagement and involvement are key components to being successful both professionally and personally.

What is your favorite GICC event?

My favorite GICC event is the golf tournament. I don't play in the tournament because my golf game isn't "up to par," but I love the excitement and seeing everyone else enjoying themselves. Greeting the teams as they arrive and hearing the competitive banter as to who will win always makes for a good time!

What do you like most about Irmo?

What I like most about Irmo is that even though it has changed and grown so much over the past 20 years, it really still feels like the small town I grew up knowing and loving. The Chamber brings people together and weaves relationships on a business and personal level, which makes the growing community still feel close knit.

What are your goals for the Chamber as a Diplomat?

My goals for the Chamber as a Diplomat are to exemplify the warmth and the friendliness that Chamber has shown me since the first day I got involved. I always felt welcomed and appreciated, and I want everyone that I come in contact with to feel that same way.

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

I first got involved with the Chamber because the company I was working for was a member. I was able to see early on the value and the benefit of not only being a member, but being involved and what it means not only to the Chamber, but to the company I represent, and to myself personally.




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Oyster Roast Thursday, December 5
5:30pm - 7:30pm

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\$25 or 2/\$40 • Purchase Tickets at the FunChamber.com

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