From the President

The Board of Directors are happy to announce that the search for a new executive director has been successfully concluded. John C. Solomon was selected from an excellent pool of candidates. John is a resident of the Apalachicola Bay Area and resides in Eastpoint with his wife, Penny and daughter, Reagen. John has enjoyed a long career with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department prior to accepting the Executive Director position. In addition to his employment with the Sheriff's Department, John has served our county through volunteer work with numerous activities, foundations and boards. John is currently serving as the President of the Florida Seafood Festival Board and the Weems Healthcare Foundation Board. John brings to the position experience in marketing, information technology, social media and non-profit organization management. John and his wife, Penny, also own two successful small businesses, Alle Cat Charters and PJ's Cleaning Service. John is a very committed, outgoing and motivated individual. The board believes John will serve the chamber, its members and our communities very well. We look forward to working closely with John as he takes on the responsibilities of the executive director and look forward to the continued success of the Apalachicola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and our members.

Donna Duncan

New Members

Clark's Shrimp Take Out

Events

Fall Bay Day

October 4, 2014
St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserves
3915 State Rd. 30-A
Friends of St. Joseph Bay Preserves present the opportunity to tour the preserves and learn about the birds and life along the bay. Guided tours at 10:00 am EST, 12:00 pm EST and 2:00 pm EST. Low Country Shrimp Boil from 11:00 am EST to 2:00 pm EST, $10.00 Donation. Live music.
Clark's Shrimp Take Out is located 12th st. and Hwy 98 in Apalachicola and is a family run business. The owners are Felicia Edwards & her sons- Steven and Tyrone Clark who are originally from Michigan. They have been living in South Florida since 2001. Felicia's was watching HGTV show "Simple Life" of small towns and learned of Apalachicola and since then it was her dream to one day move to the area. They serve burgers, chicken seafood and Felicia's specialty is cheesecakes. Their hours are Monday- Thursday 11:00am-11:00pm Friday -Saturday 11:00am-12:00pm Sunday 12:00pm-9:00pm

**Forgotten Coast Fitness and Wellness Center**

The Forgotten Coast Fitness and Wellness Center includes a Fitness Center, Aerobics & Pilates Classes, Personal Training and Martial Arts. It is located at 192 14th St. in Apalachicola, in the Van Johnson Recreation & Community Complex. They offer day, week or Monthly memberships. For more information visit their Facebook page Forgotten Coast Fitness & Wellness Center or call 850-443-2670 Hours of operation are 7am-8pm Monday - Friday & 7am-6pm Saturday - Sunday

**Running for the Bay Marathon**

Member News

**Ribbon Cutting**

What Ever Floats your Boat
The FSU Coastal and Marine Lab
Saturday October 11th 12pm - 5pm
Grab some friends, grab some trash (Recyclable only), build a boat and race to the finish. http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/regatta/

The Original Blues in The Lot
October 11, 2014
Downtown Apalachicola
The Original Blues In The Lot!! Four great blues acts starting at noon until 8:00 pm. Bring your lawn chair and your dancing shoes. We are closing down the street on Avenue D and Water Street. 12:00-1:30 pm The Rick Ott Band Sopchoppy; 1:45-3:15 pm, EZ Street Blues Band; 3:15-4:15 pm, Slim Fatz; 4:30-6:00 pm, Johnny Barbato and the Lucky Dogs from Gulf port Mississippi. For more info call 850-653-5564.

The Apalachicola Area Historical Society
Will present two speakers this fall. October 16, come and hear Ed Moore of Tallahassee discuss his memories and the history of St. Teresa. Moore has visited the resort since the 1940s. Lecture will be held at the Raney Carriage House at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The talks are free to AAHS members and others who wish to attend can join the society for $5.
For more information, contact Carrie Kienzle at (727) 667-8162 or Lois Swoboda (850) 653-5857

Apalach Oktoberfest
October 12, 2014 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)
Bowery Station
Apalachicola's first annual Oktoberfest celebration will be held on October 12th. This will be a great day of live music. bratwurst, and of course, great beer! For more info watch www.bowerystation.us

Ghost Walk
October 25, 2014 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)
Hauntings will abound at the Chestnut Street Cemetery when local history enthusiasts don the garb and take on the persona of the cemetery's more notable inhabitants to tell their tale of life in Apalachicola more than 100 years ago. Admission $5.00 at the door. All proceeds are for cemetery preservation efforts.

Running for the Bay Marathon
October 26, 2014 7:15 AM - 10:30 PM (ET)
Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, 5K &
Eastpoint Medical Center

Eastpoint Medical Center will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 2nd at their new location 158 US Highway 98 in Eastpoint. Celebration starts at 11:30am till 1:30pm.

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Events

Downtown Oyster Roast

October 31, 2014 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)
Downtown Apalachicola. Love oysters? Don't miss the 10th annual Downtown Oyster Roast on October 31st, 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Apalachicola. This enchanting event, sponsored by the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, will feature roasted oysters, oysters on the half shell, creamy artichoke, oyster and thyme soup, fresh local shrimp, blue crabs, salad greens and fantastic desserts. Dine under the stars next to the Apalachicola River. Local blues man Joe Hutchinson will provide live entertainment. For tickets call (850) 653-9419 or email info@apalachicolabay.org

Florida Seafood Festival

October 31, 2014 to November 1, 2014
Come celebrate the 51st year of the Florida Seafood Festival, Florida's oldest maritime festival. This two-day celebration offers the best in fresh quality seafood that annually draws thousands of visitors to the historic town of Apalachicola. 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 and musical entertainment. Some of the notable events include Oyster Eating and Oyster Shucking Contest, Blue Crab Races, Parade, 5k Redfish Run and the Blessing of the Fleet.

Ultra Marathon 50K (All with wheelchair & walking divisions!) SUNDAY, 10/26/2014 7:15AM MAIL-IN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!! Mark Henderson, Race Director 2421 Player Court Duluth, GA 30096

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.