

# The Savannah Area Chamber News



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## EVENTS

### [Business on the Move at Board & Brush Creative Studio | February 19](#)

Please join us for our first Business on the Move event of 2019! The Chamber's Small Business Council is hosting its January Business on the Move after-hours networking event at Board & Brush Creative Studio on Montgomery Cross Road near Abercorn.

### [Tybee Time Business Connection | February 21](#)

After work on Thursday, February 21, get on Tybee Time with Chamber members and The Deck Beachbar & Kitchen!

### [Making the Connection: Speed Networking | February 27](#)

Be sure to bring 100+ business cards, because when you attend this members-only event, you're guaranteed to introduce yourself to almost everyone in attendance.

## CHAMBER & VISIT SAVANNAH NEWS

### [Visit Savannah Attends Tourism Day at The Capitol](#)

At the event, they met Governor Kemp and attended a number of legislative meetings and receptions.

### [2019 Economic Outlook Luncheon Previews Business Forecast for the Year](#)

Last week, the Chamber held its annual Economic Outlook Luncheon to preview the business forecast for the coming year.

### [Visit Savannah and Partners Make Sales Calls in Charlotte](#)

Lidija Ahmetovic of the Savannah Convention Center, Mallary Whitten of The Alida and Megan Konwinski with North Point Hospitality joined Senior National Sales Manager Jennifer Thompson for sales calls in Charlotte, North Carolina recently.

### [First Coffee Chat Provides Morning Networking Opportunity for Members](#)

This is a brand new networking opportunity scheduled early in the work day for those whose schedules make evening events difficult to attend. If morning doesn't work for you, don't worry, because the Chamber is still hosting its evening Business Connections and Power Hour lunch-and-learns, plus a new Courses & Conversations series.

### [IITA Holds Annual Summit in Savannah](#)

More than 175 operators and suppliers from around the world attended educational seminars, networked with colleagues and experienced Savannah's Southern hospitality.

### [River Street Sweets Promotes Their Products at Main Visitors Center](#)

Jeanne McMillan from River Street Sweets is pictured giving out praline samples and brochures to visitors at the Main Visitor Center on MLK last week. If you are a hospitality member business and would like to promote your products or services at the Visitors Center, call Mava Byrd or John Reed.

### [Meetings & Convention Team Hosts Site Visit for International Group](#)

Visit Savannah's Larry Browder and Jeff Hewitt hosted customers from The Recovery of Biological Products Conference who are looking to potentially hold their annual 2020 convention in Savannah.

### [Director of Digital Marketing Speaks to IITA Conference](#)

Visit Savannah's director of digital marketing Lauren Cleland recently spoke to the International Inbound Travel Association (IITA) about digital marketing and the use of social media for promotion.

## TYBEE NEWS

### [Michigan Couple Staying Long Term Visits VIC](#)

A couple from Michigan stopped in the Tybee Island Visitors Center last week to learn about events and things to do while they're here. They decided to escape the cold upper Midwest and will be staying until April (that's almost three months!).

## MEMBER NEWS

### [New Members for the Week of 2/11/19](#)

We are excited to welcome the newest members of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce. Please remember to do business with your fellow Chamber members!

### [Grand Openings, Ribbon Cuttings & Member Discounts for the Week of 2/11/19](#)

Please support your fellow Chamber members by attending these upcoming ribbon cutting and grand opening events, and congratulate these recipients of awards, accolades and those celebrating milestones!

### [Legislative Update from The Georgia Chamber](#)

The Georgia General Assembly convened Tuesday through Friday for legislative days 8-11. The General Assembly will reconvene on Monday, February 11 for legislative day 12 and will work through Friday, February 15. This past week, the general assembly adopted an adjournment resolution dictating the schedule for the remainder of the legislative session. To view the resolution, [click here](#).

### [Mayor DeLoach Needs Partners for Summer 500 Internship Program](#)

It's that time of year again! Savannah's Summer 500 student intern program is kicking off for the year and needs your help! Join the City of Savannah for Summer 500's recruitment breakfast Tuesday, February 26 from 8:30-10 a.m. at the DeSoto Savannah.

### [Use the Extranet's Post Board for Member-to-Member Communications](#)

Post Board is considered a partner-to-partner forum that allows member interactions. A user can post a new comment, reply to a comment or email the person who made the original post. It's a great place for communication between partners/stakeholders!

### [Savannah SCORE Presents, "Lessons Learned During The Early Years of Owning a Small Business"](#)

During this session, the latest in SCORE's popular "Tools To Grow Your Business" seminar series, a panel of successful small business owners from Savannah will share strategies and tips to overcome typical challenges and pitfalls and share about many operational and policy issues faced by entrepreneurs during the early stages of building a business.

### [Small Business Day Savannah is February 23](#)

Are you interested in starting a business or learning about becoming an entrepreneur? Small Business Day, Savannah--Savannah's largest small startup event--will be held on Saturday, February 23 at the Savannah Convention Center.

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