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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

September 3, 2014 noon
Owl Café
15 Avenue D
Apalachicola

Business After Hours

September 11, 2014
The Gibson Inn
51 Avenue C
5:30-7:00 pm

Monthly Business Luncheon

October 1, 2014 noon
Papa Joe's
4th Street & Avenue D
Apalachicola

Visitor Statistics

July 2001	1,394
July 2002	1,185
July 2003	1,196
July 2004	1,245

From the President

The Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is deeply appreciative of the 17 year service former Executive Director Anita Grove served the chamber and wish her well in her new endeavor at the Apalachicola National Research Reserve. The Executive Director position was advertised in the Tallahassee Democrat, the News Herald, the Apalachicola Times, plus word has gone out to the Northwest Florida Chamber Professional Group, and numerous online job websites. The board has received applications and hopes to hire a candidate soon.

New Members

Emo/Architects, Inc.

Welcome Warren Emo with *Emo/Architects, Inc.* and *Build/Design (EMO)*, a State of Florida licensed Architectural firm celebrating its 26th year of practice. Warren A. Emo, AIA, NCARB, CGC, the President of EMO, has been a property owner in the Apalachicola Historic District for over 23 years. The firm and their affiliated *Design/Build Company EMO*, have successfully completed a wide range of projects throughout the Southeast. EMO has been providing design/build services throughout the southeast for almost two decades. Our firm is unique in that we are fully integrated with both the design and construction staff together under one roof. In fact, the EMO design/build team has successfully completed over 160 projects together as a true design/build enterprise. Through a balanced team approach, issues related to aesthetic results, function, value, constructability and schedule are comprehensively addressed with clients. For more information you can contact Warren Emo at (850) 222-8000 or via email to

Sponsors



Press

-Carrie McLaren, the VISIT FLORIDA Family Insider, was sent photos and information for story she was working on for her blog. It can also be seen on her website
www.CarrieWithChildren.com

- Freelance writer Jim Byer was

July 2005 1,198
 July 2006 1,913
 July 2007 2,814
 July 2008 2,690
 July 2009 2,923
 July 2010 1,292
 July 2011 3,055
 July 2012 2,709
 July 2013 2,712
 July 2014 2,196

Website stats June 2014

Visits 1,087
 Users 944
 Pageviews 3,634
 Pages/Session 3.34
 Duration 3:05
 Bounce Rate 47.29%

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Donna Duncan 653-8976

VICE-PRESIDENT

Bud Hayes 927-3305

TREASURER

Jerry Hall 653-9510

SECRETARY

Kristin Anderson 653-2249

Brenda Ash 653-8805

Bonnie Fulmer 509-5009

Craig Gibson 653-8853

Ginny Griner 653-8853

Beverly Hewitt 653-9510

Mike Koun 653-2191

Ira Mittleman 653-2193

Karen Rudder 927-2312

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John Solomon 323-1330

Jean Ulrich 653-2900

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Apalach Guest House

Nestled in the middle of downtown Apalachicola is the charming *Apalach Guest House* located at 51 Commerce Street. Designed with the family in mind, this three bedroom, two bath cottage also has a twin size sleeper sofa, a full size washer and dryer, a completely stocked kitchen and a relaxing great room. The kitchen and great room were designed to allow an open area for cooking while interacting with family and friends. There is also a relaxing patio, a shady back yard as well as a covered back porch perfect for watching the occasional storms pass through. There is plenty of parking and even room for a boat. *Apalach Guest House* is located at 51 Commerce Street. To rent the house go to [VRBO 600210](#). Peyton can be reached at peytonmorton@yahoo.com or (606) 216-2083.

Wynot Defend Yourself, LLC

Welcome Greg Wynot with his business, *Wynot Defend Yourself, LLC*. Greg is a highly trained firearm training instructor and certified NRA instructor. He educates individuals in firearm safety, marksmanship, and self-defense. He teaches concealed carry license courses, intermediate defensive handgun training, urban combat/defense, gun cleaning and storage, competition shooting, or any private gun lesson to suit your needs. Greg grew up in Tallahassee and is a retired psychologist. He teaches at Gulf State Community College. Greg moved to Apalachicola in 2013, to be with his fiancée Callie Nichols. Greg can be reached at (850) 766-7861 or wynotdefendyourself@yahoo.com or check out his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WynotDefendYourself>

Member News

Gulf Coast State College Gulf/Franklin Campus to host Business Round Table Forum

~A community-wide breakfast and conversation of local economic importance~

The Gulf/Franklin Campus will host a Business Round Table Forum for the local business community. The goal of the forum is to provide a viable means to drive conversation to identify local economic topics of real concern. According to Loretta Costin, Gulf/Franklin Campus Director, "Safeguarding the economic well-

here August 28-29th. A 30-plus year journalist and Toronto Star reporter since 1981, Jim covered travel, politics, golf and other sports for the paper. He was also the Toronto Star Travel Editor. The Toronto Star has one of the largest travel sections of any newspaper. He is still a travel columnist at the paper, filing every couple weeks while also operating his own travel blog www.thestar.blogs.com/trav

Events

Estuaries Day

Come celebrate Estuaries Day on September 26th, 1:30-5:30 pm at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Eastpoint. There will be lots of free educational (and fun) activities for kids of all ages, free t-shirts to the first 600 people and door prizes for adults who stay until the end of the event. There will be scavenger hunts, animal touch tanks, games and much more. Enter the parking lot from 108 Island Drive no earlier than 1:00 visitors will not be allowed to enter the building or park until 1:30 when the event officially begins.

Golf Tournament

Tee up with business members from around the Franklin, Leon, and Wakulla County areas at the 10th annual Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 8th. Tee-time is 1:00 pm on the beautiful St. James Golf Course, just east of Carrabelle. The tournament will be a four man scramble, low score wins, with prizes for the top three teams. Scores will be totaled and prizes awarded at a reception following the tournament. Cost per team is \$400. Fees include range balls, and golf carts equipped with the latest color GPS system. For more info, contact us at (850) 653-9419 or info@apalachicolabay.org.

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 in the visitors' guide? Ideas are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us

being of our local communities is a core focus of Gulf Coast State College. This breakfast is designed as a tool to learn, share, and engage in meaningful dialogue." The forum is sponsored by the Florida Small Business Development Center at Gulf Coast State College in partnership with the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce and the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. It will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014 from 7:45am - 9:30am (EDT) at the Gulf/Franklin Campus, located at 3800 Garrison Avenue, Port St. Joe, FL. The forum is open to the business community at no cost and a breakfast buffet will be provided. Please RSVP no later than September 15, 2014. For event details and to RSVP visit www.gulfcoast.edu/smallbusinessforum or email mdarko@gulfcoast.edu. All inquiries should be directed to the Gulf/Franklin Campus at 850-227-9670 ext 5503.

with your ideas
at info@apalachicolabay.org.

Cape St. George Light Hosts 100,000th Climber

The Cape St. George Lighthouse had a milestone on Saturday, July 26, when the 100,000th individual to climb the lighthouse since its reconstruction made it to the top of the 77-foot tower. Karsyn Rae Nauss, age 10, from Forsyth, Georgia was the history-making climber. She was awarded a Lifetime Free Climbing Pass, a framed commemorative certificate, and a gift basket from the Lighthouse Gift Shop. After keeping a close count of climbers every day through the month of July, Lighthouse Keeper Jim Dunkin and Gift Shop Manager Carol Talley were on hand to participate in the milestone moment and make the award presentation to the 100,000th climber.

Big Bend Hospice Needs Volunteers!

Big Bend Hospice is looking for Patient Volunteers! As a Big Bend Hospice volunteer, you can provide support to patients and families in a number of ways. Whether its sitting with a patient while the caregiver buys groceries, plans final arrangements or simply gets rest, volunteers are an essential part of the hospice team and increases the level of care that our patients receive. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Big Bend Hospice volunteer department at 850-878-5310, or send an email to Sharon Davidson at sharon@bigbendhospice.org.

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