

Bay Florida's Forgotten Coast® BUSINESS REPORT

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Meeting Notices

Monthly Business Luncheon
March 2, 2011, noon
Owl Cafe

15 Avenue D
Apalachicola

Business After Hours
March 10, 5:30-7:00 pm
Hole In The Wall
23 Avenue D
Apalachicola

Monthly Business Luncheon
April 6, 2011 noon
TBA

Visitor Statistics

January 2001
1,204
January 2002
917
January 2003
868
January 2004
890
January 2005
1,268
January 2006
1,325
January 2007
1,863
January 2008
2,318
January 2009
1,286
January 2010
1,920
January 2011
1,352

January Website

apalachicolabay.org/index.cfm/m/46

New Members

Face Perfection

Jessie Muecke joined the chamber last month with her new permanent make up business *Face Perfection*. Located in Eastpoint at 338 US Highway 98 in Scissors Palace, *Face Perfection* offers permanent cosmetics for eyes, eye brows, lips, lip liner and birth marks. Permanent makeup lasts anywhere from two-five years and is a great option for women looking to save time and money on their makeup. Most procedures take approximately an hour. Call Jessie for details at (850) 832-0550 or email her at jessie.muecke@fairpoint.net

Tiffin Consignments

Welcome Tiffany Tiffin with her business *Tiffin Consignments* (Southern Furniture Liquidators) located at 117 US Highway 98 in Eastpoint. Tiffin Consignments sells consigned furniture and accessories at 50-75% off retail. She has a huge facility that sells all types of furniture, rugs, pictures and artwork, appliances, and house hold items and even some antiques. You never know what you will find. Tiffany can also consign a piece of your furniture or your whole house. Tiffin Consignment can be reached by calling (850) 670-8811, cell 370-0396 or by email at southernfurniture@fairpoint.net

Capital City Bank

Chollet Ramsey joined the chamber with *Capital City Bank*, a full service bank with branches and ATMs throughout Florida, Georgia and Alabama, including a branch in Port St Joe. *Capital City* also offers home equity loans, mortgages, and credit cards. Founded 115 years ago, Capital City values the relationships they have built with their clients over the years and prides itself in having the latest banking tools. Chollet can be reached at (850) 402-7991 or cell (850) 688-4469 or by email ramsey.chollet@ccbq.com. You can also visit their website at www.ccbq.com

Big Bay Charters

John V. Hutchinson joined the chamber with his business *Big Bay Charters*, a bay fishing and sightseeing charter business. John is a licensed USCG

Directors Column

Anita Grove, Executive Director

The 15th Annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler was a fabulous success. We'd like to thank all of the talented chefs, and their staff, who participated. They really out did themselves this year:

Apalachicola Seafood Grill, Boss Oyster, Blue Parrot Oceanfront Café, Café con Leche, Caroline's Dining on the River, Crooked River Grill, Eastpoint Farmers Market, Eddy Teach's Raw Bar, The Owl Café, Real Paella, Sunset Coastal Grill, Tamara's Café Floridita, That Place Off 98, That's A Moray, Up The Creek, Southern Wine & Spirits, Buffalo Rock Pepsi, and the Lewis Bear Company.

We would also like to thank Andrea Duval for her help in coordinating the event décor and the very talented table designers who designed and set up 19 stunning guest tables: Apalachicola Municipal Library- Caty Greene, Bayside Gallery & Florist-Amy Price, City Square Community Garden & Gardens, Inc.-Jenny Billings and Shirley Pace, Petunia's-Dixie Partington, The Green Door-Amy Friedman, Butler Insurance-Denise

Butler, Oystercatcher-Katherine Neill, Party Rental Company-Shelly James, Panache Tent & Event-Elizabeth & Rich Wynn and Andrea's Nails-Andrea Duval.

Thanks also to our dedicated, hardworking volunteers who helped us stage the event: P J Trowell, Jim Bachrach, Ted Ruffner, Wayne

Statistics

Visits	16,079
Page Views	76,295
Pages/Visits	4.75
Time (min)	4:33
Bounce Rate	27.22%

New Visits
71.99%

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captain and he offers full or half day charters that include everything you'll need for a successful fishing trip or a day of sightseeing. John specializes in bay fishing. He also writes a fishing blog on what is being caught in the area. Call John at (850) 323-0897 cell or (850) 653-3175, or you can email him at john@bigbaycharters.com. Check out his website and blog at www.bigbaycharters.com

12 Gage & The Deep Blues Band, LLC

Gage Blevins joined the chamber with his band, *12 Gage & The Deep Blues Band*. Influenced early on by Eric Clapton, Gage loves the blues. He and his band are available for all types of gigs, parties and special events. They are flexible and can perform at all sorts of venues. Gage grew up in Apalachicola and Eastpoint and attended school at First Baptist. He currently lives in Port St Joe. He is a guitar player and the band consist a drummer, another guitarist and a bass player. Gage can be reached at (850) 229-1460, cell 596-5470 or visit his website at www.deepbluesband.com

Affordable Fishing

Captain Doug Joyner joined the chamber with his business *Affordable Fishing*. Doug offers customized adventures that include oystering, cast netting, crabbing, and fishing for drum, trout, flounder, croaker, sail cat and small shark on light tackle. He also conducts river trips and trips to the barrier island for shelling. Doug is a licensed USCG captain and has a 20 foot Proline center console and a brand new 23 foot wooden Apalachicola Bay oyster skiff. He does full and half day trips. Doug has been fishing and roistering most of his life. He graduated from Carrabelle High. Doug can be reached by calling (850) 670-8496, cell (850) 524-5985 or by email dougjoyner29@yahoo.com

Member News

Petunia

Congratulations to Dixie Partington. She purchased *Petunia* in January. *Petunia* is a specialty boutique for pets and their people. Hey carry custom t-shirts, homemade dog treats, specialty collars, harnesses and dog and cat clothing, holistic dog and cat food, and everything else pet related. Their hours are Monday thru Saturday 10:00am - 5:30pm. Petunia can be reached by calling (850) 653-9144 or by email petuniapet@hotmail.com

Job Search Workshop with Professional Q&A Panel

Gulf Coast Community College (Panama City Campus) will host a Job Search workshop on Wednesday, March 2, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. cst at their Student Union West, Room 302.

Workshop is free and open to the community:

Thomas, Sandra Smith, Valerie Kidney, Donnie Gay, Debbie Flowers, Laura Baney, Nikki Cash, Kristin Anderson, Marc Grove, Lois Swoboda, Beverly Hewitt, and Jerry Hall.

A very special thanks to Cheryl Creek and students Jordan King, Lanae Wilson, Stephan Jackson, and Joel Williams from the Franklin County High School Culinary program. Cheryl, your students did an awesome job!

Last but not least, we'd like to thank James Marsh with Forgotten Coast Cleaners who pressed all of those table cloths!



Reservations are required due to limited seating
 Learn about resume writing and online job search tools, networking/netiquette skills and dressing for success. There will be a professional Q&A panel discussion (participants ask specific job search questions and get advice from seasoned professionals with hiring experience ~ panelists are Alumni Advisory Council Members and community leaders).
 Call Loel Davenport
 at (850) 873-3583 or email alumni@gulfcoast.edu

Riverfront Therapy Offers Acupuncture

Erin Taratoot, licensed acupuncturist is practicing at Riverfront Therapy. Call (850) 653-6719 for an appointment.

That's A Moray

That's A Moray is now serving a bar menu at the Gibson Inn on Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00- 9:00 pm.

Events

March 5 Pawdi Gras A delightful new event for pups and their people. Designed to benefit the Franklin County Animal Shelter and a new dog park in Apalachicola, there will be a Pawrade at 4:00, a Tailent contest at 3:00 and Yappy Hour at 5:00...lots of licks and fun! Come Pawdi at the DIXIE with your Best Friend!

March 5 St George Island Regional Chili Cook off will take place Thursday, March 3th – Saturday, March 5th. The weekend begins a golf tournament at 8:00 AM Thursday at St. James Golf Course. Then on Friday, the Auction Art Preview is in the evening from 5 - 7 at the island's firehouse (324 E. Pine Ave.). Saturday includes the 5K Red Pepper Run (8:00 AM), Crock Pot Judging (10-11:00), the Auction beginning at 11:00, booth showmanship judging (11:30 - 12:15), Miss Chili Pepper and Miss Hot Sauce judging (starting at 12:15), taste awards (3:30). Held in the center of the island. There is a \$5 entry fee. Proceeds benefit the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders (850) 653-6735 www.sgiChiliCookOff.com.

March 10-12 Camp Gordon Johnston

Association and the CGJ WWII Museum invites everyone to come to Carrabelle on March 10th -12th for the 16th annual CGJ Days reunion. Thursday there will be a golf tournament at St James Bay followed by a dinner and silent auction. Friday is registration and boat trips to Dog Island. The parade is on Saturday and will feature vintage Military vehicles, active duty troops and community organizations. City of Carrabelle will provide a free "fish Frv" afterwards at the Fire Station. At 2:30 pm

visitor Guide and map

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber is producing the Official Visitors Guide & Map to promote businesses in our area. This is a professionally produced glossy full-color guide, and that includes an area maps, professional photographs, brief histories of the area, things to do, dining, places to stay, shopping places to see and relocation information. If you area interested in advertising, please contact Anita Grove or Cindy Collins at the Chamber office (850) 653-9419 or anita@apalachicolabay.org

FLORIDA SCHOOL SPRING BREAK DATES (K-12)

BAY	MAR 14-20
CALHOUN	MAR 21-25
ESCAMBIA	APR 25-29
GULF	MAR 14-18
HOLMES	APR 25-29
JACKSON	MAR 28-APR 1
LEON	MAR 21-25
LIBERTY	MAR 28-APR 1
OKALOOSA	MAR 21-25
SANTA ROSA	MAR 14-18
WALTON	APR 25-29

WASHINGTON	MAR 29-APR 2
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Volunteers Needed

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber Visitor Center seeks volunteers to help at the visitors center and with special projects. Duties include giving our visitor information, answering questions about places to stay, restaurants and things to do. If you would like to help, we'd love to have you. It can be a fun and rewarding. Contact us for details (850) 653-9419 or email us at info@apalachicolabay.org

there will be a beach landing at Carrabelle Beach by the US Army. The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum will be open all weekend. For a full schedule go to www.campgordonjohnston.com or call 850-697-8575.

8th Annual Dixie Does Nashville

March 11, 2011 to March 12, 2011 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET) at the Dixie Theatre

March 19 Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Charity Rib Cook Off

The 10th annual Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Charity Rib Cook Off will take place on Saturday, March 19th, at the fire house in Eastpoint on the corner of CC Land Road and 6th Street. Contestants will be cooking up all kinds of BBQ including pork, chicken, beef, plus there will be other goodies like apple dumplings and fresh pork rinds. Prizes will be awarded for rib cook-off and car show contestants. The ever popular Liar's Contest is always a treat. For more information call George Pruett at (850) 670-9000.

March 26, 2011 Apalachicola ArtWalk

Fine art in all forms will be woven in and around picturesque downtown Apalachicola where artists will be showing, selling and demonstrating their talents from 11:00-6:00 pm. Festivities continue into the afternoon with a progressive wine tasting and hors d'oeuvre from 3:00-5:00 pm. Later in the evening local chefs will prepare special dishes at their restaurants highlighting our fresh local ingredients. The Sarah Mac will perform at the Dixie Theatre at 8:00 pm. For more information call (850) 653-9419 www.apalachicolabay.org.

March 26 **St Vincent Annual Open House** Enjoy a free full day of nature-related activities. Transport to/from the island will be provided hourly. Guided tours and exhibits will allow people to learn about the island's protected wildlife, diverse ecosystems, and history as well as enjoy the unspoiled beauty of this unique pristine uninhabited refuge. These services including educational talks/discussions will be provided by numerous volunteers from the Supporters and various community organizations. The guided tours will be both walking and vehicular. Light snacks and bottled water will be available. Contact : Audrey Schmidt at <http://www.stvincentfriends.com>