

# The Savannah Area Chamber News

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2019 Chairman

## EVENTS

### [Tubby's Oyster Roast Business Connection | March 14](#)

The Chamber's annual Oyster Roast Business Connection is one of our signature springtime events you don't want to miss. Tubby's Tank House in Thunderbolt will be steaming fresh coastal selects and serving them with all the trimmings alongside some of Tubby's standout menu items.

### [The Chamber Power Hour at The Grand Lake Club | April 2](#)

Join the Chamber's Small Business Council at The Grand Lake Club at Southbridge for a lunch-and-learn and networking opportunity!

### [Business on the Move at Bahama Joe's | April 4](#)

On Thursday, April 4, Bahama Joe's is inviting Chamber members and guests to an after-hours networking opportunity from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the success of their new corporate offices, sales team, showroom displays and onsite production facilities in Garden City.

### [Publix Savannah Women's Half & 5K | April 6](#)

The Publix Savannah Women's Half Marathon & 5K highlights Savannah's beautiful Historic District with a brand-new course winding 13.1 miles through tree-lined streets and city squares. The race weekend starts with the Fashion-Fitness Expo at Kehoe Iron Works at Trustees' Garden on Friday, April 5, where Celebritees will showcase its newest fitness lines, while giving participants a taste of Savannah with exclusive items from local businesses. Race day is Saturday, April 6, and the weekend wraps up with Yoga in the Square on Sunday, April 7.

### [Business Connection at Savannah Country Club | April 11](#)

Meet with your fellow Chamber members at April Business Connection at the Savannah Country Club! Bring a stack of business cards to exchange while you're networking at one of Savannah's most historic golf venues.

### [Coffee Chats at the Catholic Diocese | May 5](#)

Wake up and smell the coffee! At this first-thing-in-the-morning networking opportunity, participants will begin with 30 minutes of open networking, then spend 30 minutes listening to each attendee share a 10-15 second "elevator pitch" about who they are and what they do. After everyone has spoken, the group will spend another 30 minutes meeting and greeting their new acquaintances.

### [Savannah's Salute: Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon | May 15](#)

The Savannah Area Chamber's Military Affairs Council is proud to honor local service members at its annual Military Appreciation Luncheon Wednesday, May 15 from noon-1:30 p.m. at the Savannah Convention Center. We are also honored to receive remarks from Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander and Silver Star recipient Lieutenant Colonel Ken Dwyer. This will be one of LTC Dwyer's final addresses as Garrison Commander before bidding Savannah farewell.

### [18th Annual Taste of Downtown Business Connection | May 16](#)

It's our most-anticipated networking event of the year! Join the Chamber for its 18th annual Taste of Downtown Business Connection, presented by Bank of America, bringing more than 40 member restaurants to historic Johnson Square to share small bites and sips of menu item favorites. With around 2,000 expected attendees, Taste of Downtown is the Chamber's biggest (and most delicious) networking opportunity of the year!

### [2019 Chamber Business Awards Banquet | June 13](#)

Make plans to attend the 2019 Chamber Business Awards Banquet, to be held Thursday, June 13 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront. This annual awards presentation and dinner will honor standout leaders from the Savannah area and recognize individuals and businesses that represent local economic drivers including hospitality, manufacturing and small business.

## CHAMBER & VISIT SAVANNAH NEWS

### [Joseph Marinelli Speaks at Southern Living Home Summit in Savannah](#)

Visit Savannah president Joseph Marinelli served as the welcome speaker for the Southern Living Homes Show, held at The DeSoto hotel last week. More than 150 home builders, home goods manufacturers, interior designers and consumers spent three days in Savannah learning from industry leaders and tastemakers.

### [Visit Savannah Hosts Southeastern Regional Motorcoach Operators' Coalition](#)

Over 80 motorcoach operators experienced a nice "snapshot" of what the area has to offer their tour groups for future visitors to historic Savannah and Tybee Island. The coalition is comprised of 13 states throughout the southeast, and is geared towards educating motorcoach operators in the areas of safety, emergency preparedness, and industry related regulations.

### [Authors of Book About Savannah Meet with Board Member](#)

Authors Lynn and Cele Seldon where in town last week doing research for a new book called "100 Things to Do in Savannah Before you Die," where they visited with Clinton Edminster Visit Savannah board member and owner of Starlandia Creative Supply.

### [Visit Savannah President Presents at Montage Palmetto Bluff](#)

Visit Savannah president Joseph Marinelli joined Bluffton mayor Lisa Sulka in a presentation to the Montage Resort at Palmetto Bluff leadership retreat last week. Discussion included how resort guests can enjoy the amenities and services available in the Savannah area.

### [Visit Savannah Welcomes Georgia On My Mind Day](#)

Visit Savannah President Joseph Marinelli along with Senior Vice President Jeff Hewitt attended the Georgia On My Mind Day promotion at the Georgia Welcome Center on I-95. The annual promotion, produced by the Georgia Department of Economic Development and Explore Georgia, saw record-breaking crowds and helped to drive more visitor traffic to the Savannah region.

### [Publix Savannah Women's Half & 5K Reveals Participant Gift](#)

Publix Savannah Women's Half & 5K has released it's highly anticipated participant gift for the 2019 race! This year all participants will walk (or run) away with a new race-branded duffel bag. This bag is great for beach days, workouts, traveling and much more! Register today to receive yours!

### [New Zealander Says Savannah is a Favorite City](#)

A visitor named Jonathan, from Wellington, New Zealand had a very full fun filled day in Savannah recently, as he reported to the staff of the Main Visitor Center on MLK. He began his visit with a historic tour of the city, took a ride on the Georgia Queen, visited one of our historic homes, walked through Savannah's squares and capped the day off with a haunted tour. He told staff that Savannah was one of his favorite cities on his U.S. tour.

### [Visit Savannah Brings Tour Operators to Savannah for Post-FAM Visit](#)

Anjali Derien, Visit Savannah's group tour & film entertainment sales manager, hosted 16 tour operators on a FAM trip to Savannah following their attendance at Travel South's 2019 Domestic Showcase this past week.

### [Exclusive Cocktail Co-Op Advertising Opportunity Available](#)

A new year deserves a new spotlight on Savannah's culinary scene! Visit Savannah had such success with our 2018 culinary co-op, it's offering restaurants and bars a new opportunity to market their brand. Check out our 2018 editorial piece in Taste of the South Magazine and imagine your brand front and center as a must-visit in Savannah's thriving culinary culture.

## TYBEE NEWS

### [Tybee Hosts Post-FAM Trip After Travel South Showcase](#)

Visit Tybee's Kim Webster hosted a group of tour operators on a post-FAM trip to Tybee Island after they attended the Travel South Domestic Showcase in Myrtle Beach.

## MEMBER NEWS

### [Reach More Than 2,500 Runners at Women's Half Expo](#)

Get your business in front of over 2,500 runners! Vendor booth space is still available for the Publix Savannah Women's Half & 5K Fashion Fitness Expo, taking place on Friday, April 5 from 11 a.m.-7p.m. at the Kehoe Iron Works at Trustees' Garden.

### [Become a Summer 500 Employer](#)

Recruitment for the city of Savannah's annual Summer 500 student intern program is now underway! Local businesses have historically shown great support for the program and the city is once again seeking involvement from area businesses to provide hands-on summer work opportunities for high school students. The program will begin with a week of career skills training on June 3 followed by 8 weeks of employment.

### [Workforce Development Spotlight](#)

With Savannah's economy rapidly growing and evolving, there has never been a more imperative time to invest in our local workforce. Numerous local programs are further bolstering our talent pipeline and providing skills needed for our workforce to thrive in a competitive economy. [Click here to learn more!](#)

### [Grand Openings & Member Discounts for the Week of 3/11/19](#)

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!

### [New Members for the Week of 3/11/19](#)

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!

