

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE LIGHTHOUSE

DECEMBER 2019



Message from the President

The Holiday Season is officially here and I hope everyone throughout the Irmo Community takes the time during this joyous season to appreciate all we have been blessed with here in our town.

Many of the things that make our community great involve the time we at the #FunChamber get to spend with all of you. Please join us Thursday, December 5th for the annual Holiday Oyster Roast on beautiful Lake Murray. Tickets are still available and we'll have plenty of Lowcountry oysters to shuck along with chili, hot dogs, beer, wine and lots of #FunChamber fellowship. Very special thanks to the Woodmen Life Lodge for hosting our event again this year. Rain or shine, cold or warm...don't miss this event!

As always, we will be hosting our Tuesday Coffee Talks if you're in need of a networking and caffeine buzz. With the weather we've been having I know I appreciate that hot cup of Bart's Crazy Good Coffee and the enrichment of conversations with our #FunChamber Partners!

Happy Holidays from your Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce, we hope to see you at event soon or feel free to drop by for some glad tidings!

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, December 3, 10, and 17 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.**

>> ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

Thursday, December 5, 2019 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 The Woodmen Life Lodge on beautiful Lake Murray!
 2000 Johnson Marina Rd., Chapin, SC 29036
 Join us for our Annual Holiday Oyster Roast! We'll have plenty of
 Lowcountry oysters to shuck along with chili, hot dogs, beer, wine and
 lots of Chamber fellowship. Very special thanks to the **Woodmen Life
 Lodge** for hosting our event again this year!

>> BUSINESS AFTER HOURS: ALOFT

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 • 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 ALOFT Hotel, 217 Lanneau Court, Columbia, SC 29212
 Join us at ALOFT Hotel for a Business After Hours! Enjoy appetizers and
 drink specials!

>> NO CHAMBER LUNCHEON IN DECEMBER SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

WELCOME NEW PARTNERS

Alex Salmon Photography
 Dominion Energy
 Sassy Nails
 Service Master

OUR PARTNERS

DIAMOND PARTNERS



EMERALD PARTNERS



MARKETING PARTNERS

- 93.1 The Lake (WZMJ)
- 94.3 The Dude (WWNQ)
- Accel Outdoor
- Alex Salmon Photography
- 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 Health Solutions
- Medi Home Pharmacy
- Midlands Media Group
- Prisma Health
- Pyramid Contracting, LLC.
- Sassy Nails
- 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
- Dominion Energy
- GrandSouth Bank
- Lowe's of Irmo
- Lutheran Homes of South Carolina
- South Carolina Blue Retail Center
- Staples

GOLD PARTNERS

- AAA Car Care-Irmo
- AAA Carolina-Travel
- AAA Insurance-Irmo
- Affordable Insurance Group
- AllSouth Federal Credit Union
- AllSouth Federal Credit Union-Irmo
- 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
- BeWell Home Services
- Bites & Sights (Free Times)
- Body Chek Sports Essentials
- Broad River Dentistry
- 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
- Eagle One Tow & Transport
- Edward Jones Investments-David Wallace
- ERA Wilder Realty of Chapin
- 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
- Harbison Medical Associates
- Harbison Theatre at Midlands Technical College
- HarborChase of Columbia
- HealthWorks of Palmetto Health
- Holiday Inn Express and Suites
- Hyatt Place
- Irmo Drug
- Irmo Insurance Agency
- Irmo Medical Associates
- Irmo Wellness Center
- J King Real Estate
- Jarvis Tax Service
- Kings & Queens Barber and Beauty
- KMS Masonry
- Lake Murray Floor Covering
- Lake Murray Marina & Yacht Club
- Lexington Family Practice - Irmo
- Lexington Medical Center Community Outreach
- Lexington Medical Center-Irmo
- Lexington Orthopaedics
- Lexington Sleep Solutions
- Lexington Women's Care - Irmo
- Liberty Taproom on the Lake
- Liberty Tax Service
- Liberty Tax Service (St. Andrew's)
- Lutheran Hospice
- Mary Kay-Sondi Carstetter
- Medi Home Care
- Medi Home Infusion
- Meetze Plumbing Company, Inc.
- Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative
- Midlands Technical College-Center for Entrepreneurial Success
- Minnie's Auto Repair
- 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 Health Foundation
- Palmetto Health-Three Rivers Medical Associates
- Palmetto Mentor LLC
- Pendleton Street Business Advisors
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Peterson & Plante Internal Medicine Associates
- Principal Financial Group
- Prudential - J.D. Hacker
- PUBLIX Supermarket # 17
- PUBLIX Supermarket #656
- PUBLIX Supermarket #883
- R3 Fitness
- Residence Inn by Marriott
- Riverbluff of Lexington Apartments
- Roper Staffing
- Rowe Rooter Plumbing Inc
- Royal Z Lanes
- SAFE Federal Credit Union
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- 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
- State Farm Insurance - Terri Brock Agency, Inc.
- Sun Shades & Graphics
- TD Bank
- Terminix Service, Inc.
- The Art of Living
- The Club at Carolina Stadium Apartments
- The Heritage at Lowman
- The Legends at Lake Murray Apartment Homes
- The Residence at Marina Bay
- Three Rivers Medical Associates
- Total Comfort Solutions
- Town of Irmo
- Tri County Home Health
- Troubleshooter A/C Refrigeration
- United Community Bank
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Irmo
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Lexington
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Newberry
- Wells Fargo-Columbia
- Wells Fargo-Harbison
- Willie Jewell's Old School Bar-B-Q
- Wilson's Refrigeration & Air
- Wilson's Refrigeration & Air-Pomaria

To All Our Chamber Partners and Our Community, We Wish You

Happy Holidays!

- Kerry, Ginger and Jeanette

The #FunChamber's
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
 We will be closed from
 December 23, 2019
 through
 January 1, 2020

DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH

A Q&A with Diplomat, Jordan Whitehead

Cut Throat Marketing - Social Media Specialist



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

I enjoy being on the ground level of all things #FunChamber. I enjoy being involved in the planning process as well as the execution. I love being able to help the amazing Chamber Partners stay up to date on what's going on and answer any questions they have. I really love getting to sit next to Mrs. Ginger at the luncheons and speak to almost everyone as they check in each month.

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

The Chamber is more of a family than anything else. When becoming involved with The Greater Irmo Chamber you not only gain hundreds of potential customers, but friends and family as well. No matter what is going on, there is a member of the Chamber family that is ready, willing and able to help. I have gained so many personal and professional contacts since joining the Chamber.

There is a reason we are the #FunChamber, Kerry and the team take time to ensure every event is not just beneficial to your business and personal development, but that fun is had in the process. However, it is not enough to just join the Chamber, you have to get involved in the events and show your face to really get the benefits out of the #FunChamber. The more active and present you are, the more people you get to know and the more your network grows! Get Involved, you won't be disappointed!

What is your favorite GICC event?

This is a hard one, there are SO many fun events each year, it is hard to choose! I love the Golf Tournament because you get to see people that you don't usually see, it's funny the way different events bring out different crowds. For the past few years I have gotten to drive the Beverage Cart, and I must say, I have never felt more needed than when all the Beer is with me! :) But I do LOVE getting dressed up and having a nice evening at the Chamber Gala each year!

What do you like most about Irmo?

As someone who is from Chapin and remembers when we only had 1 stop light and a Winn-Dixie, Irmo was where we had to go to get most anything growing up. So as someone who has spent most of her life around Irmo it has been AMAZING to watch it grow. Irmo is a great community that has so much to offer, from great shopping, fabulous food, Lake Murray, fantastic businesses and a great Hometown feel, all just minutes away from Columbia, what more could you ask for?

What are your goals for the Chamber as a Diplomat?

To help the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce grow as an organization in the community and at large. I hope to show others how much fun the #FunChamber can be, leading to increased partnership and more involvement. As a Diplomat, I try my best to keep my assigned partner companies informed as to what is going on, I hope that one day I show up to an event to find all of my assigned partners there, having fun and supporting the Chamber.

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

I think it was in 2015 when I got involved, Bethany Hiller asked me to come with her to Red White and Blues in Irmo Town Park. For months I had heard great things about the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce, but after going to this event with Bethany, I was hooked and have joined the Chamber with every company I have worked for. I plan to be a Chamber partner for life!!


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It's more than just networking... come see why we are the **#FunChamber!**

Give us a call or visit our website for more information

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presents the



2019 HOLIDAY

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

Woodmen Life Lodge on Johnson Marina Road
\$25 or 2/\$40 • Purchase Tickets at the FunChamber.com

OUR 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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