November 2015

Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce (circa 1836)

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Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday November 4th
Blue Parrot
68 West Gorrie Drive
St. George Island
Noon

Business After Hours

Thursday November 12th
Orman Building
2nd floor above Apalach Outfitters
32 Ave D
Hosted by Jan and Lowell Thomas & Ed and Candace Springer

Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast

Downtown Apalachicola
OYSTER ROAST
Nov. 6, 2015

Tickets: $60
6:00-9:00 PM

Incredible seafood
and live music in a
beautiful setting!

Homestead
Screen Printing
Embroidery
Promotional Products

Tickets are running out fast. Don't forget tickets are only available at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce for the Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast on November 6th, 2015. Call us at 850-653-9419 to purchase your tickets today. $60.00 per person

**Business Luncheon & Business After Hours**

If you or your business is interested in hosting a Business Luncheon or a Business After Hours in 2016, please feel free to call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 850-653-9419 or email John C. Solomon at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org

**New Members**

**Aqua Force**

Owned by Brittany & Jayson Miles they offer the following services: Power Washing, Soft Washing, Roof Cleaning, Deck and Concrete Restoration, Serving both Franklin & Gulf Counties

**Mainstream Merchant Services**

Owned by Courtney Chason from Carrabelle. Mainstream provides businesses with the best payment solutions.

**52nd Annual Florida Seafood Festival**

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C & R's Feed & Seed Lawn and Garden

Owned by Renee Smith C & R's Feed & Seed Lawn and Garden is located at 1730 Trout Ave. Port St. Joe. They sell all types of feed- Horse, Dog, Cat, Chicken, Catfish, Rabbit plus lawn ornaments, novelties, Seasonal seed, cow manure, compost and more.....

November 6, 2015 to November 7, 2015
Batter Park, Apalachicola
Florida Oldest Maritime Event
The Florida Seafood Festival is a two day event annually drawing tens of thousands of visitors to the historic town of Apalachicola in scenic Franklin County. The Festival is held at the mouth of the Apalachicola river under the shady oaks of Apalachicola's Battery Park. The festival features delicious seafood, arts and crafts exhibits, seafood related events, Music Entertainment. Some of the notable events include Oyster Eating and Oyster Shucking contest, Blue Crab Races, Photo Contest, Parade, 5k Redfish Run, The Blessing of the Fleet.

Associate Members

Susan Howze

Susan has worked at the State Attorney's office for many years. She is very excited about being more involved with the Chamber in the future.

Member News

Robinson Real Estate Company Welcomes LaDonna Ingram

Robinson Real Estate Company is thrilled to announce that LaDonna Ingram has joined our Apalachicola office as primary Real Estate Sales Associate, serving Franklin and Gulf Counties. LaDonna brings her lifelong knowledge of the area along with 16 years of Real Estate knowledge and experience to sell your property or help find your new home. Stop by and say hello!

Apalachicola Autos & Oysters

November 13, 2015 to November 14, 2015
Water Street Apalachicola
Benefits:
- Professional Law Enforcement Certification Training (Fully paid by FDC while also receiving trainee salary)
- Comprehensive State Supplemented Insurance Program for Officers and their families
- Paid Vacation
- Paid Holidays
- Paid Sick Leave
- Salary Incentive Opportunities
- Promotional Opportunities
- Early Retirement (Vested in 8 years, work 25 years, receive 75% of your salary)

Qualifications:
- Good Moral Character
- 19 years of Age and Older
- High School Graduate or Equivalent
- United States Citizen
- Achieving passing score on the FBAT test
- No felony convictions
- No first degree misdemeanors involving Perjury or False Statement

For more information or to apply please contact:
Officer Tomilee Babb- Recruiter
Email: babb.tomilee@mail.dc.state.fl.us
Franklin Correctional Institution

Spend a fall weekend in Historic Apalachicola surrounded by vintage cars, fine sea food, antique homes, pristine nature, extraordinary shops and restaurants and the friendliest folks in Florida. Historic Apalachicola Main Street is creating this inaugural two day car show designed for vintage car enthusiasts. The weekend will include receptions, exhibitions and speakers. Registrants will be provided with information packages listing local establishments providing special offers that weekend. More details will follow. For more information call Gary Joiner, Event Chairman, at (404) 277-6825 or Gary Joiner@mae.com

The Fourth Annual Salute to Veterans
A two-day event held at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club Featuring a Silent Auction & Golf Tournament November 8th & 9th, 2015
This event is hosted by The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club 700 Country Club Road, Port St. Joe FL and The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum 1001 Gray Avenue, Carrabelle, FL.
As part of a full weekend event, a reception will be held Friday, November 8, at 6PM ET with hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar at St. Joseph Bay Golf Club Clubhouse. Cost of admittance, $10.00 (includes two free drinks). A Silent Auction will take place with auction items including items such as Limited Edition Prints of historic military and cultural events, and area hotel stays. A benefit golf tournament will then be held Saturday, November 9, with proceeds to support the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum and the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club. The club is open to the public and the tournament will be a 4-player scramble format, kicking off at 12:30 PM with a shotgun start.

Chamber News

Yeti Raffle

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce will be holding a raffle for a Yeti Roadie Cooler. But not just the Cooler. The Roadie is full of other great items donated by Chamber Members, totaling up to a $600.00 package.

Tickets are a donation $5.00 each or 5 for $20.00. You do not have to be present to win. The winner will be announced Saturday night Nov. 7th at the Florida Seafood Festival. Tickets are available now at the Chamber office at 122 Commerce Street in Apalachicola. They will also be sold during the Downtown Oyster Roast on Friday November 6th and on Saturday at the Florida Seafood Festival. To get tickets you can call John or Cindy at 850-653-9419.

We would like to thank the following members for their donations:
- Apalachicola Ace Hardware
- Apalachicola Sponge Company
- Riverside Mercantile
- Bowery Station
- Tamara’s Cafe
- Riverwalk Cafe

America’s veterans and a 1:00PM ET shotgun start. A meal and awards ceremony will follow.

Festival of Trees
November 23, 2015, Festival of Trees at the Raney House, 128 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL, 5:30pm to 7pm. Cocktail party with artist decorated trees on display and available for bid. Admission is $10.00. Proceeds go to the historic Raney House.

SGI Lighthouse Full Moon Climb
Nov. 25th
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.

The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration
The Apalachicola Christmas Celebration will light up the lovely historic town of Apalachicola from 4:00-8:00 p.m., the day after Thanksgiving. The streets will be lined with luminaries and filled with holiday spirit. Merchants will be open late and the sounds of carolers will echo through the streets filling the evening with the Christmas spirit. Santa will arrive on a shrimp boat at 4:00 p.m. at the City Dock on Water Street. Santa will hear children’s Christmas wishes and carolers
Artemis Gallery
Enjoy Apalachicola
Kristin Anderson
Hole in the Wall Oyster Bar
13 Mile Seafood Market
Apalach Waters
The Apalachicola Seafood Grill
Susan Richardson
Island Girl Gifts
Oyster City Brewing Company
trimmed in holiday finery and
open for tours. The Raney
House is decorated in holiday
greenery and open for tours.
Join the Apalachicola Bay
Chamber of Commerce for an
old-fashioned Christmas
celebration!
Saturday from 1:00-3:30 pm the
fun continues as Santa has a
special day devoted to hearing
wishes from his furry friends.
There will be a pet costume
contest at 3:00 and special treats
for dogs. Bring your camera and
make a donation to the Franklin
County Humane Society and get
your pet's photo taken with
Santa.
Plus, help our great local shops

Small Business Saturday
November 28th from 11:00 AM
- 6:00 PM (ET) Come shop our
small local business in
Apalachicola. From art to
jewelry, food or antiques, you'll
find the perfect gift for everyone
on your list, minus the crowds
and the hassle of going to the
mall.

Holiday Fresh Market
Why fight the crowds and traffic
at the malls? Come for the day
or the weekend and find one-of-
a-kind unusual presents. Shop in
a relaxed, hassle free
environment. Buy hand crafted
Apalachicola specialties such
as baked goods, artwork, wood
carving, pottery, hand knitted
goods. Your gift shopping has
never been easier! Located in
front of the Dixie
Theatre Avenue E and Market
Street. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call
The Apalachicola Bay Chamber
of Commerce (850) 653-9419
for details.