

# APALACHICOLA

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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### Meetings

#### Monthly Business

#### Luncheon

June 3rd

**First United Methodist  
Church Fellowship Hall**

75 5th Street in  
Apalachicola.

**Noon**

#### Business After Hours

June 18th, 2015

Hosted by

**Enjoy Apalachicola**

122 Commerce St. Suite B

Apalachicola

5:30-7:00 pm

### Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce's new year begins at the end of June, and it is time to elect board members and officers for the 2015-2016 year. If you would be interested in serving on the board or have questions about serving, please email us by June 15th at [execdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:execdirector@apalachicolabay.org) or call (850) 653-9419. Our board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 5:00 pm.

June is renewal month for members of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. Chamber renewal notices will be mailed out soon. If you would like a copy of the renewal form emailed to you just email us at [execdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:execdirector@apalachicolabay.org).

### Business Luncheon & Business After Hours

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**July Monthly Business Luncheon**  
July 1st, 2015  
**Caroline's River Dining**  
123 Water Street  
Apalachicola  
Noon

### **Visitor Statistics** **May**

May 2001 1,266  
May 2002 918  
May 2003 926  
May 2004 1,234  
May 2005 1,526  
May 2006 1,535  
May 2007 2,046  
May 2008 2,437  
May 2009 1,715  
May 2010 2,389  
May 2011 2,228  
May 2012 2,226  
May 2013 2,490  
May 2014 1,883  
May 2015 1,165

### **Website stats**

April 2015

Sessions  
21,520

Users  
17,849

Pageviews  
64,435

Pages / Session  
2.99

If you or your business is interested in hosting a Business Luncheon or a Business After Hours in 2015, please feel free to call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 850-653-9419 or email John C. Solomon at [execdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:execdirector@apalachicolabay.org)

### **New Members**

## **Rowland Publishing Inc**

Owned and Operated by Brian Rowland, Rowland Publishing is a regional publisher of excellence offering the premier community magazines of Northwest Florida (850 Magazine, Emerald Coast Magazine, Tallahassee Magazine) as well as custom publishing, project management and creative services.  
[browland@rowlandpublishing.com](mailto:browland@rowlandpublishing.com)

## **Apalach Hot Dog Company**

Owned by Mary Stutzman & David Smith  
Their immaculate hot dog vendor cart is perfect for your fund-raiser, birthday party or corporate event. They have attended the Hot Dog University. They specialize in Chicago style hotdogs. They offer hot dog cart service with sophistication!  
[mstutzman@fsu.edu](mailto:mstutzman@fsu.edu)

## **Captain Jack's Guide Service**

Captain Jack Frye Jr of Apalachicola Charter Fishing Guide for Apalachicola & St. George Island on Florida's Forgotten Coast  
[www.captjacksguideservice.com](http://www.captjacksguideservice.com)

### **Events**

## **SGI Lighthouse Full Moon Climb**

June 2, 2015 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Climb to the top of the Cape St. George Light to watch the sunset and the rise of the full moon. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb includes light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00 for the general public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

## **Turtle Talk**

June 3, 2015 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM (ET)

Sea turtle nesting season is here! During the first week of May, sea turtle nests have been spotted on both St George Island and St. Vincent Island, and volunteers and staff are monitoring remaining area beaches for their crawls. Each spring hundreds of these grand creatures arise from Gulf waters to lay their eggs on our sandy shores. Most of the turtles that nest here are Loggerheads, *Caretta caretta*, but we do get some Green sea turtles, *Chelonia mydas* and Leatherback sea turtles, *Dermochelys coriacea*. Hatchlings will start to crawl out of their nests approximately two months after being laid and continue to emerge through

Avg. Session Duration  
00:02:38

% New Sessions  
77.24%

## Board of Directors

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Bonnie Fulmer 509-5009  
Craig Gibson 653-8853  
Ginny Griner 653-8853  
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Karen Rudder 927-2312  
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Jean Ulrich 653-2900

## Executive Director

John C. Solomon  
execdirector@apalachicolabay.org  
850-370-6602

## Got Ideas? Suggestions?

How can the Apalachicola Bay Chamber better serve you?  
Is there something that we can do better to help your business?  
Is there something you would like to see us add or change on the website, at the visitor's center or in the visitors' guide?  
If you would like to be a volunteer with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.  
Ideas are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us with your ideas at [info@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:info@apalachicolabay.org).

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## Missy & Mossy LLC

Alexandria Peaden out of Leesburg, FL  
They haul all types of aggregate material (sand, lime rock, gravel etc.)  
They have both tractor trailers and mini wheeler available

## Member News

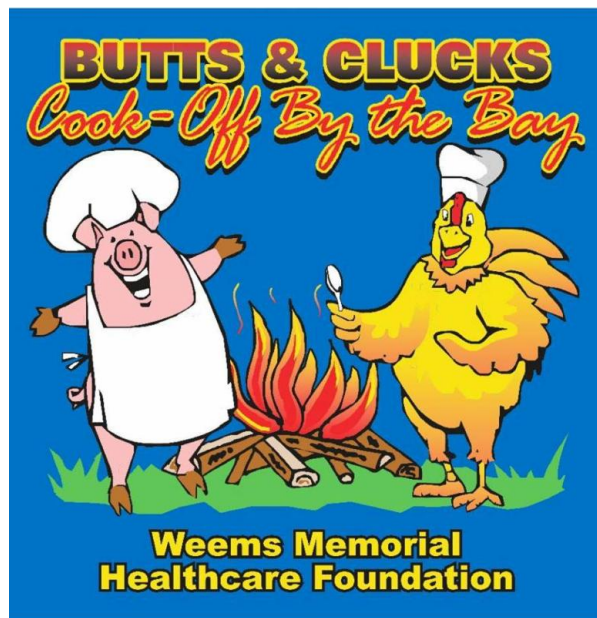
## Beginner Belly Dance Hosted by Spirit of the River Yoga

**Beginner Belly Dance**  
June 13, 2015 with Jessica Shirvan of Gypsy Parvana  
Time: 1-3 p.m.  
Where: 29 Ave. F, Ste. B, Apalachicola, FL  
Cost: \$25 per person  
Everyone of all ages, sizes, and fitness levels can benefit from the intricate muscular movements and isolations of belly dance. Jessica is an experienced instructor and choreographer, with nearly 10 years of experience. In this workshop, she will guide you through the basic movements and combinations, concluding in a short choreography.  
Hosted by Spirit of the River Yoga  
Offering a variety of services in your home or in office including massage, Acupuncture, Hot Stone, Reiki, Cranio Sacral Therapy, Group or Private yoga classes and more.  
www.SOTRYoga.com  
Gypsy Parvana—Panama City, FL  
www.GypsyParvana.com

**June 13th 1:00pm-3:00pm**

## Weems Memorial Healthcare Foundation

October. On average there are 90 nests on Little St George and 150 nests on St. George every year.  
Bruce Drye has been monitoring turtle nesting on St. George since 1990, after he retired from the St. George Island State Park. At first a volunteer, he was later hired by ANERR to oversee the project each year. Bruce started the ANERR St. George Island Volunteer Turtlers which also help monitor the nests.  
Two interns will be working with Bruce this season. Amy Bergstrom from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area has been an intern at both the Racine Zoo and at the Milwaukee County Zoo, and Kallie Gannon, a senior at Eastern Michigan University, earning her bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.  
Little St. George Island has been monitored by ANERR staff since 1988. Megan Lamb with NOAA's Environmental Cooperative Science Center has been assisting with turtle nesting on Little St. George since 2004, and overseeing the beach since 2009.  
Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve will offer free weekly talks about sea turtles, their nesting habits, how the nests are identified, protected and how visitors and residents can help sea turtles have a successful nesting season, on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM. Dates of the talks will be June 3,10,17,24 July, 1, 8,15,22,29 and August 5,12,19,26. For more call 850-670-7700.  
WHAT: Nesting Sea turtles of Franklin County Beaches  
WHEN: Every Wednesday in June, July and August, 2015, from 2:00-3:00pm  
WHERE: 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, Florida 32328



**Saturday June 20th  
11:00am - 4:00pm**

## **Re-Grand Opening Party**

June 5th 6-8pm

Riverfront Therapy, Inc. &  
Spirit of the River Yoga Studio  
& Store

Free Demonstrations and  
Samples of Products

Yin Yoga defined, Neti Pot  
do's and don'ts

Intro to Belly Dancing

Live Music and Chanting

O'dourves and Tea

20% off all retail products

## **Fisherman's Choice 16th Annual Kids Fishing Tournament**

June 6, 2015

Fisherman's Choice Eastpoint  
Charles and Rex Pennycuff are  
hosting their 16th annual  
Fisherman's Choice Youth  
Fishing Tournament on June  
6th. Kids 16 and under will  
fish for fresh and saltwater  
species. Each entry receives a t-  
shirt, and after the tournament,  
entrees are invited to attend a  
cookout at Fisherman's Choice  
where they will weigh in their  
fish, eat hot dogs and  
hamburgers and get some great  
prizes. In years past, Rex says  
they gave away 170 rods and  
reels, tackle boxes and a dozen  
cast nets. Prizes are given for  
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place,  
and include all major fish  
species. Entry is free and  
generally about 200 kids sign  
up. Call Fisherman's Choice for  
more information at (850) 670-  
8808.

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### **St. George Island Mullet Toss**

June 13, 2015  
This annual fun event will take place June 13 from 10 a.m till 5 p.m on the beach in front of Blue Parrot Oceanfront Cafe on St. George Island. This Mullet Toss is sponsored by The Blue Parrot for the benefit of the Apalachicola bay Charter School. For a nominal entry fee you get a unique Mullet Toss T Shirt, and 2 mullet to throw. Visitors and Locals compete for prizes and bragging rights.

### **Beginner Belly Dance**

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Everyone of all ages, sizes and fitness levels can benefit from the intricate muscular movements and isolations of belly dance. Jessica is an experianced instructor and choreographer, with nearly 10 years of experiance. In this workshop, she will guide you through the basic movements and combinations, concluding in a short choreography.

### **Reserve Wednesday Lecture**

June 17, 2015  
Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve announces a new monthly natural history lecture series, "Reserve Wednesdays," that explores the ecology, geology and natural history of the Florida Panhandle. Free lectures will be held the third Wednesday of each month from 2-3 p.m. at the Apalachicola Research Reserve

**School of Art: Michael Harrell**

June 18, 2015 to July 20,  
2015 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)  
Apalachicola School of Art -  
Watercolor on the Apalachicola  
River with Michael Harrell -  
June 18-21 - Informal lectures  
and discussions with question-  
and-answers on the different  
aspects of watercolor painting;  
from design and composition to  
technique. The students will do  
step-by-step painting with one-  
on-one instruction and  
critiques. Classes held at the  
Apalachicola School of Art in  
downtown Apalachicola.

**Butts & Clucks Cook-off By the Bay**

June 20th Weems Memorial  
Healthcare Foundation holds  
the 5th annual Butts & Clucks  
Cook-off By the Bay in Battery  
Park, Apalachicola. Come out  
for great food and friendly  
competition. They will be  
selling Championship Pulled  
Pork dinners, or come out and  
compete in the competition  
registration is \$50 to compete  
in two categories Chicken and  
Pork. With the Grand  
Champion winning a  
Championship belt to wear for  
bragging rights.

**SGI Lighthouse Full Moon Climb**

July 1, 2015 8:00 PM - 9:00  
PM (ET)  
Climb to the top of the Cape St.  
George Light to watch the  
sunset and the rise of the full  
moon. The Sunset/Full Moon  
Climb includes light hors  
d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider  
toast to the full moon. Cost is  
\$15.00 for the general public  
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### **Apalachicola Independence Day Celebration**

July 3, 2015 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Riverfront Park, Apalachicola  
The Apalachicola Mainstreet Program will again be hosting the fourth annual Old Apalachicola Independence Day Celebration on July 3rd at River front Park in Apalachicola, at no cost to the public. The day long Festivities include the Traditional Red, White & Blue Parade open to all, forming at 6:30 at Lafayette Park. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Food served in the park will begin at 4:00pm Featuring Firecracker Fried Shrimp Wings of Freedom (Chicken Wings) and Hero Dogs. Beverages including beer and wine will be available for purchase. Other Riverfront activities include live music with the featured band being Johnny Barbato and the Lucky Dogs beginning at 6:30pm.

### **4th of July Freedom Fest**

July 4, 2015 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Come celebrate our great country's spirit of freedom and independence. Watch the greatest fireworks display on the Island from the Blue Parrot decks.

Have a delicious fresh seafood dinner while the sky lights up.



Enjoy drinks from the Tiki Bar  
while the crowd oooohs and  
aaahs. Music and fun.

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