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\*Leading ~ Connecting ~ Supporting Our Community\*







## A message from your Membership & Event Coordinator, Jaime Cottrell.

Chamber Members: The Backbone of Local Business Communities

Chamber members are the lifeblood of any chamber of commerce, playing a vital role in strengthening local economies and building thriving communities. Comprising a diverse mix of businesses, nonprofits, entrepreneurs, and professionals, these members join together under a shared mission: to promote growth, foster collaboration, and advocate for business-friendly policies.

By joining a chamber, members gain access to valuable networking opportunities, educational resources, and community visibility. Whether it's a small family-owned shop or a large regional corporation, each member contributes to the collective success of the group. They participate in events, support local initiatives, and often mentor others, creating a ripple effect of positive impact throughout the area.

Chamber members are not just business leaders—they are community builders. Their involvement goes beyond the boardroom, helping shape the cultural and economic identity of their towns and cities. As the business landscape evolves, chamber members remain at the forefront, driving innovation and resilience in their communities.

Thank you for always being supportive to YOUR Chamber!

Jaime

### "What has the Chamber done for me?"

"Being a chamber member adds to your credibility in the eyes of consumers and peers. It signals that you're serious about your business and invested in your community."

-Anonymous

### Be an Ambassador!

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 us at (850)623-2339.

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## Business of the Month

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### Let's welcome our newest members!

Welcome to YOUR Chamber!

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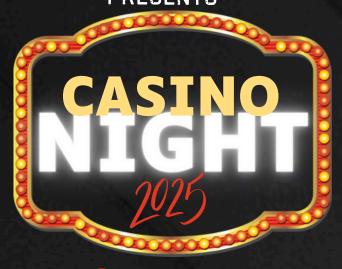
Click here to register!

Call 850-623-2339 or

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info@srcchamber.com for

more info.



Santa Rosa County Auditorium 4530 Spikes Way, Milton

Saturday, August 9 Doors Open- 5:30p.m. Dinner Starts- 6:00p.m. Event Starts- 7:00p.m.









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#### **RED CHIP SPONSORSHIP- \$2500**

-BUSINESS LOGO ON STAGE BANNER
-BUSINESS LOGO ON EVENT FLYER
-TABLE AND TICKETS FOR 10
-NAME RECOGNITION ON SPONSORED TABLE
-RECOGNITION ON CHAMBER MARQUEE, FACEBOOK PAGE AND SANTA ROSAN

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-BUSINESS LOGO ON STAGE BANNER
-TABLE AND TICKETS FOR 10
-NAME RECOGNITION ON SPONSORED TABLE
-RECOGNITION ON CHAMBER MARQUEE, FACEBOOK PAGE AND SANTA ROSAN

#### POKER TABLE SPONSORSHIP-\$600

-TICKETS FOR 4

-NAME RECOGNITION IN THE POKER PARLOR
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-RECOGNITION ON CHAMBER MARQUEE, FACEBOOK PAGE AND SANTA ROSAN

#### **GAME TABLE SPONSORSHIP-\$450**

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(INCLUDES \$5,000 PLAY CHIPS, DINNER AND DESSERT, OPEN BAR, BEER, SODA & WATER)
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The Chamber is currently seeking three new board members to join its leadership team. This is a great opportunity for individuals who are passionate about supporting local businesses and helping shape the future of our community. Applications are now open and must be submitted by September 30th, 2025. Those interested are encouraged to apply and bring their unique perspectives and skills to the Chamber's mission. Stop by the Chamber or email Jim for an application at

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Milton High School Quarterback Club	Santa Rosa County Clerk of Courts & Comptroller Santa Rosa County Economic Development Office	University of West Florida
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Miss Luci's Tea Room	Santa Rosa County Extension Service Santa Rosa County Fair Association, Inc.	USA Mortgage
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Information



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#### Prepare Your Home in Advance

Clean areas where pests are commonly found, such as kitchens, bathrooms, and storage spaces.

Communicate with Your Patriot Pest Control Technician & Office Staff

Provide detailed information about the pests you've observed, including their type, location, and behaviors.



#### Maintain a Clean Environment

Keep outdoor trash bins sealed and away from your home.

#### Follow Post-Treatment Instructions

Refrain from cleaning treated areas for the time advised by the technician.

Contact our Pest Professionals to schedule your FREE Inspection: 850-994-3990 or scan here:



#### Leadership Santa Rosa Class 38



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 38 Celebrates County's Rich Past During Annual History Day

SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FL. — Leadership Santa Rosa (LSR) Class 38 took a deep dive into the area's rich cultural and economic past during its annual History Day on May 15, 2025. The day-longevent offered participants an immersive experience in the stories, landmarks, and legacies that shaped Santa Rosa County into what it is today. The day began in Downtown Milton, where class members gathered with excitement for the journey head. The first stop was in the Town of Jay, where the class was welcomed with a hearty breakfast at the Jay Historical Museum. Eric Seib opened the day with a heartfelt introduction, setting the tone for the learning and discovery to follow. Presentations from Tom Nichols on the Creek Indians and from Maxine Ivey and Dr. Smith on the history of Jay Hospital brought the area's heritage to life. A tour of the museum further highlighted the unique stories of Jay's close-knit community.

Participants then visited Jay's historic oil well site, where Jane Hayes and Obie Nevels shared insights into the town's oil boom era. This hands-on experience offered an eye-opening look into the techniques developed in Santa Rosa County that helped shape global oil drilling practices. Lunch was served in a vintage dining car at the West Florida Railroad Museum, where participants enjoyed a nostalgic journey into the critical role railroads played in the development of Northwest Florida. The museum's extensive collection and well-preserved exhibits were a highlight for many. In the afternoon, the group toured the Bagdad Museum, where Captain Ken Ponsell of Blackwater Tours explored the history of the area's shipbuilding and milling industries. Participants learned how longleaf yellow pine, harvested locally, was shipped around the globe. A walking tour of the Bagdad Mill Site followed, offering a hands-on look at one of the county's most historic locations. As a bonus, the class made a stop at the Panhandle Butterfly House, where they admired the vibrant butterflies and learned about the history of the facility.

The day concluded with a visit to The Prost Office Brewery in the restored historic Milton Post Office, where Vernon Compton, Casandra Sharp, and Sam Howell shared stories of the building's transformation into a lively community space. The class capped off the day with evaluations and asocial with LSR alumni, enjoying refreshments and appetizers thanks to the generosity of Sam Howell, Owner of The Prost Office Brewery, and Kim Davis of Davis Roofing & Sheetmetal. "History Day is not only fun and informative," said Mirella Savage, Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee Vice Chair, "but a powerful reminder of the resilience and richness of Santa Rosa County's heritage." Leadership Santa Rosa is a program of the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, dedicated to developing informed and engaged community leaders. History Day is a signature part of the curriculum, designed to connect participants with the people and places that make Santa Rosa County exceptional.

Leadership Santa Rosa Class 38 Explores Regional Economic Drivers During Business and Industry Day.

Santa Rosa County, Fla – Leadership Santa Rosa (LSR) Class 38 immersed themselves in adynamic lineup of site visits, presentations, and behind-the-scenes tours during Business and Industry Day, held Thursday, June 12, 2025. The day provided an in-depth look at the diverse industries and innovation powering Santa Rosa County and the greater Northwest Florida region. The day began at 7:15 a.m. with a visit to the Andrews Institute for Orthopedics & Sports Medicine in Gulf Breeze. There, the class was divided into small groups to experience multiple facets of the world-renowned facility, including live surgical procedures, post-operative rehabilitation, athletic performance training at EXOS, and insights into regenerative medicine and ongoing research. Class members also had the opportunity to explore the surgical skills lab and hear from a lab scientist contributing to the future of orthopedic medicine.

Next, the class traveled to St. Michael's Brewing Company in Navarre, where they heard from Jackie Chang, Santa Rosa County's Economic Development Coordinator, and Shane Chadwick, Marketing Manager for Florida's Great Northwest. The presentations highlighted the region's economic outlook and collaborative growth efforts. Brewery owner Michael Bares led a tour of the facility and shared the story behind his veteran-honoring microbrewery. Lunch was provided by Buh's BBQ and generously sponsored by Synovus Bank. The afternoon featured hands-on learning at three major manufacturers. The first stop was Builders First Source in Milton, where the class observed the truss production process and learned how the facility supports residential and commercial construction across the region.

Participants then visited Paradigm Parachute and Defense, a veteran-owned small businesses specializing in airdrop and aerospace support systems. Class members toured the facility and observed platform production that plays a crucial role in national defense operations. The day concluded at ST Engineering in Pensacola, one of the nation's largest commercial aircraft maintenance providers. Bill Hafner, Chief Integration Officer, led the class through an aircraft hangar tour and engaged them in discussions on workforce development, supply chain challenges, and innovations in aviation technology. "Regional economic drivers are the backbone of Santa Rosa County's growth and resilience," said Melissa Stoker, Business Development Manager for Space Florida and Curriculum Chair for Leadership Santa Rosa. "By grounding our leadership program in the unique economic landscape of our area, from military and manufacturing to agriculture and small business, we prepare leaders who are equipped to make strategic decisions that strengthen our communities and support sustainable, local prosperity. "Business and Industry Day is a signature experience of the Leadership Santa Rosa program, designed to provide current and future leaders with a better understanding of the industries driving economic vitality in our region. Leadership Santa Rosa is a program of the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce dedicated to developing informed and engaged community leaders. History Day is a signature part of the curriculum, designed to connect participants with the people and places that make Santa Rosa County exceptional.

For more information about Leadership Santa Rosa, contact Stephen Prestesater, Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee, Public Relations Chair, at sprestesater@miltonfl.org.



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## SANTA ROSA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERECE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

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SINGLE PLAYER ENTRY-\$115 TEAM ENTRY FEE-\$460 TEAM W/TEE SIGN-\$500

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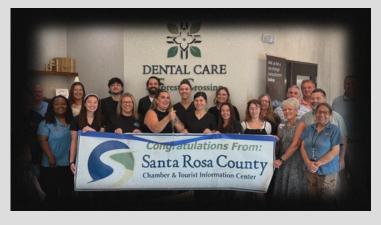




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#### Networking Events-Thank you to our Sponsors!













## August Chamber Calendar

August 1 .....Ambassador Meeting-Lunch Served 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton

August 4......Jay Chamber Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker St., Jay

August 5......Business After Hours, Sponsored by Team Bruce Baker, MBA, RE/MAX Infinity ,5:30 p.m. Blackwater Bistro, 5147 Elmira Street, Milton Click <u>HERE</u> to register!

August 6......New Member Orientation, 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Emerald Coast Hospice SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton Click HERE to register!

August 9.......2025 Casino Night-Sponsored by Waste Pro- Doors Open 5:30 p.m. SRC Auditorium, 4530 Spikes Way, Milton Click <u>HERE</u> for tickets!

August 11......LSR Class 38 Executive Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m.

Contact Kristin Rhodes more info and virtual link.

August 11......LSR Alumni Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

Contact Mirella Savage for more info and virtual link.

August 14 ......SRYP Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Pedro's, 4514 Highway 90, Pace

August 20.....M.A.C. Meeting, Sponsored by Life Options Clinic-11:30 a.m.

SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd.-Milton Click <u>HERE</u> to register!

August 23.......Chamber Lunch, Sponsored by Pensacola Habitat for Humanity, NOON

Ace's the Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton-Click <u>HERE</u> to register!

August 25.....SRC CoC Board Meeting-4:00 p.m.

RC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton

August 29..... A.M. Network Breakfast, Sponsored by Coastal Wildlife Rescue ,7:30 a.m., Ace's the Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton-Click <u>HERE</u> to register!















## August Community Calendar

August 2....USS Harry Mudd Star Trek & SF Club Meeting, 4:00 p.m. SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton

August 7...Empowering Women in Business Networking Lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Registration is REQUIRED!
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton

August 12...Milton Garden Club Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Magnolia Hall, 5256 Alabama St., Milton

August 12.....Networking 101, 11:30 a.m.

SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton

August 12....Navy League Santa Rosa Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. 6738 Dixon Street, Milton

Auguest 12...Milton Dementia Support Group, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Clyde L. Gracey Community Center, 5629 Byrom St, Room 113, Milton

August 12....City of Milton Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m. City Hall, 6738 Dixon St., Milton

August 19 ....Milton Amateur Radio Club, 5:00 p.m.

SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd., Milton

August 20..S.N.A.P., 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Rosie O'Grady's, Seville Quarter, Pensacola







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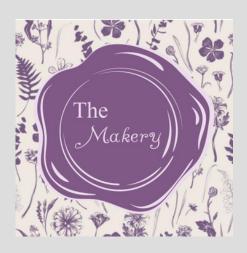
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