# Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce (circa 1836)

## Meetings

### Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday, November 2nd  
Up The Creek Raw Bar  
313 Water St.  
Apalachicola  
Noon

### Business After Hours

Thursday, November 10th  
The Coombs House Inn  
80 6th St.  
Apalachicola  
5:30-7:00

### December Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday, December 7th  
Gormley's at the Gibson  
51 Ave C  
Apalachicola  
Noon

## Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Downtown Oyster Roast

Tickets are on sale now at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce for the Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast on  

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### Sponsors

- [MosquitoNix](#)  
  PROTECTING OUTDOOR LIFESTYLES  
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- [Cook & Co.](#)
- [Roberson & Associates, PA](#)
- [Duke Energy](#)
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- [Mediacom](#)
November 4th 2016. Limited number of tickets are available so get yours now. Call us at 850-653-9419 to purchase your tickets today. $60.00 per person

### Visitor Statistics

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### New Members

#### ECCC (E Triple C) Elder Care Community Council of Franklin County

A group of concerned citizens interested in providing and supplementing services for seniors with dignity, compassion and love

#### PanCare of Florida

PanCare of Florida is committed to providing affordable medical and dental services to rural communities throughout Northwest Florida. We realize many families and assisted living/nursing home patients are unable to travel to our facilities for needed care, especially those with Medicaid who need our dental services. We take Medicaid for adults and children for services, as well as many private health insurance plans. Sliding fee for those who are uninsured. There are no travel or setup fees to any host organization or patient served. Carrabelle

### My Beautiful Home

Visit Beautiful St. George Island. We have a lovely home with a Breathtaking view of Gulf & Bay just minutes away. Enjoy a gourmet kitchen, roof access & min.to town. Fishing, bird watching, Boaters & kayakers plenty of easy parking.

### Member News

#### Florida Seafood Festival Carnival

November 3rd @ 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm thru November 6th 10:00pm
Battery Park, 1 Bay Ave
Apalachicola
Special this year the Florida Seafood Festival Board of Directors is proud to announce that the Florida Seafood Festival Carnival will start on Thursday November 3rd at 6:00pm to 11:00pm. The Florida Seafood Festival will not be open to general public but access to the Carnival area will be accessible from the Water Street gate location starting at 6:00pm Thursday evening and run till Sunday at 10pm.

#### Pokémon Meet Up

Come and join the Pokemon Trainers of Franklin County Florida for an afternoon of Pokemon Go.
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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 visitor's guide?
Would like to be a volunteer with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.
Ideas and volunteers are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us with your ideas at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org.

Business Luncheons and Business After Hours

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.

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Holiday Light Contest

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the Holiday Light Contest. The contest will comprise of two Categories and four areas of competition. The categories are Businesses and Homes. The four areas are Apalachicola, Eastpoint, St. George Island and Carrabelle. The Businesses and Homes will be judged on December 7-9, the winners will be announced on December 10th. Each winner will receive a small banner to display with their decorations.

Judging criteria will be based on the judge's personnel opinion. There will be multiple judges coming by at random times during the judging time period. The judges will remain anonymous; no one participating in contest will be a judge.

If you wish to enter into the contest or know someone that should be entered into the contest please submit either name of business and address or resident and address. The entrants can be emailed to lights@Apalachicolabay.org. The entrants will be listed on the list on the chamber website and we will also have copies at the Visitor Centers for people to pick up.

After December 10th the winners will be highlighted on the Apalachicola Bay Chamber Website to make it easier for people looking for the locations of the lights. The List will be printable so they can take it with them.

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber has secured two Sponsors for this Contest they are Duke Energy and The Tin Shed. With these sponsors the Chamber will be producing a TV Commercial that will air on cable channels from Bay County to Leon County. Including the Hallmarks Channel, HGTB and others. Let's show our holiday small town spirit.

Grand Openings & Ribbon Cuttings

Apalachicola features five Pokemon Gyms and dozens of Poke Stops within easy walking distance of downtown and there are lots of rare water Pokemon lurking along the river. Aerodactyls, Vaporenes and Tauros have all been spotted recently. Local businesses will provide charging stations for players free of charge.
Meet up at the Fort Coombs Armory (corner of Fourth Street and Avenue D) at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 3. Register for a chance to win a Level 32 account and other cool prizes including passes to the carnival rides for the Florida Seafood Festival that evening. Drawing at the end of the Pokemon event, 6 p.m. All ages are invited to participate. Bring your fully charged smartphone!
There's plenty to do while visiting Apalachicola! The 53rd annual Florida Seafood Festival takes place the same weekend and will offer awesome rides in their carnival section. The festival fun continues on Friday with delicious seafood, arts and crafts exhibits, seafood related events and Christian music entertainment by Ardent Worship and The Shepards. Saturday's events include a 5k run, parade along Highway 98, more tasty seafood, exhibits and country music entertainment by Rodney Atkins. Sunday the carnival will be open again for rides.

Apalachicola Downtown Oyster Roast

Love oysters? Don't miss the 12th annual Downtown Oyster Roast on November 6st, 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. Tickets are $60 each. For tickets call (850) 653-9419 or email execdirector@apalachicolabay.org.

53rd Annual Florida Seafood Festival
Office Space Available

Office Space available for lease on St. George Island at 140 w 1st street next to The Cut Salon. 800 sq ft. Great location with high visibility and heavy traffic. Call Connie 850-899-0168

Florida Seafood Festival

Schedule of Events

November 4 @ 10:00 am - November 5 @ 11:00 pm
Come celebrate the 53rd 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, a downtown Parade, 5k Redfish Run and the Blessing of the Fleet. Friday Night Headliners are Christian music groups Ardent Worship and The Shepards and Saturday Night Headliner is Rodney Atkins. Special this year the new large Amusement ride area that will run from Thursday November 3rd till Sunday November 6th.

The Recollections in Concert

Friday, November 4, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Jazz at it's best!
$10.00 cover / BYOB Information: 952-491-0131

Oyster Workshop

November 10th 1:00-4:00 pm
Discover the important role oysters play in the health of Apalachicola Bay. We will learn about what makes Apalachicola Bay so ideal for growing oysters, what gives our oysters their distinct taste and how oysters benefit the ecosystem. Please register in advance. For more information, contact Emily Jackson at 850-670-7743 or send an email
to emily.a.jackson@dep.state.fl.us or Anita Grove at (850) 670-7708 or Anita.Grove@dep.state.fl.us

**Holiday Art Show**
Friday, November 11, 2016
Fine Art, Sculpture, and Musical Programs sponsored by the Carrabelle Artists Assoc. Gallery Exhibit of Carrabelle Area Artists. Opening reception begins at 7 PM. 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

**CGJM WWII Museum Dance, Auction & Golf Tournament**

The 6th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum USO Dance/Silent Auction & Golf Tournament to be held November 11-12, 2016: a two-day salute to America's Veterans and our First Responders at St. Joseph Bay Golf Club. As part of a full weekend event, a USO style dance and Silent Auction will be held Friday, November 11 at 6PM ET with hamburgers & hotdogs, and a beer or wine, for a $20.00 entry fee. A cash bar for spirits will also be available and live music by "Crossroads Band". The Silent Auction will include area hotel and vacation stays, and a half day Fishing Excursion.

A benefit golf tournament will then be held Saturday, November 12, 2016 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 11:30AM ET with a short ceremony to honor America's Veterans and First Responders, and golf at 12:00 noon ET, shotgun start. Music, a meal and awards ceremony will follow. Cash prizes for the tournament will include $400 to the first place team, $350 for second place, and $200 for third place. (depending on number of participants) A Hole-In-One Challenge will offer a $10,000 cash prize.

The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum has been honored by Smithsonian Magazine for eleven straight years and is dedicated to preserving the memories of the amphibious soldiers who trained at the camp, which is located in Carrabelle, Fl. The museum houses over 7,000 square feet of artifacts, vehicles, photos, memorabilia and memories of the soldiers, sailors, and other military, as well as civilian personnel who trained at the camp during the WWII years.

Hole sponsorships are available and tournament registration information can be found at www.stjobaygolf.com, or by calling 850-227-1751. A special "Honoring/Memorial" sponsorship is also
available for those who wish to name their special loved ones who served in the military, or a first responder

**Sumi-E Workshop**
On Saturday Nov 12 from 1pm -3pm a free Sumi-E Workshop will be offered at Rio Carrabelle. This is a method of painting with ink and a Chinese Brush. It can be simple and enjoyable. Those who participate will enjoy the experience and look at the art form with different eyes. Call to sign-up 850-294-9664. 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

**Coffee in the Campground: Butterflies**
Saturday, November 12, 2016
Educating the visitors about identifying common types of butterflies on beautiful St. George Island State Park. We will discuss the lifecycle of butterflies and some basic facts. Please feel free to bring questions. Program starts at 9:00 am and last until 11:00 am. 1900 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

**Apalachicola Farmers Market**
Saturday, November 12th 9am-1pm
Saturday, November 26th 9am-1pm
Located at the Mill Pond Pavilion at 479 Market St. in Apalachicola come out to get Local seafood, produce, honey, homemade breads, pies, jewelry, art and other regional specialties offered every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9 AM until 1 PM. If you or someone you know offers home grown or hand made products, and is interested in becoming a vendor, please email apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com

**Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse**
Monday, November 14, 2016 Climb to the top of the lighthouse to see spectacular views of the sunset and full moon. Light refreshments are served. Admission charge. Contact Gift Shop at 850-927-7745 for reservations. 2 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

**Reserve Wednesdays: Monarchs and Milkweed**  
Wednesday, November 16, 2016  
Speaker: Scott Davis  
2 PM - 3 PM  
Learn about butterflies and butterfly attractant plants. Monarch migration begins right about this time every year, and you can get ready for them by landscaping your yard with native Florida milkweed.  
108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, Florida 32328.

**Live Music with Susan David & Friends**  
Friday, November 18, 2016  
7:30 PM - Music with Susan David and Friends.  
Sponsored by the Carrabelle Artist Association  
102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

**Panhandle Players present: An Evening of One Acts**

Friday, November 18, 2016 through Sunday, November 20, 2016  
The Panhandle Players will open their 2016/2017 season with "An Evening of One Acts" at their new home, The Chapman Auditorium in Apalachicola. Don't miss Bad Auditions by Bad Actors, a 4-character comedy, followed by the comedic thriller, Pandora's Revenge, and then the hilarious farce, The Chiropodist. Tickets are available online at PanhandlePlayers.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of each performance.

**Origami Workshop**  
Saturday, November 19, 2016  
Origami workshop (folded paper art) begins at 1 PM.  
Sponsored by the Carrabelle Artist Association.  
102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

**Coffee in the Campground: Into to Birding**  
Saturday, November 19, 2016
Have you ever wondered how that hot shot birder can identify a bird so quickly? Well join this ranger led program in the campground interpretive center and learn all the tricks! We will discuss the 4 basic steps of identification and also how to use your field guide to its full potential. Bring your field guides, binoculars and a breakfast item to share if you would like, coffee will be provided. Program starts at 9:00 am and last until 11:00 am. 1900 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

Festival of Trees

Come see fabulous holiday trees and wreaths created by Apalachicola's talented artists and creative merchants, being offered for sale by silent auction for just one week.

Champagne and Dessert Preview Cocktail Party
Monday, November 21 7-9:00 PM
Historical Society Members (membership can be purchased at the door for a donation of $10)

Festival of Trees Exhibition & Silent Auction
November 21 - November 26
Tuesday 11/22 & Wednesday 11/23: Noon - 5 PM
Thursday 11/24: Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday 11/25: Holiday Open House 1 - 8 PM featuring consumed Docent tours, mulled wine, candy canes in addition to the festival of trees.
Saturday 11/26: Noon - 5 PM. Silent auction closes at 4 PM. Bidders may secure their bids with a "Buy It Now" option at any time.
The Raney House will remain decorated throughout the holiday season until New Year's Day.

Coffee in the Campground: Local Native Americans
Saturday, November 26, 2016
Learn about local Native American Tribes and their history to this area. Program starts at 9:00 am and last until 11:00 am. 1900 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL 32328

Annabelle Lyn Live Music
Friday, December 2, 2016
The Adventures of Annabelle Lyn Musical Group begins at 7:30 PM. 102 St James Avenue Carrabelle, FL 32322

Island Lights
Friday, December 2, 2016
Greet Santa when he arrives at St. George Island's Lighthouse Park on Friday, December 2 and enjoy the festive illuminating of holiday lights on the Cape St. George Lighthouse, Visitor Center, and along Franklin Boulevard. Hot chocolate, cookies, carolers, and Santa's sleigh full of gifts for the children contribute to the island holiday spirit! Santa and tree lighting will occur about sunset. 1 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, FL

Holiday Fresh Market

Saturday, December 3, 2016
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 (850) 653-9419 for details. Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL 32320