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# A Message from YOUR Chairman, Mike Johnson

As we move into the second quarter of 2026, I'm proud to reflect on a busy and productive start to the year for our Chamber and community. The first few months have been filled with outstanding events, property improvements, and the continued dedication of our members, ambassadors, and board.

Our 89th Annual Awards Banquet kicked off the year in fine fashion, bringing together business and community leaders to celebrate excellence, service, and innovation. The evening was a wonderful reminder of the strength of our local business community and the partnerships that make our area thrive. Soon after, the 2nd Annual Jeep Show drew an impressive crowd of enthusiasts and families alike, turning out to enjoy a fun day showcasing local vendors, creativity, and community spirit. Looking ahead, we are already gearing up for two of our biggest summer traditions: the July 4th Freedom Car and Bike Show, which always brings patriotic energy and community pride to Avalon Boulevard, and the 6th Annual Casino Night, returning this summer with even more excitement, prizes, and opportunities to support Chamber programs.

The main mission of the Chamber is to support local business and to connect people. If you have not attended an AM Network breakfast, a Network lunch, or a Business After Hours, you might be missing out on a new client, a new friend, or some meaningful fellowship with local business leaders and community members. Keep an eye out for emails from the Chamber with weekly events. Make time to come out!

In addition to events, we focused this quarter on maintaining and improving our Chamber facilities. The Chamber building received a much-needed power wash, the deck was restained, and the parking lot was resealed and restriped — all contributing to a refreshed, welcoming space that reflects our pride in this organization.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the unwavering support of our members, ambassadors, and board of directors. Your time, effort, and commitment continue to be the foundation of everything we do. Thank you for helping us build a stronger, more connected business community.

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# Business of the Month

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*MARCH*

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# Let's welcome our newest members!

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Dinner Starts - 6:00p.m.  
Event Starts - 7:00p.m.

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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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**-Anonymous Member**

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**If you as a member give 5 referrals you/your business will receive a FREE membership for the following year!**

# Thank You

**to our Donation to Foundation members!**

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**Cody exemplifies what it means to serve with purpose, professionalism, and heart. As a dedicated Chamber Ambassador, he consistently goes above and beyond to support our members, attend events, and strengthen connections throughout our business community.**

**A U.S. Navy veteran, Cody brings leadership, discipline, and a team-first mindset into everything he does. Whether he's welcoming new members, assisting with Chamber events, or representing the organization in the community, Cody shows up with enthusiasm and a genuine desire to help others succeed.**

**Beyond his Ambassador role, Cody is also a local business owner, co-founding a bakery that has become a welcoming community hub—further demonstrating his commitment to making Santa Rosa County a better place to live, work, and grow.**

**His positive attitude, reliability, and willingness to step in wherever needed make a lasting impact on both our Chamber and our members.**

**Please join us in congratulating Cody Sowell on being named Ambassador of the Quarter—a well-deserved recognition of his dedication and service to our community.**



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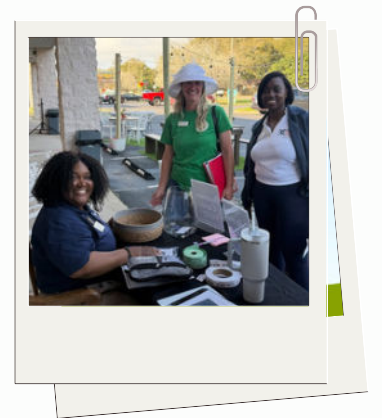
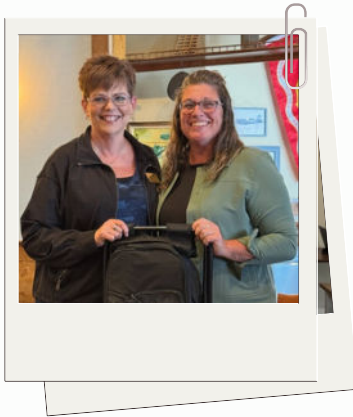
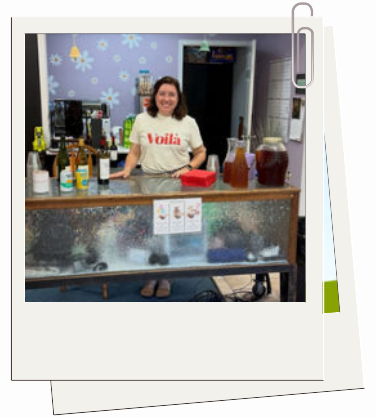
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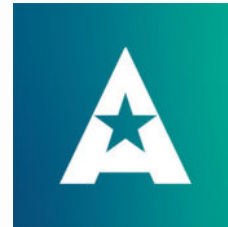


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**Congratulations to the 2025 Community Awards winners!**

**Ambassador of the Year- Crystal Foster**

**Business of the Year- Texas Roadhouse**

**Chairman's Recognition Award – Scott Klemm**

**Community Achievement- Leonardo Helicopters**

**Community Leader of the Year-Melanie Duvall**

**Emerging Leader of the Year-Ben Rowe**

**Hall of Fame- Charlin Knight**

**Man of the Year- Lee Irving**

**Volunteer of the Year- Tracy Donath**

**Woman of the Year- Nan Foster**

**Young Professional of the Year-Meredith Sowell**

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