

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE LIGHTHOUSE

OCTOBER 2019



Message from the President

Happy Fall Y'all! Now that we've officially stepped into the first days of fall, I keep hoping the weather will start to reflect that. Either way, check out all this month has to offer here at your Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce.

On October 8th, come have a colorful night with one of our newest partners: Swirly Girl Arts at Splurge! This #FunChamber Flow painting event has limited seating so get your spots now, refreshments are provided but BYOB is also allowed!

Then on par with what is shaping up to be a full #FunChamber October, is our annual Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. We'll play Captain's Choice rain-or-shine on October 10th at Mid-Carolina Club and are pleased to offer a 19th Hole and Awards sponsored by Carrabba's Italian Grill!

Networking is near and dear to our hearts here at the Chamber and this month we're offering you plenty of occasions to get involved; with our Tuesday Coffee Talks and this month's Lunch and Learns! We will also be hosting a Business After Hours on October 16th in celebration of National Chamber Day! What a perfect opportunity to celebrate with free appetizers and drink specials at Carrabba's. As the cherry on top we'll also have cake samples from Nothing Bundt Cakes!

The Chamber thrives on community connection and conversation so make sure you're checking out our website and Facebook page for more events and information. We love the opportunity to engage with the citizens of our town so give us a call or come down to the office and find out how you and your business can get better connected and grow here 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, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 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.**

>> LUNCH & LEARN: CALM, COOL & INVESTED

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
Come to the **#FunChamber** and learn a little something while you lunch!!
Bob Bouyea with **Edwards Jones Investments** will be here to discuss financial strategies to help you stay on track and achieve your goals. Register on our website. \$10 per person.

>> #FUNCHAMBER FLOW PAINTING

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
At Splurge - 6169 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
Join us for a super fun night of flow painting with one of our newest partners: **Swirly Girl Arts at Splurge!** Flow painting is a unique and fun art form that allows you to create a one of a kind piece of art. No two paintings are ever alike! **The Swirly Girls** will teach you how to mix your paints, along with 2 different techniques to use. Learn more and register on our website. Seating is limited. \$25 per person.

>> CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 6952 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
We welcome Kendra Mallett-Brunson, Director of Development for **Palmetto Place**. This home provides a safe environment for children and teens who have faced abuse, abandonment, neglect and/or homelessness. A big thank you to our partners at **Ameris Bank** for sponsoring this event and we are pleased to announce that **Moe's Southwestern Grill** will be catering! Register on our website. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

>> 2019 CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday October 10, 2019 • 12:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Mid Carolina Club - 3593 Kiblers Bridge Rd., Prosperity, SC 29127
12:00 noon - Registration and Lunch; 1:30pm - Shot Gun Start; 5:30pm - 19th Hole Celebration. Join us for the Annual Irmo Chamber Golf Tournament! 19th Hole and Awards sponsored by **Carrabba's Italian Grill!**

>> LUNCH & LEARN: PREPARING YOUR ESTATE PLAN

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
Join David Wallace of **Edward Jones** as he presents Preparing Your Estate Plan!
Lisa Lee Smith from **Lisa Lee Smith Law Firm, LLC** & Jessica Kline from **Dunbar Funeral Homes** will be available to answer questions! Lunch will be provided! Register on our website. \$10 per person.

>> BUSINESS AFTER HOURS: NATIONAL CHAMBER DAY

Wednesday October 16, 2019 • 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Carrabba's: 370 Columbiana Drive, Columbia, SC 29212
Come celebrate **National Chamber Day** with us at **Carrabba's!** Enjoy free appetizers and drink specials! Also, cake samples from **Nothing Bundt Cakes!**

>> LUNCH & LEARN: CREATIVE FINANCIAL DIVORCE STRATEGIES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
Join us for a lunch & learn hosted by **The Financial Knot** and learn how to experience a more peaceful divorce process. Register on our website. \$10 each.

>> RIBBON CUTTING: STEVE PADGETT'S HONDA OF LAKE MURRAY

Friday, October 25, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
750 Western Lane, Irmo, SC 29063
Join us to welcome Steve Padgett's Honda of Lake Murray to our Chamber! A light lunch will be provided. Ribbon cutting at 11:45 a.m.

>> LUNCH & LEARN: DOING BUSINESS IN RICHLAND COUNTY

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Irmo Chamber, 1235 Columbia Ave., Irmo, SC 29063
Join the **Richland County Office of Small Business Opportunity**, the discussion will be focused around explaining the purpose of the office, how it advocates for small businesses, its certification process, as well as trainings and workshops for small businesses. **FREE** and lunch will be provided but please **register in advance** to reserve a box lunch.

WELCOME NEW PARTNERS

Body Chek Sports Essentials • Charles Moore

Fazoli's • Joni's Boutique & Gifts-Merle Norman

New York Life - Roger Johansson

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- South Carolina Blue Retail Center
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- Affordable Insurance Group
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- Ameris Bank
- Anchor Lanes
- AT&T
- B2'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.
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- Dunbar Funeral Home
- Edward Jones Investments-David Wallace
- ERA Wilder Realty of Irmo
- Experience Columbia SC
- Eyes on the Lake, LLC
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- FedEx Office-Lexington Walmart
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- First Community Bank
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- Foundation Church at Dutch Fork
- Free Times
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- Gilbert Brothers, Inc.
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- Harbison Community Association
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- Hyatt Place
- Irmo Drug
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- Irmo Music Academy
- Irmo Wellness Center
- J King Real Estate
- Javis Tax Service
- Lake Murray Floor Covering
- Lake Murray Marina & Yacht Club
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- South State Bank
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- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Lexington
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Newberry
- Wells Fargo-Columbia
- Willie Jewell's Old School Bar-B-Q
- Wilson's Refrigeration & Air
- Woodmen of the World - Dan Newbanks

DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH

A Q&A with Diplomat, Bryant Davis

Richland County - Assistant Director of Government and Community Services

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

I have the opportunity to interact with businesses and organizations all across the Irmo Area. We get to ensure that Chamber partners understand their benefits and even assist in getting them involved in chamber events.

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

The Irmo Chamber is a driving force for businesses and organizations. The Chamber continues to provide resources, lunch & learns, and networking events to engage and inform its partners. Most importantly, the Chamber collectively advocates for businesses in a unified forum in ways that most businesses are unable to do alone.



What is your favorite GICC event?

I love Coffee Talk! Kerry has made this event into such a fun networking opportunity. Coffee Talk is an early morning event that includes networking and a "question of the day" that attendees have the opportunity to answer. For example, what is your favorite Jimmy Buffet song? I do not have a favorite Jimmy Buffet song but none the less it was fun to hear others favorite Jimmy Buffet song. Everyone shows up ready to network and connect with each other.

What do you like most about Irmo?

My parents moved to the Irmo area as I entered high school. I attended Dutch Fork High School. I was able to see a lot of the growth and expansion of the Greater Irmo Area. I love the amount of variety shops and dining that exist in the area. There is also a "small town" feel that still exists in Irmo even with the rapid growth. I went to summer camp as a child at Harbison Rec Center, became a camp counselor, and now send my daughter there for summer camp. I still feel like a kid all over again every time I enter.

What are your goals for the Chamber as a Diplomat?

Increase knowledge of our department and outreach to the community. Government and Community Services is a proactive outreach arm of the county. We are involved in councils, boards, and committees all across Richland County. Our goal is get out in the community and really understand the issues and needs that exist and share those with our Richland County Administration and County Council. We also have division known as the Office of Small Business Opportunity or "OSBO that advocates for small businesses all across Richland County. We offer workshops, trainings, and help small businesses be prepared for contracting opportunities through Richland County. We are here to help!

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

We first got involved with the Irmo Chamber at the beginning of 2019. Our Department was researching opportunities to get plugged into the community. After researching #funchamber, I felt that the Irmo Chamber offered Government and Community Services a viable option for connection with businesses and organizations in the Greater Irmo Area.

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It's more than just networking... come see why we are the
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