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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

MARCH 5, 2024

NETWORKING LUNCH

MARCH 8, 2024

A.M. NETWORK BREAKFAST

MARCH 29, 2024




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Resources include:

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***Connect to the right resources
for you and your family.***

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 2024

Mark your calendar now for these great networking events in March.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Sponsored by:
**Blackwater Bay
Tours**



Tuesday, March 5th
5:30 p.m. @ Beardless Brewhaus
5139 Elmira Street, Milton
Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door
RSVP to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

NETWORKING LUNCH

Sponsored by:



Friday, March 8th
12 Noon @ The Hangar American Grill
3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton
Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door
RSVP required to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

A.M. NETWORK LUNCH

Sponsored by:



Friday, March 29th
7:30 a.m. @ The Cutting Board
5701 Highway 90, Milton
Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door
RSVP required to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com



A Message from our Chair...

March, 5th at Beardless Brewhaus beginning at 5:30 pm sponsored by Blackwater Bay Tours. The Networking lunch will be held on March, 8th at The Hangar and is sponsored by Fast Cash ATM Services. The guest speaker for this event will be Mr. Marty Stanovich. Mr. Stanovich will be speaking about First Tee Gulf Coast. First Tee is a nationwide golf, based program develops strength of character and life skills in today's youth.

On another note, I would like to extend a huge Chamber of Commerce THANK YOU!! to Commander Justin Moss and VFW Post 4833. The Post donated a flagpole, flag, as well as the installation cost to the Chamber. It has been erected and looks great. Finishing touches like this make our beautiful building stand out above and beyond the rest in the area.

There will be a Member Orientation held in the McKenzie room on March 19th at 2:30 PM. Please be aware this meeting is not just for new members. The Chamber has much more to offer members than we had just a few years ago and I encourage you all to attend or send a representative to attend so that your business or organization can take full advantage of your membership.

If you have tried to use our website or sent emails to us that went unanswered, I extend an apology. Our website as well as our email was hacked and it has taken some three weeks to get our Chamber email back up and running properly. The website is still in a state of disarray. We have a team working to get it corrected. Hopefully it will be back up and running smoothly soon.

Spring is upon us here on the Gulf Coast. I am excited to see it coming as I am an avid fisherman. This cold weather doesn't suit my activities very well.

I wish you all happiness and prosperity this month and hope to see you at some of the upcoming events.

**Frank Hoskins
2024 Board Chair**

March is upon us and as of the publishing of this letter we should be very close to hiring a new CEO for the chamber. Although we are certainly sad to see our beloved Donna retire. These are exciting times as we will have new leadership, a new set of eyes and hopefully some new ideas for the betterment of the membership experience. I wish to thank the members of the selection committee for dedicating their time and expertise in sorting through resumes and conducting interviews. Larry Strain, Robin Vickers, Debbie Kemp, Mike Johnson and Anna Weaver all took time from their busy schedules to diligently work toward finding the right fit for a CEO that can lead us into the future. We have also contracted with Brenda Kay Hammel and Express Employment Professionals to fill the much needed part time position in the Chamber office. Thank You Brenda!

March events include the Renaissance Faire Beer tent on the second and third of the month at the Santa Rosa County fairgrounds. Proceeds from this event go towards the mortgage on our building and has proven in the past to be a huge fund raiser for us. We sincerely appreciate everyone that came out to help!

We have a committee working hard to find a new venue for our A.M. Network. Sadly Grover T's restaurant has closed leaving us without a location. Our best wishes to Brandon, his family, the management, and employees of Grover T's. Your restaurant will be sorely missed.

The Business After Hours as well as the Networking Lunch will go on as scheduled this month. These events are a lot of fun as well as often productive for building contacts within the business community. Business After Hours will be held on



Ambassadors..... Margarita Vazquez..... Primerica
 Co-Chair Lee Irving LandrumHR
 Awards/Installation Luncheon .. Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance
 Business After Hours Erin Vaughn Sunbelt Title Agency
 Co-Chair Lee Irving LandrumHR
 Casino Night..... Mike Johnson Individual Member
 Co-Chair Scott Klemm..... Individual Member
 E.D.G.E..... Mike Ellicott..... Castle 6 Group
 Co-Chair Ronnie Goode..... All Dry Services, Gulf Coast Region
 Team Bruce Baker, MBA
 RE/MAX Infinity Golf Classic ... Larry Strain..... A Rustyc Spoon
 Finance Committee Jennifer Micklos The First, ANBA
 July 4th Riverfest Larry Strain..... A Rustyc Spoon
 Leadership Santa Rosa Jonathan Arneault..... The Rock Church
 Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni...Mirella Savage..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA-REMAX Infinity
 Local Legislative Action Ed Carson..... Carson Construction
 Member Orientations..... Lechia Froman United Bank
 Military Advisory Committee Steve Rhodes..... Florida Power & Light
 Co-Chair Russell Raught..... CareerSource EscaRosa
 Military Appreciation Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance
 Non-Profit Resource
 & Development Roundtable... Mary Zaledonis..... United Way of West Florida
 Santa Rosa
 Young Professionals Laura Massimino Pen Air Credit Union
 Networking Lunch..... Jeremy Reeder..... Reeder Financial Group
 The A.M. Network Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance

2024 Officers & Board of Directors

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024

Chair: Frank Hoskins, Owen Hoskins Consulting, LLC

Chair-Elect: Mike Johnson, Individual Member

Past Chair: Debbie Kemp, Pen Air Credit Union

Treasurer: Jennifer Micklos, The First, ANBA

Secretary: Erin Vaughn, Sunbelt Title Agency

BOARD MEMBERS 2024

Tracy Allen Goosehead Insurance

Tracy Beach Blue Arbor

**Rhett Fendley..... Premier Wealth Management
Partners**

Capt. Paul Flores..... NAS Whiting Field (Ex-Officio)

Lechia Froman United Bank

Jeremy Holley Immanuel Baptist Church

**Charlin Knight Santa Rosa County Schools
(Ex-Officio)**

**Pete Morgan..... Service Matters Realty, Inc./
Property Management**

**Shannon Ogletree..... Santa Rosa County Economic
Development**

Russell Raught CareerSource Escarosa

Jeremy Reeder..... Reeder Financial Group

**Mirella Savage..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA
RE/MAX Infinity**

Justin Serrano Santa Rosa Medical Center

Margarita Vazquez.... Primerica Financial Services

Robin Vickers..... University of Florida, WFREC

Director Emeritus..... Larry Strain, A Rustyc Spoon

Thank You to our 2024 Sponsors

Business After Hours

January Grover T's BBQ
February Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
March Blackwater Bay Tours
April Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
May United Bank
June Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
August Community Bank
September Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
October Synovus
November John Kelley Handyman Service

Networking Lunch

January Coastal Wildlife Removal
February American Heritage Financial
March Fast Cash ATM Services
April Santa Rosa Medical Center
May Available
June Available
July Available
August Available
September Available
October The Benefits Shoppe Insurance Agency, LLC
November Drug Free Workplaces
December Harvesters Credit Union

The A.M. Network

March John Kelley Handyman Service
April Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
May Synovus
June Drug Free Workplaces
July Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
August Coastal Wildlife Removal
September Santa Rosa Medical Center
October Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
December Locklin Technical College/Santa Rosa County School District

The Santa Rosan

January Sunburst RV Resort
February Keller Williams Realty, Trisha Clause-Ramirez
March Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County
April Eglin Federal Credit Union
May Five Star Painting of Pensacola
June Available
July Available
August Available
September Available
October Armor Service Group
November Available
December Primerica Milton-Margarita Vazquez

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

30 Years

Apprise Video Productions, Commercial Photography,

Sound System Rentals

Santa Rosa County District Schools

20 Years

Durst & Jordan, CPA, PA

1 Year

Ashley Furniture/1915 South

American Legion, Post 78

Patriot Pest Management

Rapid Response Team LLC

TeamLogic IT

The Realty Box, Inc.

***Please support these
businesses & organizations
that support
our community!***



WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

The Sweet Greek Milton Melissa Simpson

5237 Willing Street, Milton

(850) 564-0029

www.SweetGreekMilton.com

Check us out on Facebook!

A family run boutique pastry shop spanning generations
of family recipes from Greece

WELCOME BACK! Regions Mortgage Ryan Funderburk

70 N. Baylen Street, Pensacola

(850) 444-1424

Mortgage Loan Officer

Nixon's Formalwear Brooke Jackson

4847 West Spencerfield Road, Pace

(448) 994-0157

www.NixonClothing.com

Your one stop shop for all special occasions, must have ladies
apparel and tuxedo rental

**You can find these new members
or any of our members in the
Member Directory
online @ www.SRCchamber.com
including phone numbers,
email addresses,
web addresses and more.**



***THANK YOU TO THE
VFW POST 4833
FOR OUR NEW FLAGPOLE & FLAG***

***We are so grateful for this new
and much needed addition!***

2024 CHAMBER AMBASSADORS

Margarita Vazquez (Chair)	Primerica Financial Services
Lee Irving (Co-Chair)	LandrumHR
Tracy Allen	Goosehead Insurance
Bruce Baker	Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
Linda Clark	LC Creative Productions
Susan Clark	Granny Nannies
Crystal Foster	USA Mortgage
Jenny Garcia	ADV Global Wellness
Brenda Kay Hammel	Express Employment Professionals
Harald Lavric	Griffox Consulting
Rebekah Killingsworth	A Cut Above Landscaping & Property Maintenance
Becky MaCaa	Home Instead Senior Care
Nicole Pires	Hancock Whitney
Jeremy Reeder	Reeder Financial Group
Mirella Savage	Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
Larry Strain	Synovus
Juan Vazquez	Primerica – Margarita Vazquez



What a treat! The February Ambassador Lunch meeting was held at A Rusty Spoon Marcus Pointe in conjunction with their ribbon cutting and it was AMAZING! Thank you to Larry and Rusty Strain along with their great team!



Call Nicole at 850-623-2339 and ask for more information.

Annual Vision of Hope Fishing Rodeo



Saturday, April 27, 2024

**9 am—11am Fishing
11am—1130am Lunch
1130am—12pm Awards**

**4512 Morristown Rd
Jay, Florida**



**Open to ALL persons
with Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities**

***each participant must be
accompanied
by a parent or guardian***

**All Proceeds Benefit
Vision of Hope, Inc.**

- This event is FREE
- Bring a lawn chair if desired
- This is a catch and release event
- No supplies needed or required for this event
- Lunch available for purchase (free for registered participants)
- T-shirts available free on day of event
(shirt size required in advance on registration form)

**Pre-Registration ONLY, on a 1st come 1st served basis.
Limited to the first 100 applicants.**

Deadline for Registration is April 19, 2024

Special Thanks to our Sponsors



**Fillable & Printable registration forms
available online at**

<http://www.visionofhopefl.org>

OR Pick up at one of the following locations:

Transition Center, 5555 Woodbine Rd, Pace

All 5 SRC Federal Credit Union locations

Mail completed registration forms to:

**Vision of Hope
5555 Woodbine Road
Pace, FL 32571**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - MARCH

March 2 4 p.m. USS Harry Mudd Star Trek & SF Club Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	March 12 4 p.m.-until Project Chess Club u1400 Training SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	March 20 6:30 p.m. Blackwater Pyrates Meeting Call (850) 791-2502 for location.
March 5 7:30-8:30 a.m. Business Booster Workshop SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	March 12 5:45 p.m. City of Milton Council Meeting 6738 Dixon St, Milton	March 21 1-4 p.m. FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting a Business" – Milton SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
March 5 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Essential Interpersonal Skills Training Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, 4th Floor	March 13 8-11:30 a.m. 2nd Annual LandrumHR Workforce Summit Landrum HR, 219 E. Garden St, Ste 500, Pensacola	March 23 9 a.m.-12 noon FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting an At-Home Childcare Business" UWF Emerald Coast Campus, 1170 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Bldg 2, Rm 221, Ft. Walton Beach
March 5 10 a.m. Native Wildflower Education Class Santa Rosa County Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Dr, Milton	March 13 3-4 p.m. Non-Profit Resource & Development Roundtable SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	March 23 10-11 a.m. First Presbyterian Church's "Knotty Prayers" Ministry Call (850) 623-2510 for location.
March 5 1 p.m. Propagation and Indoor Plant Care Demonstration Santa Rosa County Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Dr, Milton	March 14 1-2:30 p.m. Milton Dementia Support Group Clyde L. Gracey Community Center, 5629 Byrom St, Room 113	March 26 9-10 a.m. FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Tech Talk Tuesday: Remote Work" Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, CO:LAB Bldg, 4th Floor
March 7 9 a.m. -12 noon FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting a Business" – Destin Destin Chamber of Commerce, 4484 Legendary Dr, Ste A, Destin	March 14 1-2 p.m. Navy League Santa Rosa Council Meeting Milton PD, 5451 Alabama St, Milton	March 28 9 a.m.-12 noon FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting a Business" – Bay County 307 Ohio Ave, Lynn Haven
March 7 1-4 p.m. FL SBDC @ UWF Presents "Starting a Business" – Pensacola Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, CO:LAB Bldg, 4th Floor	March 14 6 p.m. Native Wildflower Education Class Santa Rosa County Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Dr, Milton	
March 7 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. "Empowering Women in Business " Networking Lunch SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	March 15 4-7 p.m. Grand Reopening Guernsey Financial 6704 Plantation Rd, Pensacola	
March 9 8 a.m.-12 noon Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day South Santa Rosa Servcie Center, 5841 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze	March 16 8 a.m.-until Project Chess Club "Blackwater Spring Classic & Blitz" SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	
March 9 10 a.m. Native Wildflower Education Class Santa Rosa County Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Dr, Milton	March 19 1-2 p.m. Dementia Caregiver Support Group The Beacon at Gulf Breeze, Private Dining, 4410 Gulf Breeze Pkwy	
March 12 9:30 a.m. Milton Garden Club Meeting Magnolia Hall, 5256 Alabama St, Milton	March 19 5 p.m. Milton Amateur Radio Club SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	

**Let us know if
you or your
business
has an event
coming up so
we can get it on
the Chamber
Calendar!**

**Call Nicole at
850-623-2339**

CHAMBER CALENDAR - MARCH

March 4 11:30 a.m. Jay Chamber Meeting Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker St.	March 19 2:30-4 p.m. Member Orientation SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
March 5 5:30-7 p.m. Business After Hours Beardless Brewhaus, 5139 Elmira St, Milton	March 20 8:30 a.m. SRC CoC Executive Committee SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
March 8 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Chamber Networking Lunch The Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton	March 21 All day Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 37: Government Day Meet at Santa Rosa County Administrative Complex, 6495 Caroline St, Milton
March 8 1 p.m. Ribbon Cutting for Tidal Bay Services LLC The Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton	March 25 4 p.m. SRC CoC Board of Directors Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
March 11 4:30 p.m. Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	March 27 8:30-10 a.m. E.D.G.E. (Economic Development, Growth & Education) Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
March 11 5 p.m. Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Committee Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	March 29 7:15-8:30 a.m. The A.M. Network Location to be announced.
March 12 8:30 a.m. SRC Legislative Coalition Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	
March 13 3-4 p.m. Non-Profit Resource & Development Roundtable SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	

Weekly Recurring Meetings/Activities

TUESDAYS

12 Noon
Milton Rotary Club - Meetings are open
to the public
4955 Highway 90, Pace
Call (850) 393-7334 to confirm.

7 PM
Primerica Business Opportunity
Meeting
5205 Dogwood Dr, Milton
Call (850) 626-7188 to confirm.

WEDNESDAYS

9 AM - 4:30 PM
FL SBDC @ UWF Office Hours in Milton
6491 Caroline St., Milton

12 noon
Kiwanis Club of Milton Sunrise Meeting
Call (850) 623-3256 for location.

THURSDAYS

7 AM
Pace Rotary Club Meeting
Stonebrook Golf Club,
3200 Cobblestone Dr., Pace
Call (850) 994-9797 to confirm.

(Thursdays continued)

7:15 AM
BNI Tri-Cities Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce,
4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

FRIDAYS

7-9 PM
Coming Clean Recovery
West Florida Baptist Church,
5621 Hwy 90, Milton

For an up-to-date calendar of events, visit our website www.srcchamber.com.

1st Annual Golf Classic

Tanglewood Golf Course
5916 Tanglewood Dr. Milton, FL 32570
April 27, 2024 | 1:00 PM
Registration begins at 11:00 AM

Presented by Santa Rosa County Food Service Association

Portion of all proceeds will go towards our students' unpaid meal debt in Santa Rosa County Schools

- Golf Teams consist of four players
- Food will be provided for golfers
- \$75 a player (\$300 Total)
- Prizes will be awarded

Make checks payable to SRCSNA

*Send to: Santa Rosa County School Attn: Food Services Dept.
6544 Firehouse Rd. Milton, FL 32570
or Venmo: @tcoop057*

For more information, please contact:

Sandra Glaze 850-585-8842
GlazeS@santarosa.k12.fl.us

Emie Bugarin 850-748-1123
BugarinE@santarosa.k12.fl.us



RIBBON CUTTINGS



A Rustyc Spoon at Marcus Pointe

A Rustyc Spoon at Marcus Pointe began in April of 2022 as a food truck and transitioned into a restaurant in November 2023. Larry Strain (father) and Rusty Strain (son) are the owner operators of the business. The restaurant is located within the clubhouse of Marcus Pointe Golf Club located at 2500 Oak Pointe Drive, Pensacola, Florida 32505. The phone number is 850-484-9770 ext. 2. It is open from 7 AM – 3:00 PM Sunday through Tuesday and 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM Wednesday through Saturday. The cuisine is much more than typical “golf course” food. The executive chef, Rusty Strain, describes his creations as elevated American Classics with French influences. The restaurant is open to the general public as well as golfers. In addition to food, A Rustyc Spoon offers a full bar featuring a unique wine menu and hard to find liquors. Three days a month the restaurant takes on a different, elevated persona and rebrands itself as A Common Labor featuring a reservation only, fixed price menu, offering four courses of high-end dining. Reservations can be phoned in at the number above.

A Rustyc Spoon offers dine-in as well as Door Dash for limited delivery areas - 850-484-9770 ext. 2

**Located at
2500 Oak Pointe Dr.
Pensacola**

Call 850-484-9770 ext. 2



Emerá Café Coffee + Cocktail Exchange

celebrated its grand opening with resounding success on February 1, 2024, drawing over 75+ attendees, and showcasing the strong support of the local community. A mix of Navarre Chamber of Commerce, Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, business leaders, and community members came together to mark the occasion. Located within SpringHill Suites by Marriott Navarre Beach, Emerá captivated guests with its Gulf-front setting and a menu that blends comfort, luxury, and innovation. From espresso beverages to artisanal cocktails and bites inspired by the sun, surf, and sand, Emerá promises a unique dining experience. Its versatile space seamlessly transitions from a cozy daytime coffee shop to an evening cocktail bar, allowing guests to enjoy the indoor ambiance or the refreshing beach breeze. The evening commenced with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a Business After Hours event where attendees enjoyed drinks and appetizers.

Emerá Café Coffee + Cocktail Exchange invites locals and visitors alike to embark on a flavorful journey. Now open daily for breakfast and lunch from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Follow @emeraexchange and @springhillsuitesnavarrebeach for more information.



Call 850-939-0010

**Located at
8375 Gulf Blvd.
Navarre**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

A Rustyc Spoon	First Presbyterian Church	Prompt Response Emergency Pet Fund
All Risk Insurance	Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Inc.	Ray and Debra Eddington
Avalon Baptist Church	Freeman Roofing	Rubber and Specialties, Inc.
Blackwater Bay Tours	Grand Realty, Inc.	Santa Rosa County Federal Credit Union
Blackwater River Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility	Greater Pensacola Society for Human Resource Management	Santa Rosa County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.
Boomerang Pizza Kitchen	Heaton Brothers Construction Company, Inc.	SmallCityGifts
Clyde's Well Service, Inc.	John David Elliott, P.A. C.P.A.	Stan Colie Nichols, Santa Rosa County Tax Collector
Community Health Northwest Florida	Kings Roofing LLC	The UPS Store Pace
Cotton Electric, Inc.	Mike Johnson (Individual)	Vision of Hope
Dedrich "Dick" Hohorst	Pensacola Blue Wahoos	
Donald Spencer, SRC Clerk of Courts	Pensacola Habitat for Humanity	
Eddie Hobbs Automotive		
Escambia River Electric Co-Operative, Inc.		

**Thank You For The Opportunity
To Continue To Serve You!**



CAR SHOW

MARCH 23rd 2024

TIGER POINT PARK, 1370 TIGER PARK LN, GULF BREEZE, FL 32563

REGISTRATION 8 – 11 / AWARDS AT 2

TROPHIES FOR BEST OF SHOW, and TOP 30

SPECIALITY TROPHIES: DIRECTOR'S CHOICE, BEST ENGINE, and BEST PAINT

REGISTRATION FEE \$25 - PAY DAY OF EVENT

50/50 RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS FROM EVENT GO DIRECTLY TO DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM FLORIDA

www.doffl.us

DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM offers a solution to VETERANS who struggle with Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

For more information contact JOHN NEVIN @ (850) 333-1736/EMAIL jonnevin777@hotmail.com

Membership Benefit Announcement

Special Ceremonies

Are you a new Chamber member? Have you relocated or renovated your business/organization? Are you opening an additional store or office?

Then let us do a Ribbon Cutting for you! This 10-minute photo op will get your picture and a short paragraph about your business/organization in our digital newsletter, The Santa Rosan (distribution 7,000+). If you would like to hold a bigger event, we will gladly assist you with a Grand Opening or Open House – with or without Ribbon Cutting.

In addition to being published in print, these events will be announced on our electronic billboard on Avalon Boulevard, on our Facebook page and web calendar, as well as in our Monday e-newsletter ("Chamber Weekly"). And, last but not least, your ribbon cutting picture will be posted to our Chamber Facebook page.

If you have not scheduled a ribbon cutting yet, call us at (850) 623-2339 or e-mail membership@srcchamber.com. Hurry! Only a limited number of days are available every month!



CHAMBER FACTS

- The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce is 87 years old this year.
- We currently have 660 active members. 21% of our membership is based in Escambia County.
- Your Chamber is also the official Tourist & Visitors Information Center for Central/North Santa Rosa County.
- Your Chamber does not receive any outside funding and is supported by membership dues and various fundraisers.
- We currently have two full-time and one part-time staff on payroll.
- As per February 15, 2023, we have answered 279 phone calls, assisted 80 walk-in visitors, and signed up 11 new members. We held three ribbon cuttings and responded to nine written requests for information. Our website had over 3,400 visitors who generated more than 7,000 page views.
- The most interesting question this month was: "Do you know of any city or county program that can help remove tree limbs? I'm a senior citizen and I have this tree branch hanging over my mobile home precariously, and if it breaks off, I'm not only dead but also homeless."

www.SRCCchamber.com

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED CAN CALL RSVP AT 850-983-5220!

RSVP's HEALTH

Wellness Expo

Friday, March 15 * 8 a.m. to Noon
Clyde L. Gracey Community Center
5629 Byrom Street in Milton

Free Event for the Public

Come see the community services offered in Santa Rosa County to assist you and your family in remaining healthy and independent.

Business and Community Organizations

Community Public Services, Health Care for Seniors, Home Improvement Companies, Health Insurance, Medicare Advisors, Financial Advisors, and many, many more.

RSVP of Santa Rosa
County, Florida
Santa Rosa Community Services



Ochsner
65 Plus



Chamber Networking Lunch

Chair: Jeremy Reeder, Reeder Financial Group

**Thank you to our sponsor:
American Heritage Financial,
represented by Ed Nelson and Dr. Gregg McBride**



***Congratulations split-the-pot winner:
Anna Weaver, United Bank***



ROTARY CLUB OF MILTON, FLORIDA

6223 Highway 90 #176, Milton, FL 32570

February 14, 2024

Dear Community Leader,

The members of the Milton Rotary Club would like to take this opportunity to introduce our club and tell you about the benefits of becoming a member of the Milton Rotary Club. Our club was established in 2005 and our motto is Service Above Self. Rotary members are business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Here are some examples of how we help others in our community and take advantage of the networking opportunities your membership provides.

- Roadside trash pickup
- Assisting senior citizens with yard clean up
- Rotarians Against Hunger with Manna Food Pantries
- Serving breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House
- Assisting our local schools through various projects such as donations of shoes and clothes, planting trees and reading to students

We invite you or others from your organization to join us for lunch to learn how you can get involved with the Milton Rotary Club. Also, during lunch, you can learn about our community through engaging and interesting guest speakers! The Milton Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12 noon at Mugshots Grill & Bar located at 4955 Highway 90 Pace, FL 32571.

If you have any questions prior to joining us, please feel free to contact me at 850-393-7334.

Sincerely,

Robin Vickers

Robin Vickers
Club President

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Chair: Erin Vaughn, Sunbelt Title Agency Co-Chair: Lee Irving, Landrum HR

Thank you to our
Business After Hours Sponsor & Host
**Team Bruce Baker,
MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity**
represented by Bruce Baker, MBA,
Ariel Roberts, and Mirella Savage



**Congratulations
split-the-pot winner:
Madelyn Osborne, Emerald Coast
Notary Service**





WE LOVE DOOR PRIZES!

**Thank you to Baptist Health Care; Emerald Coast Notary Service;
Fenoy Butler – Riverside Wealth Advisors;
Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity; Troy University;
United Way of West Florida**

Come join us for the best time of the week...

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS!

First Tuesday of the month

Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37

Ropes Day



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 met at Adventures Unlimited for ROPES Day on February 15th and spent a beautiful day outdoors doing various challenges led by the Adventures Unlimited staff which ultimately led up to conquering the infamous wall together as a class.

We witnessed this class think outside the box to strategize and plan their way through the outdoor activities as they learned new perspectives when listening to the rules that were given, and those that were not given as well. After lunch, the class heard from Karen Aloy of Aloy Vision about leadership in the workplace and generational differences as well as how to overcome them. We then transitioned into a time of indoor brainteasers and team bonding activities to conclude the

day. The class definitely used their new perspectives of thinking outside the box when it came to the rules given for these activities!

We would like to extend a thank you to Adventures Unlimited staff for leading us with an amazing day, Margarita Vazquez Primerica for the breakfast refreshments, Kyle Holley for providing the lunch prepared by the ladies at Adventures, and the facilitators Margarita Vazquez, Lechia Froman, Erin Vaughn, and Allen Jones.



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 Tallahassee Trip



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 made the journey to Tallahassee for a two-day, jam-packed opportunity to see how our legislative process works and hear from a variety of people including our local advocates Senator Doug Broxson and Representative Alex Andrade as well as District 4 Representative Maney and District 5 Representative Abbott, Sergeant at Arms Russell Hosford, Lobbyist Darrick McGhee and Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos G. Muniz.

The time included dinner at Capitol City Country Club with UNF Director of Government Relations Ray Walker as the featured speaker as well as a tour of the Governor's Mansion.

The class traveled with Leadership Okaloosa and Leadership Walton, providing a unique opportunity to network regionally while making memories. Thank you to our Facilitators Melissa Stoker (Lead) and Steve Rhodes (Co-Facilitator)



Milton NJROTC Digital Discount Card Drive 2024

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Member Orientation

Chair: Lechia Froman, United Bank



Attendees:

Lisa Allen, Manpower

Louise Biernesser, Panhandle Butterfly House

Martin Cooney, CorpCare Associates, Inc.

Elizabeth Hewey, Santa Rosa County School Board, District 2

Pam Murfey, Panhandle Butterfly House

Margarita Vazquez, Primerica Financial Services

Chair: Lechia Froman, United Bank

Presenter: Nicole Frenk



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Tell us what you liked most about Orientation:

- *Casual, relaxed atmosphere*
- *Highly informative – Nicole was great!*

Member Orientation is available once a month. Come join us and find out what all you're missing in your Santa Rosa County Chamber. Call Nicole at 850-623-2339 to register for the next program.

Project Chess Club Presents: Blackwater Spring Classic

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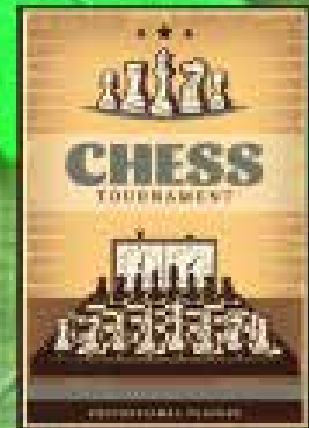
March 16th 2024

**Venue: 4315 Avalon Blvd.
Milton, Florida 32583**



Tournament Schedule

Registration:	9:00am	9:45am
Round 1	10:00am	11:30am
Round 2	12:00pm	1:30pm
Round 3	2:30pm	4:00pm
Round 4	4:30pm	6:00pm
Blitz Event	6:30pm	8:30pm



Open Section USCF Mem. Required 1500+(Unrated) 4SS G45; d5	U1600 Section USCF Mem. Required 0901-1600 4SS G45; d5	U1000 Section USCF Mem. Required 101-999 4SS G45; d5	Blitz Event USCF Mem. Required Open+(Unrated) 8SS G05; d2
1 st : \$150	1 st : \$100	1 st : \$100	1 st : \$50
2 nd : \$100	2 nd : \$50	2 nd : \$50	2 nd : \$30
3 rd : \$60	3 rd : \$35	3 rd : \$35	3 rd : \$20

Details:

- Entry Fee - \$35 cash at the door
- Blitz Entry Fee - \$10
- USCF membership required.
- All unrated players must play in open sections.
- Please bring your chess set and clock.
- Expect the next round to start asap.
- Lunch break between rounds 2 & 3.

**Payout Based Upon number of
participants(20); and will increase with
more players**



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Pensacola Habitat for Humanity teams up with Pensacola Blue Wahoos

Pensacola Habitat for Humanity continued its partnership with the Pensacola Blue Wahoos by welcoming lovable mascot Kazoo and front office staff members as volunteers on a home build site on Tuesday, February 20.

This exciting volunteer outing demonstrates the strength of the partnership between Pensacola's leader in affordable housing and Pensacola's top-notch baseball organization. This partnership will continue throughout the calendar year, with a big highlight coming on Wednesday, July 3, with the Pensacola Habitat for Humanity Takeover Night at the Blue Wahoos home game that evening.

"We depend on our many dedicated community partners to have the impact that we do, and the Pensacola Blue Wahoos stand near the forefront of those partners," said Pensacola Habitat for Human-

ity President/CEO Sam Young. "Our partnership with them has truly been a home run, and I can't wait to see us swing for the fences at our Takeover Night."

The opportunities provided by the Blue Wahoos have proven to be a big part of Pensacola Habitat for Humanity's Women Build initiative, as Women Builders earned nearly \$43,000 in donations in 2023, primarily by working concessions during Blue Wahoos home games. Last year's Pensacola Habitat for Humanity Takeover Night was a huge success that resulted in almost \$6,000 contributed in just one night.

As part of this year's Pensacola Habitat for Humanity Takeover Night, staff and volunteers will fill the concessions stands, sell 50/50 tickets, participate in on field activities, hand out

freebies, cheer on the home team and so much more. The night will be capped off by another spectacular postgame fireworks show to kick off Fourth of July celebrations. This incredible evening of baseball, community and partnership will help raise thousands of dollars towards providing affordable homeownership opportunities in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. The proceeds of tickets purchased through Pensacola Habitat for Humanity will go right back into funding its mission.

To purchase tickets for the Pensacola Habitat for Humanity Takeover Night, visit pensacolahabitat.org/events.



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Randy Roy,
Community Planning and
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Chair: Steve Rhodes, Florida Power & Light Co-Chair: Russell Raught, CareerSource Escarosa



**Thank you to our February guest presenter,
Mr. Rodney Wilson, US Army 1 SG Retired**



**Thank you to our February sponsor,
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Without A Chamber.....

.....there would be no office to respond to the inquiries about your community and its opportunities.

.....there would be no information gathering center with which to inform the business community and advise it of current events affecting them.

.....there would be no collective force to make known the physical needs of the community such as improved roads, utilities, facilities, safety and the like.

.....there would be no forum wherein the business community can exchange views and positions, and no voice to express those to other agencies.

.....there would be no focal point for social gathering of the business community wherein an exchange of ideas and services may take place.

.....there would be no political voice to keep our elected representatives aware of the community feelings on legislative action and needs.

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