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Monthly Meetings

Meeting Notices

Monthly Luncheon
March 5, 2014, noon
Bayside Seafood
Restaurant
500 U S Highway 98
Eastpoint

Business After Hours
March 13, 5:30-7:00 pm
Market Street Antiques
115 Market Street
Apalachicola

Monthly Luncheon
April 2, 2014 noon
TBA

Visitor Statistics

Jan 2001	1,204
Jan 2002	917
Jan 2003	868
Jan 2004	890
Jan 2005	1,268
Jan 2006	1,325
Jan 2007	1,863
Jan 2008	2,318
Jan 2009	1,286
Jan 2010	1,920
Jan 2011	1,352
Jan 2012	1,732
Jan 2013	1,276
Jan 2014	1,539

Website stats Jan 2014

Director's Column

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Apalachicola Seafood Grill, Blue Parrot Oceanfront Café, The Bridge at Bay St Joe, the River, Crooked River Grill, Eddy Teach's Raw Bar, Ira's at the Gibson Inn, Company, Tamara's Café, Sunset Coastal Grill, and Tamara's Tapas Bar, Up T Republic National Distributing Company, and the Lewis Bear Company.

We would also like to thank Andrea Duval for her help in coordinating the event déco who designed and set up 19 stunning guest tables: Apalachicola Municipal Library- Huff, Mandy Andrews, Bayside Gallery & Florist-Amy Price, Bonnie Fulmer, Cente Partington, Butch Rowell, Butler Insurance-Denise Butler, Franklin County Schools-Shelly James, Panache Tent & Event-Elizabeth & Rich Wynn, Back Street Tra Stokowski, Florida Seafood Festival- FSF Board, Sacred Heart Hospital- Paulina Pei Hauser & Dot Wilcox

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Visits 17,386
Unique Visitors 13,518
Pageviews 60,045
Pages / Visit 3.45
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Bounce Rate 43.87%
% New Visits 71.28%

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Florida Green Guide Association

The Florida Green Guide Association (FGGA) is a statewide non-profit trade association create Environmental Institute. Certified Green Guides are eligible to join after graduation in order to a their businesses. Members must adhere to a code of ethics and the "Leave No Trace" principle professional integrity standards in activities related to ecotourism. The Green Guide Associati standards as set forth by members. FGGA also provides continuing education opportunities as and information among the membership. Lesley Cox is the current president, Serge Latour is th Secretary, and Robin Rickel Vroegop is their treasurer. For more details see their website at [www](#)

Gordon Adkins

Welcome Gordon Adkins a real estate agent with Suncoast Realty. Gordon retired from Cargill, He is married to Sandra Adkins and they jointly have 5 children. Gordon began buying propert great love for the area. He started selling real estate in 2004, and has been with Suncoast since [gordonadkins.com](#). Gordon can be reached by calling (850) 899-1456.

Rep Halsey Beshears

Florida Representative Halsey Beshears joined the chamber last month. Rep Beshears is from M State University with a BS and has an MS in Entrepreneurship from the University of Florida. I Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Jefferson, Lafayette, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla and part of Le House of Representatives in 2012, and serves on the Agriculture & Natural Resources Approp Natural Resources Subcommittee, the Energy & Utilities Subcommittee, the Finance & Tax Sub Committee. Rep Beshears also runs Simpson Nurseries and Total Landscape Supply, a contain servicing the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic Regions. To reach Rep Beshears call (850) 251-1929, [website](#). Rep Beshears also has an office in Apalachicola, 78 11th Street, (850) 653-1213

Kim Davis, CPA

Welcome Kim Davis to the chamber. She is a Certified Public Accountant and over has twenty from Louisiana State University and a Masters in Business Administration from Georgia State 1 years ago. Kim has broad experience in many areas of tax preparation, accounting and book ke pm, and by appointment. Her office is on 11th Street and U S Highway 98, in the Realtors Asso client's offices. Kim can be reached by calling (850) 653-6875 or by email at kim32328@gmail.com

Melissa Bloodworth Chandler

Welcome Melissa Bloodworth Chandler to the chamber. Melissa is a real estate agent with Sur life in Franklin County. She is actually one of the few children who grew up on the Island! She living there. Melissa has many fond members. She also remembers there was not even telephoi She lived for a while in northeast Georgia and work in insurance. She has a daughter and a son County again. She can be reached by calling (850) 653-7893 or by email melissachandler68@gmail.com

Bowery Station

Matt & Lisa Gardi opened the Bowery Station recently in Apalachicola. It is an eclectic beer an Apalachicola. They are located in a section of the old Wefing's Marine store on Avenue F. Th Saturday from noon until 8:00 pm, and closed on Sundays. Matt is an excellent guitar player an Matt's music. Lisa and Matt can be reached at (850) 653-2211 or bs@bowerystation.us or visit

Gulf Coast Extreme Adventures

Doug Scarabin with Gulf Coast Extreme Adventures joined the chamber. Gulf Coast Extreme Adventures offers a variety of adventures that include bay fishing, offshore fishing, sightseeing, floundering, Scuba diving, and more. They are located in Panama City. Doug and his brother Richard have fished all over the bays, rivers and the Gulf of Mexico. Doug is a PADI certified Dive master and a CPR/First Aid emergency responder and has 18 years of experience as a master at inshore fisherman and with 25 years' experience. Their dad is Richard Scarabin from Panama City. Doug Scarabin is our local barber. They can be reached by calling (850) 227-6551, email doug.scarabin@gulfcoastextremeadventures.com or www.gulfcoastextremeadventures.com

Member News

Mark Freidman is pleased to announce that Maegen Jones Connors has joined Friedman Financial. After working at Cadence Bank in Port St. Joe for six years and completing her Bachelor's degree, Maegen is helping people achieve a secure financial future is what she wanted as her career. To achieve this goal, over the past several months to pass her Series 7 and 66 securities exams, as well as the life, health, and disability exams. Maegen is a lifelong resident of Franklin and Gulf counties and looks forward to working with clients to meet their financial goals. She will be working out of our office in Eastpoint in the areas of investments, retirement planning, and estate management. I am very excited about the opportunity to assist her with her new career. If you would like to be reached at (850) 670-1253, (850) 653-5989 or Maegen@Friedman-Financial.com

Events

The Dixie Theatre has booked an exciting lineup of performances that will run from January through March. For more information on performance times and tickets visit www.dixietheatre.com.

Most shows are Friday 8 pm, Saturday 3 pm & 8 pm

-Mrs. Mannerly Feb 12- March 8

-Almost, Maine February 14, to March 3

-Elvis & Friends Do The Dixie

March 8, 2014 8:00 - 10:00 pm

32nd Annual Chili Cook off March 1st

The St George Island Regional Chili Cook off will take place Saturday, March 1st. Friday Preview is in the evening from 5pm - 7pm at the island's firehouse, 324 E. Pine Avenue. Chili Run at 8:00 am, Crock Pot Judging 10:00-11:00 am, the auction begins at 11:00 am. 11:30am - 12:15pm Miss Chili Pepper and Mr. Hot Sauce judging at 12:15pm, taste a special raffle item @ \$100 per ticket (with only 250 tickets to be sold) 1995 Glacier Johnson Motors and trailer. There is a \$5 entry fee. Proceeds benefit the St. George Island Fire Department First Responders (850) 927-2753.

18th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days March 7-9th

The Camp Gordon Johnston Association and the CGJ WWII Museum invites everyone to attend for the 18th annual CGJ Days reunion. Attendees will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with Army vehicles that have seen combat. Audiences will also get the privilege of touring the USS LCU 2034 and the United States Coast Guard Cutter, "Seahawk" if these vessels are available. Tours are conducted by vessel crew members. The Camp Gordon Johnston Association, The CGJ Museum, and the citizens of Franklin County, Florida are proud to show our gratitude and support for our military veterans. For a full schedule go to www.campgordonjohnston.com or call 850-697-8500

ANERR Exhibit

Photographs by preeminent Florida photographer Clyde Butcher, will be on exhibit from March 7th through 9th at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve's nature center, 108 Island Drive. The exhibit, an accompanying document, will showcase the exhibit, an accompanying document, in the classroom and boardwalk at the Reserve headquarters. Call (850) 670-7700 for information.

13th Annual Eastpoint Fire Dept Charity Rib Cookoff

Come on out and support your local fire department on Saturday March 15th, at the Vroom Park... This years' event promises to be the biggest ever with our competitors will be a carnival for kids and adults. The carnival will start Friday and go through Sat be lots of great ribs and pulled pork with all the trimmings, and Oma's Apple Dumplings like to enter the rib competition or just volunteer some time to help, contact any fire de Pruet at pru911@fairpoint.net or call 850-670-9000. Free admission and the gates op served from 11:00 am till it's all gone. The event is located at the corner of 6th St and north of US Hwy 98.

Authors In Apalach

March 15, 2014 10:00 am - 6:30 pm

Authors in Apalach, in its third year, will gathers authors, photographers, historians and represent this wonderful "Forgotten Coast" area. As a uniquely historical "Old Florida" surrounding natural environs, inspires many creative people, and those attending will be event will honor the works of two retired professors whose writings about Apalachic know about our history. Numerous other authors will represent fictional and non-fiction Fort Coombs Armory will be open with authors and booksellers from 10:00 am-5:00pm on history, writing and publishing, children's books and environment writing will occur to the public. For more information call Catherine Greene at (850) 653-8436.

Southeast Regional Pigfest

The Southeast Regional Pigfest will be held on March 15th, at the North Florida Fair fundraiser for the Capital Area Community Action Agency. They are actively seeking cook teams for the \$6,000 in cash prizes and qualifying to cook in the and the Kansas City American Royal. There are opportunities for marketplace vendors will be bands all day long, a midway of rides and games for the kids, shopping at the N If you would like more information contact Diane Haggerty at (850) 222-2043 x101.

Apalachicola ArtWalk

Fine art in all forms will be woven in and around picturesque downtown Apalachicola and demonstrating their talents from 11:00-6:00 pm. Festivities continue into the afternoon and hors d'oeuvre from 3:00-5:00 pm. Later in the evening local chefs will prepare special highlighting our fresh local ingredients. At 8:00 pm head on over to the Dixie for Saltwater For more information call (850) 653-9419 www.apalachicolabay.org.

St Vincent Island Open House

Saturday, March 22, the Supporters of St Vincent Island will once again host the Open day of nature-related activities. Free transport to/from the Island will be provided depending on ramp. Guided tours and exhibits will allow people to learn about the Island's protected history as well as enjoy the unspoiled beauty of this unique, pristine, uninhabited refuge. Educational talks/discussions, will be provided by numerous volunteers from the Support organizations. The guided tours will be both walking and vehicular. Go to for full details <http://www.stvincentfriends.com/index.cfm/pageid/5/fuseaction/calendar.includedList>

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