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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

OCTOBER 1, 2024

NETWORKING LUNCH

OCTOBER 11, 2024

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OCTOBER 25, 2024

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OCTOBER 2024

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

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Sponsored by:



Tuesday, October 1st

5:30 – 7 p.m. @ Beardless Brewhaus

5139 Elmira Street, Milton

Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door

RSVP required to 623-2339 or

membership@srcchamber.com

NETWORKING LUNCH

Friday, October 11th

12 Noon @ Ace's Hangar

3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton

Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door

RSVP required to 623-2339 or

membership@srcchamber.com

SAILORS-OF-THE-QUARTER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

Sponsored by:



Friday, October 25th

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

*Registration and payment can be made via
email link or you can pay at the door*



A Message from our Chair...

Hangar in Milton – sponsorship still available. Please contact the Chamber office if you're interested in sponsoring.

A special day is in store for the Military Affairs Committee this month as the meeting will be held onboard NAS Whiting Field on October 16th. Leonardo Helicopters is sponsoring. The EDGE meeting will be held on October 23rd at the Chamber in the McKenzie Room. Sponsor is Drug Free Workplaces and Crumbl Cookies will be the guest speaker – the best cookies in the world! Member Orientation will be on the 15th with refreshments provided by ProHealth Clinics. I urge all new as well as established members to attend. Make sure you are taking full advantage of your membership!

Jim, Nicole, and Jaime are working diligently along with our wonderful Chamber Ambassadors to build our membership. We are currently at about 650 members with a goal of 700. They are also in the beginning stages of planning some spring events at our beautiful Chamber building: a Jeep show, a car and a motorcycle show. Since we are the Canoe Capital of Florida, I would like to see us have a canoe race on the Blackwater River. When I lived in Arkansas, we often had canoe races on the Spring and Buffalo River. Those races always had lots of participation.

*I look forward to seeing you all at our
events this month and thank all
of our sponsors and venues for
supporting the Chamber.*

With kindest regards,

See You All Soon! God Bless,

Frank Hoskins

2024 Board Chair



The Peak of Hurricane Season

The autumnal equinox marks the beginning of Fall and the peak of hurricane season here on the Gulf Coast. As I write this, I pray for our neighbors to the east who are about to have to deal with Hurricane Helene. I urge you all to review your preparedness plan in case we have to deal with tropical storms this month. Remember: The first seventy-two are on you!

Our 4th Annual Team Bruce Baker-RE/MAX Infinity Casino Night was a roaring success. The taco bar was excellent and lots of nice prizes were won by the participants. We raised a significant amount of money to go toward our building. Thank you to Team Bruce Baker and Corona for sponsoring the event! It seems to get bigger and better every year. Marnie and I did pretty well at the craps table; we are looking forward to the event next year.

October is Team Bruce Baker-RE/MAX Infinity Golf Classic month. The tournament is scheduled for October 4th at Stonebrook Golf Club in Pace. To sponsor, volunteer, or contribute goodie bag items and door prizes, please contact the Chamber office. We always have a good turnout and everyone has a great time. Lots of prizes will be given away, for example Closest-to-the-Pin, Hole-in-One, and several others.

Don't forget to attend our monthly networking events in October! Business After Hours will be held on October 1st at the Beardless Brewhaus in Milton, sponsored by Adams Sanitation. The A.M. Network is scheduled for the 25th at The Cutting Board and sponsored by Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity. Our Networking Lunch will be held on the 11th at Ace's



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..... Lee Irving LandrumHR
 Co-Chair Ronnie Goode..... Individual Member
 Team Bruce Baker, MBA
 RE/MAX Infinity Golf Classic ... Larry Strain..... Individual Member
 Finance Committee Jennifer Micklos The First, ANBA
 July 4th Riverfest Larry Strain..... Individual Member
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 Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni...Mirella Savage United Way of West Florida
 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... Tammy Ward Lifequest Organ Recovery Services
 Santa Rosa
 Young Professionals Laura Uebelsteadt Individual Member
 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

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Secretary: Erin Vaughn, Sunbelt Title Agency

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Tracy Beach Blue Arbor

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Mirella Savage..... United Way of West Florida

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Margarita Vazquez.... Primerica Financial Services

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

Director Emeritus..... Larry Strain, Individual Member

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 Adams Sanitation
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 Commercial Contract Cleaning & Pressure Washing
June EcoView Windows & Pressure Washing
July 82 Magnolia Aesthetics
August Gracie L. Turner
September Pen Air Credit Union
October AVAILABLE
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 Liberty Church - Milton
July John Kelley Handyman Services
August LC Creative Productions
September Brighton Lawn Care LLC
October Armor Service Group
November City of Milton/Natural Gas of Milton
December Primerica Milton-Margarita Vazquez

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

30 Years
Pen Air Credit Union

15 Years
STOA Architects

1 Year
Bagdad Cemetery Association, Inc.
CWF Entertainment, LLC

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**NETWORKING WORKS!
COME PARTICIPATE AT
ANY OF OUR
MONTHLY EVENTS.**

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

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David Hubbard

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Propane cylinder exchange

The Ready Room
Denise Cleveland

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(850) 317-2243

<https://marinepatches.com>

Bulk wholesale patches

Jim 'N Nick's Community Bar-B-Q

Melissa Hester

4625 Highway 90E, Pace

(678) 313-5484

www.JimNNicks.com

Pace Handyman Services

Caleb Morris

5568 Woodbine Road, Suite #35, Pace

(850) 633-8079

www.pacehandyman.com

Handyman service

**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.**

What do Ambassadors do?

- **Represent the Chamber to help members learn more about our Chamber**
- **Attend Ribbon Cuttings**
- **Attend and Volunteer at Chamber activities**
- **Courtesy Calls to Members Annually**
- **Volunteer and help Jim, Nicole, and Jaime whenever they need it**

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
Brenda Kay Hammel	Express Employment Professionals
Bruce Hoins	That Text Guy
Rebekah Killingsworth	A Cut Above Landscaping & Property Maintenance
Harald Lavric	Griffox Consulting
Becky McCaa	Home Instead Senior Care
Nicole Pires	Hancock Whitney
Jeremy Reeder	Reeder Financial Group
Mirella Savage	United Way of West Florida
Juan Vazquez	Primerica – Margarita Vazquez

AMBASSADORS MAKE THE CHAMBER WORK FOR YOU!



Consider joining an elite group of Chamber members that volunteer and support the functions of our Chamber. The Ambassadors represent the Chamber at events, ribbon cuttings and help when needed. They are the first impressions to new members and they love to mentor new members and show them the ropes.

If you are interested in becoming a Chamber Ambassador, contact Nicole at 850-623-2339

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

wanted



we need you...

as a chamber
ambassador

call the chamber to find out how to
serve the community and welcome
our newest members.

850.623.2339

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - OCTOBER

October 3	1:30pm-3pm Medicare Workshop Arcadia Senior Living, 3343 Berryhill Rd., Pace	October 12.....	7:30am-11:30am Landrum 5k Run/Walk 219 E. Garden St., Pensacola	October 26	Monarch Madness 4966 Henry St., Milton
October 4	10am-7pm 31st Annual Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/ MAX Infinity Golf Tournament Stonebrook Golf Club, 3200 Cobblestone Dr, Pace	October 14.....	2pm Santa Rosa County Master Gardner Volunteer 2024 Lecture Series Gulf Breeze Library, 1060 Shoreline Dr., Gulf Breeze	October 26.....	10am First Presbyterian Church Knotty Prayers Ministry (call 623-2510 to confirm and for location)
October 5	4pm USS Harry Mudd Star Trek & SF Club Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	October 15.....	1pm Dementia Caregiver Support Group The Beacon at Gulf Breeze, Private Dining, 4410 Gulf Breeze Pkwy		
October 8	9am Milton Garden Club Meeting Magnolia Hall, 5256 Alabama St, Milton	October 15.....	5pm Milton Amateur Radio Club SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton		
October 8	12-1pm Kiwanis of Milton Sunrise Meeting SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	October 16.....	2pm Santa Rosa County Master Gardner Volunteer 2024 Lecture Series Navarre Library, 8484 James M. Harvell Rd., Navarre		
October 8	1-2 pm Navy League Santa Rosa Council Meeting Milton PD, 5451 Alabama St, Milton	October 16.....	4:30pm.-6:30 pm S.N.A.P. Event . Seville Quarter in Rosie O'Grady's, Pensacola		
October 8	5:45pm City of Milton Council Meeting City Hall, 6738 Dixon St, Milton	October 16	Blackwater Pyrates Meeting Call (850) 791-2502 for the location		
October 8	6:30pm -8:30pm Compassionate Friends Meeting 7979 North Ninth Avenue, Pensacola	October 19	9am Project Chess Club Blackwater Chess Fall Classic & Blitz 2024 Santa Rosa Chamber, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton		
October 10	10:30-11:30am Santa Rosa County Master Gardner Volunteer 2024 Lecture Series Milton Library, 5541 Alabama Street, Milton	October 21	2pm Santa Rosa County Master Gardner Volunteer 2024 Lecture Series Jay Library, 259 Booker St., Jay		
October 10	11:30am-1:30pm "Empowering Women in Business" Networking Lunch SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	October 23	10am Santa Rosa County Master Gardner Volunteer Series 2024 Pace Library, 750 Pace Patriot Blvd., Pace		
October 10	1-2:30pm Milton Dementia Support Group Clyde L. Gracey Community Center, 5629 Byrom St, Room 113, Milton	October 26	7:30am 2024 Fenner Ride Clyde L. Gracey Community Center, 5629 Byrom St., 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 - OCTOBER

October 15:30-7p.m.
Business After Hours
 Blackwater Bistro, 5147 Elmira St., Milton

October 410:30 a.m.
31st Annual Chamber Golf Tournament: "Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity Golf Classic"
 Stonebrook Golf Club, 3200 Cobblestone Dr, Pace

October 711:30 a.m.
Jay Chamber Meeting
 Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker Street

October 88:30 a.m.
SRC Legislative Coalition Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

October 811:30 a.m.
Ribbon Cutting for SRMC Urgent Care-Five Points
 5595 Woodbine Rd., Pace

October 910 a.m.
Ribbon Cutting - Blackwater Health
 5211 Dogwood Dr., Milton

October 11.....11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
Chamber Networking Lunch
 Ace's Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton

October 14.....4 p.m.
Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

October 14.....5 p.m.
Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Committee Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

October 14.....CHAMBER CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY

October 152:30-4 p.m.
Member Orientation
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

October 16.....11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Military Affairs Committee Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

October 17All Day
Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 37: Agri-Business Day
 Meet at 2260 Horn Rd, Milton

October 23.....8:30 a.m.
E.D.G.E. (Economic Development, Growth & Education) Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

October 25.....7:15-8:30 a.m.
The A.M. Network
 The Cutting Board, 5701 Hwy 90, Milton

October 25.....8:30 a.m.
Ribbon Cutting for Pace Handyman Services
 The Cutting Board, 5701 Hwy 90, Milton

October 28.....3 p.m.
SRC CoC Executive Committee Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

October 28.....4 p.m.
SRC CoC Board of Directors Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton



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RIBBON CUTTINGS



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Weslee Vance started his mobile detailing service as something of a hobby and has turned it into a business that he loves. He is a native of the Milton area and loves the community.

He started the business in 2023 and has been going strong ever since then. When he isn't at work, he spends time with his family or attending car shows in his grandfather's VW beetle.

If you need your car, boat, truck or RV detailed reach out to Weslee at (850) 384-4119 to schedule your appointment.

Call 850-384-4119
for an appointment

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Whisper Creek Village

Whisper Creek Village in Milton, Florida, offers upscale townhomes that blend attractive amenities with contemporary interiors. Let's dive into the details:

Location: Whisper Creek Village is conveniently situated off Berryhill Road and Anderson Lane, just minutes away from downtown Milton. You'll find great shopping, dining, and entertainment options nearby. Need to grab essentials? Target and Ulta are close at hand. And if you're in the mood for a movie night, The Ridge Cinema 8 is right around the corner.

Townhome Features: These two and three-bedroom townhomes come with chef-inspired kitchens featuring quartz countertops and stainless steel appliances. Imagine whipping up your favorite meals in such a stylish space! Plus, there's a lovely screened-in patio where you can enjoy the Florida breeze.

Community Amenities: Whisper Creek Village doesn't disappoint when it comes to amenities. Picture yourself relaxing by the pool under a shaded pergola. And for those who love to grill, there's a poolside grilling area. Oh, and did I mention attached garages? Yep, they've got those too!

Pet-Friendly: If you have furry friends, you're in luck! Whisper Creek Village is pet-friendly.

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri: 10 am - 6 pm

Sat: 10 am - 5 pm

Sun: Closed

Located at
5860 Murmur Trail
Milton
850-821-3407



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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Levin Rinke Realty

Love's Travel Stops

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STOA Architects

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



CASINO NIGHT was a success!

THANKS to our sponsors and everyone that attended.
We want to thank Team Bruce Baker, MBA - REMAX Infinity for being our Green Chip Sponsorship and donating gift bags and to Corona for being our Red Chip Sponsor.

OTHER SPONSORS:

The First: Poker Tournament
WeddingWalls: Food & Bar Table
Sonny's BBQ: Exclusive Chip Cups
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Gaming Tables Sponsors: Re-Bath Panama City, East Coast Title & Escrow, CPC Office Complete Technology Solutions Group, United Bank, Trisha Clause-Patricia "Trisha" Clause Ramirez, Keller Williams Gulf Coast, Filios Foundation, Lucky Dog Boutique & Spa Pace Florida, Service Matters Realty, Property Management & Association Management, Santa Rosa Press Gazette, Pensacola News Journal, Leonardo Helicopters, USA, and the Office of Michelle Salzman

Donating Prizes: 82 Magnolia Aesthetics & Wellness, Blackwater Bay Tours, Concord Hotels, Corona, CFW Entertainment, Escape LOL, Modern Chiropractic, Pensacola Blue Wahoos, Rebekah Killingsworth, Samantha Kelly Photography, Stonebrook Golf Club and Weslee's Mobile Detailing LLC.

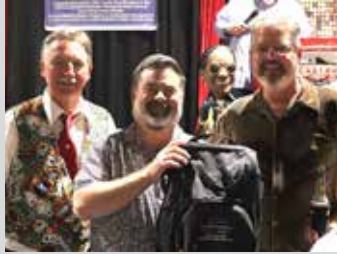
Winner of the 2nd Annual Poker Tournament: John Provencher

Congratulations to all our prize winners!

Special Thanks to:

The Cutting Board for putting together the taco bar,
Boogie, Inc. for providing entertainment,
Emcee, Mike Johnson.





Member Orientation

Chair: Lechia Froman, United Bank



Attendees:

Lisa Marie Allen, Star One/Projob Staffing

John Anderson, All Risk Insurance

Nelly Emerson, Dream Vacations

Brenda Kay Hammel, Express Employment Professionals

Caleb Morris, Pace Handyman Services

Adam Smith, Blackwater Health

Juan Vazquez, Primerica Financial Services

Nichole Vitruis, Emerald Coast Hospice



Emcee Margarita Vazquez and Chamber Administrative Membership Manager Nicole Frenk talked about the basics of Chamber membership and the most important benefits new members should take advantage of.

Refreshments sponsored by All Risk Insurance

If you would like to learn how to best take advantage of your Chamber membership, please join us for our next Orientation on Tuesday, October 15, 2:30-4 p.m. at the Chamber.

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) 781-7076 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

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Chair: Erin Vaughn, Sunbelt Title Agency

Thank you to our Sponsor Team Bruce Baker, MBA RE/MAX Infinity

Thank you, Blackwater Bistro, for hosting our monthly Business After Hours on September 3rd! The atmosphere was lively and engaging as 23 Chamber members and guests networked and enjoyed refreshments, all while experiencing firsthand our commitment to "Leading - Connecting - Supporting Our Community".

WE LOVE DOOR PRIZES!

Door prizes were provided by: Panhandle Book Club
and Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity.

Thank you so much!



**Congratulations
split-the-pot winner:
Chad Allen**
who donated the
winnings back to the
Chamber! Thank you!



Thank you, Martin Simmons, Apprise Video
Productions, Commercial Photography, Sound
System Rentals, for the use of your sound system!



The A.M. Network

Chair: Tracy Allen, Goosehead Insurance

Thank you to our Sponsor:

Coastal Wildlife Removal



24 Chamber members and guests came together at The Cutting Board in Milton on August 30 for our monthly A.M. Network breakfast, generously sponsored by Coastal Wildlife Removal.



*Congratulations split-the-pot winner:
Kate Bryan*



***DOOR PRIZES! Thank you to our door prize sponsors: Eglin Federal Credit Union,
The Panhandle Book Club, Coastal Wildlife Removal, & Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity.***

Stepping Out in Style

An Evening of Fashion

**48th Annual Women's Board
Fashion Show**

October 24, 2024

Sanders Beach-Corinne Jones Resource Center

5:30 p.m. Cocktails, Silent Auction and Hors D'oeuvres
6:30 p.m. Program and Live Auction
7 p.m. Fashion Show

Reserve your seat along the runway for a night of fun, fashion and philanthropy. Partnering with locally owned boutiques and generous sponsors, the annual Women's Board Stepping Out in Style Fashion Show features professional and local models who will showcase the latest trends on the catwalk. The evening includes charcuterie, live and silent auctions, and a bar.

All proceeds will benefit the Baptist Health Care Foundation. Last year's fashion show raised more than \$135,000 to support the senior adult social space within the Behavioral Health Unit at the new Baptist Hospital campus.

Please consider joining us to support our Mission of helping people throughout life's journey.



Chamber Networking Lunch

Chair: Jeremy Reeder, Reeder Financial Group

Thank you to our sponsor:

PenAir Credit Union



***Congratulations split-the-pot winner:
Lisa Douglas***



Our Networking Lunch on September 13th at Ace's Hangar in Milton was attended by 29 members and guests. Thank you to PenAir branch managers for their generous sponsorship and informative presentation, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next networking event.

ENVELOPES

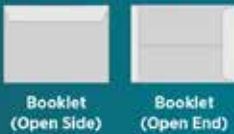
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AMBASSADORS - TEAM WORK MAKES THE CHAMBER WORK!

September Featured Ambassador **Juan A. Vazquez** with **Primerica Milton**



An ambassador since 2014, and a member of our chamber for 19 years, Juan has attended many Chamber events and is seen at many of our Ribbon Cuttings. What is not known about him is that he does a lot of things behind the scenes. He is always ready when called to assist. We thank him for his dedication to our Chamber.

***Thank you, Juan, for all you do
in service to our Chamber!***



October Featured Ambassador **Becky McCaa** with Home Instead Senior Care



Becky is truly one of our most dedicated, encouraging teammates. She has a great smile and just brings such joy to everyone she meets. So excited she is part of our team.

***Thank you, Becky, for all you do
in service to our Chamber!***



CHAMBER FACTS

- The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce is 87 years old this year.
- We currently have 661 active members. 19% 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 September 15, 2024, we have answered 1,217 phone calls, assisted 379 walk-in visitors, and signed up 73 new members. We held 40 ribbon cuttings and responded to 39 written requests for information. Our website had over 11,000 visitors who generated more than 21,000 page views.
- The most interesting question this month was: "I just killed a little snake. If I describe it to you, can you tell me what kind it is?"

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The City of Milton will discontinue its recycling program as of **October 1, 2024**, due to rising costs and overall ineffectiveness.

As part of the transition, the City will retrofit existing recycling cans with new lids, repurposing them for regular waste to be used in ongoing sanitation services.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



RETURN YOUR RECYCLE CAN

Customers need to place their recycling cans at the curb on **OCTOBER 9, 2024**.

Cans are not collected immediately **should be left on the curb**. Collection may take several cycles to complete.



NO MORE \$6.63 MONTHLY RECYCLE FEE



The city will continue to explore other recycling options. For more information, call:

 **(850) 983 - 5410**



E.D.G.E.

(Economic Development, Growth & Education)

GET INFORMED - STAY UPDATED!

Chair: Lee Irving, LandrumHR

Co-Chair: Ronnie Goode, All Dry Services Gulf Coast Region

Thank you to all who attended and
to our September
guest speaker

Chris Siders,
Assistant CEO with
Santa Rosa Medical Center



*Chris Siders provided an update on all the new improvements and updates at the E.D.G.E. Meeting on September 25.
Pictured with Lee Irving (Landrum) and Jim Ponek.*



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Chair: Steve Rhodes, Florida Power & Light



Thank You to Our Guest Speaker

Katie Prestesater,

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Healthy Start

Coalition of Santa Rosa County

Every baby deserves a healthy start

Dear Community Member,

The Healthy Start Coalition, a non-profit organization that works in collaboration with area programs, is hosting the Annual County-wide Baby Shower on Saturday, November 16th from 10 am to 1 pm at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium. The Baby Showers have hosted an average of 500 individuals during the 3-hour events, have been well-received by guests and vendors, and have received much-needed support from the community. With your support and participation, we hope that this year's event will be even more successful than it has ever been in the past.

The Goals of the Healthy Start Coalition are:

- To educate Santa Rosa County's expectant and new mothers and fathers
- To help parents prepare for healthy pregnancies and positive birth outcomes for their families.
- To help assure participation in Healthy Start Prenatal and Newborn Risk Screenings for ALL pregnant women and newborns.
- To ensure parenting education is provided in critical areas of pregnancy and childbirth.
- To raise awareness of the availability of local pregnancy and newborn community support services
- Promoting breastfeeding as the best way to nourish, strengthen, and bond with babies.

Participating gives you a wonderful opportunity to make your presence known in the community, increase your visibility, and support our education and awareness efforts. We ask that you kindly consider a donation Organization to help make the community healthier. We would appreciate any of the following items:

- Stroller
- Bassinet
- Highchair
- Pack 'N Play

Please partner with us to make this year's Healthy Start Baby Shower another successful and fun parenting education event (See attached Registration/Donation form). If you have not donated or registered already, please complete the enclosed form, and contact Katrina Ryan or Deb Shuler at (850) 626-6751 to commit to this worthwhile project. To learn more about the Healthy Start Coalition and what we do, please visit our website at www.healthystartsantarosa.org. **Healthy Start Coalition of Santa Rosa County, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit, charitable organization.** Thank you for your interest and we look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

Deb Shuler, Associate Director
Kat Ryan, Office Coordinator
Healthy Start Coalition of Santa Rosa County, Inc.
Martha Zimmermann, Executive Director

6375 Hwy 90, Suite A • Milton, FL • 32570 • Phone (850) 626-6751
Fax (850) 373-4807 • www.healthystartsantarosa.org

Membership Benefit Announcement

E-Newsletter

Every Monday morning, we send out an e-mail broadcast, the "Chamber Weekly", containing information about new members, ribbon cuttings, meetings, community events, member-to-member specials, and more.

85% of our active members have e-mail access, so these broadcasts are a great way of sharing information with your fellow Chamber members.

If you have an announcement that you would like to be included in the Chamber Weekly, or if you would like to be added to the broadcast list, please e-mail Nicole at membership@srcchamber.com.

Deadline for submissions is every Wednesday at 4 p.m.

2025 sponsorships now available!

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Please call or e-mail us if you have any questions:
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Project SEARCH expands to Santa Rosa Medical Center

Pensacola, Fla. (Sept. 20, 2024) – Young adults with disabilities now have access to a new job training site, thanks to the opening of Project SEARCH on the campus of Santa Rosa Medical Center. Officials, community partners and interns celebrated with a ribbon-cutting today at Santa Rosa Medical Center.

“We are so excited our Project SEARCH interns have this valuable opportunity to learn job skills that lead to employment opportunities in the future,” said Dr. Karen Barber, Superintendent for Santa Rosa County District Schools. “We believe this program truly fulfills our district’s mission to love, educate and prepare all students for graduation and a successful future.”

Project SEARCH is a national program helping young adults with disabilities transition to employment over the course of a school year. Interns have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a real-world work environment, helping them develop valuable skills that will prepare them for future employment.

This latest Project SEARCH site hosts five talented interns and is a collaboration between Santa Rosa Medical Center, Santa Rosa County District Schools, Vocational Rehabilitation and Global Connections to Employment (GCE). As one of the nation’s largest employers of people with disabilities, GCE has replicated Project SEARCH sites at [four other locations](#) across Northwest Florida.

“We are thrilled for the opportunity to expand Project SEARCH to an additional site in Santa Rosa County. Since 2007, Project SEARCH has assisted many young adults with disabilities in preparing for, securing and maintaining successful employment in Northwest Florida,” said Lisa Bloodworth, GCE’s senior director of transition and support services. “Nationally, the unemployment rate for people with disabilities continues to be more than double the rate for those without disabilities. But thanks to the support of the Project SEARCH program, 80 to 90% of our graduating interns on average find jobs each year right here in our community – which makes a tremendous difference in the lives of these young adults and their families.”

Insert photo: RC Project SEARCH

Each Project SEARCH site has a certified instructor and employment transition specialist on-site to work with both interns and business leaders, providing individualized instruction, support and

accommodations. Project SEARCH interns gain increased independence and confidence, as well as competitive and marketable job skills, such as:

- ! Resume writing
- ! Job search skills
- ! Interviewing skills
- ! Social and communication skills
- ! Technology skills
- ! Presentation skills
- ! Workplace safety
- ! Money management
- ! Team building
- ! Self-advocacy
- ! Health and wellness, including healthy eating, benefits of exercise, and coping strategies under stress

Families interested in participating in Project SEARCH, contact Lisa Bloodworth, GCE's senior director of transition and support services, at lisa.bloodworth@gce.org or [850-281-3331](tel:850-281-3331).

About Santa Rosa Medical Center

Santa Rosa Medical Center is dedicated to delivering high-quality healthcare services to the community. With a focus on patient-centered care, Santa Rosa Medical Center strives to meet the evolving needs of its patients through continuous improvement and innovation. For more information about the hospital or its services, visit srmcfl.com.

About Santa Rosa County District Schools

Santa Rosa County District Schools is committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares students for success in a rapidly changing world. Our district serves a diverse student population of nearly 30,000 across a variety of schools, including elementary, middle, high, and specialized institutions. We pride ourselves on fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment where every student can thrive. At Santa Rosa County District Schools, we believe in loving, educating, and preparing all students for graduation and a successful future.

About Global Connections to Employment

Global Connections to Employment (GCE) provides jobs for people with significant disabilities, including our war-wounded veterans. Since its establishment in 1986, GCE has helped match team members to fulfilling careers, from custodial services to facilities maintenance and food services, plus other business lines in between. Working with customers from the U.S. military, commercial business and community partners – as well as federal, state and local governments – GCE is one of the country's largest private employers of persons with disabilities. Learn more at GCE.org.

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Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 Education Day



LSR 37 Education Day started off at the Pensacola State College South Santa Rosa Center with breakfast sponsored by the Santa Rosa Education Foundation and Take Stock in Children. Dr. Meadows provided the group with a presentation outlining some of the educational opportunities available at the five PSC campuses. Afterwards, the class took a windshield tour of the new Soundside HS in their way to tour East Bay K-8, one of SRCDS newest schools.

We concluded our south-end roundabout at Navarre High School where the group heard from a cross-section of the student body and had a special presentation from the Navarre Beach Marine Science Center. Locklin Technical College was our next stop, and our lunch sponsor. The class was able to tour the expansive programs offered at Locklin before making way to the Dillon Administrative Center, home of Santa Rosa County District Schools. We heard about Workforce Education and the upcoming and coming innovation center while enjoying coffee sponsored by Coastal Clean. Dr. Karen Barber provided our concluding presentation about the great things they are doing in SRCDS.





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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

Contact:

Chief TD: Shaun Blevins

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shaunblevinsbbb@gmail.com

Details:

- Entry Fee - \$40cash at the door
- Blitz Entry Fee - \$ 20
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- 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.

Player name: _____

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United Way of West Florida

United Way of West Florida is thrilled to announce that Mirella Savage has joined our Development Team as Donor Manager!

Since relocating to Pace, FL with her family in 2018, Mirella has become deeply invested in our local community and serves on the Board of Directors for the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Rosa County Navy League Council.

Mirella is also the Program Director for the Empowering Women in Business Networking Group, an Ambassador with the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce (Past Chair from 2021-2023), Graduate of Leadership Santa Rosa Class 34, Chair of the Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Association, and served as Navy Family Ombudsman for NAS Whiting Field from 2018-2022.

With more than 20 years of experience in developing and retaining client relationships through outreach, networking, and marketing campaigns, Mirella is excited to work with our individual donors and corporate sponsors who help support our mission of uniting nonprofit agencies, organizations, businesses - and people - to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

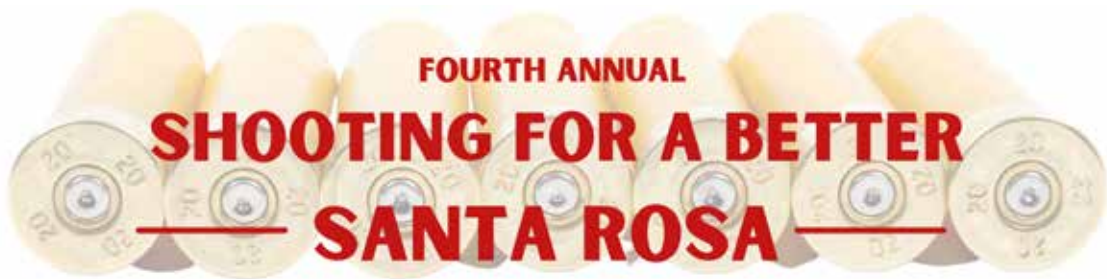
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