

The Savannah Area Chamber News



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2019 Chairman

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EVENTS

[Courses & Conversation | March 5](#)

At this networking opportunity, attendees will enjoy each of three lunch courses with a different table of nine guests, and go back to work afterward with at least 27 business cards from new contacts. Join us for the official Courses & Conversation kick-off at Savannah Country Club!

[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 Celebrities 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!

CHAMBER & VISIT SAVANNAH NEWS

[Publix Savannah Women's Half & 5K Announces New Charity Partner](#)

The Publix Savannah Women's Half & 5K is excited to announce the addition of Girls on the Run Coastal Georgia Low Country to its charity partners! Girls on the Run is an after school program for girls 3rd-8th grade, inspiring them to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, running-based curriculum.

[Visit Savannah Leaders Meet with Union Mission Leadership](#)

Union Mission of Savannah recently invited leaders from the local tourism and hospitality community to learn more about their mission and to be more connected to their efforts. Discussions included how to engage more Union Mission "graduates" into the local industry workforce.

[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.

[Visit Savannah Connects with International Tour Operators](#)

Visit Savannah's Mindy Shea, director of tour, travel and international sales, recently had the opportunity to meet with nearly 50 tour operators who promote international travel to the U.S. This year's Connect Travel Marketplace was held in Kissimmee, Florida, and attracted operators from as far away as China, India, the Netherlands, Europe and South America.

[New Ferry Signage Installed](#)

SaMMI, Savannah Area Mobility Management, Inc, in collaboration with Chatham Area Transit (CAT) have installed three new signs at the ferry landing locations. These signs will provide an up-to-date ferry schedule and have the ability to welcome large groups.

[Group Tour & Entertainment Manager Meets with Group Tour Operators at Travel South](#)

Anjuli Derien, Visit Savannah's group tour & entertainment manager, sat for nearly 50 appointments with tour operators and networked with countless more last week at Travel South Domestic Showcase in Myrtle Beach. This regional appointment-style marketplace offers the most targeted opportunity for tour operators and wholesalers to meet face to face with Southern suppliers.

[Visitors from Israel Stop at Main VIC on MLK](#)

Visitors from Israel, Adam and Schlomi stopped by the Main Visitor Center recently for a map, city highlights, and a selfie with veteran first impression specialist Joel Weber. They reported that Savannah was a "must-see" destination on their multi-city tour of the USA.

TYBEE NEWS

[Tybee Sales Manager Attends Travel South Showcase](#)

Visit Tybee's sales manager Kim Webster attended the TravelSouth USA Domestic Showcase this past week from February 24-27 in Myrtle Beach. TravelSouth is the premier marketplace event for Southern destinations, where more than 300 tourism professionals gather for three days of appointments with operators and media.

[Island Visitors Center Renewed as Georgia Regional VIC](#)

This month, the Tybee Island Visitors Center was approved for renewal as a Georgia Regional Visitor Information Center by the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Accreditation each year requires annual educational tours of area cities to stay current on the region's tourism destinations, training with a Georgia Welcome Center, and attending a state training conference attended by more than 100 Georgia visitor center managers.

MEMBER NEWS

[New Members for the Week of 3/4/19](#)

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 & Member Discounts for the Week of 3/4/19](#)

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!

[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.

[Member Extranet Training Video Series Now Available](#)

To help you get started with using the Member Extranet, we have provided training videos on our website where you will learn how to verify your membership information, renew your membership investment online, create member-to-member discounts, view the upcoming convention calendar and so much more!

[New Extranet Feature Update: Post Board](#)

Last week the Chamber launched a new Extranet feature called Post Board, which is a partner-to-partner forum that allows member interactions through posts, in the Member Extranet. Three Chamber members are already taking advantage of this space by posting upcoming events at their locations, and you should take advantage too!

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