

Morristines

October E-Newsletter

Over a Century of Service!

2018 Annual Meeting Tickets on Sale October 8

Meeting Set for Thursday, November 15 Vallie Collins to be Guest Speaker

It's that time of year already! The Chamber's 108th Annual Meeting has been set for Thursday, November 15. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30) and returns to a familiar venue—the Gymnasium at Walters State Community College, Morristown campus. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, October 8.



Chamber Board Chairman Chris Horn is excited to announce the special guest speaker for the Annual Meeting will be Vallie Smith Collins. As a sales person, travel was a key requirement of her job. As a result, Vallie was a passenger on US Airways Flight 1549 that landed in New York's Hudson River on January 15, 2009. Vallie will share the details of her experience during the flight and rescue of the event that has become known as the 'Miracle on the Hudson'. In addition, she will share key learnings from the experience that will hopefully inspire and motivate all to treasure each and each day because 'everyday is a lucky day'!

Vallie Collins resides in Maryville, TN with her husband and three children. She is a member of Maryville First Baptist Church. She serves on the Board of 147 Million Orphans and the Maryville City Schools Foundation. She is a member of Maryville Junior Service League, former Board Chair for A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee, and an alumna of Leadership Blount. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in Biomedical Engineering. For over thirteen years she was employed as a Senior Account Manager for a contract manufacturer of medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and consumer products. Interests and hobbies include tennis, running, and spending time with family and friends.

Seating for the annual meeting is reserved and guests may purchase individual tickets (\$55 per person/10% discount for Gold Star Members) or a full table of eight. A flyer including information on the menu as well as a seating chart will be e-mailed to the membership on Monday, October 8 and ticket sales will begin that day. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For information, contact Debra Williams at the Chamber, manager@morristownchamber.com



From the President's Desk

-- Marshall Ramsey

As our community continues to grow, it was great seeing this positive growth have an impact in our city's bond rating. In short, this essentially saves not only our government money, but each and every tax payer, and it is great leadership and long range planning that makes this happen.

I will say that most of the reports were positive, but I was disappointed to see the following statement, "Despite strong economic growth, the city's socioeconomic indicators are below-average with the median family income at 66.2 percent of the state and 56.3 percent of the nation," Moody's credit opinion states.

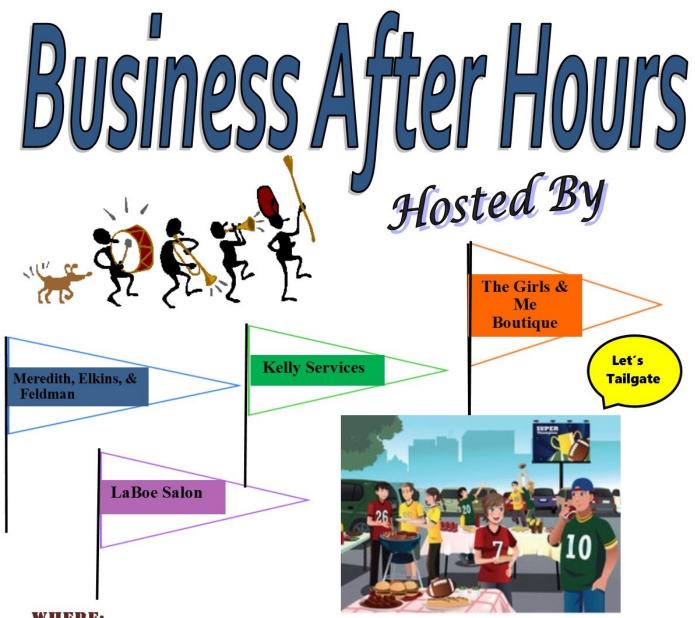
This one statement says entirely too much about our community. We work hard to bring quality high paying jobs while our business and industry have a high expectation for trained and skilled workers, but workers are only being paid at a level of 2/3 of the rest of the state. I understand cost of living is low here and there are many other factors, but as a citizen, it is important that you understand your true value and skills. There haven't been many times in our country's history that the worker was such a commodity, usually, the equation is flipped and the job is the commodity and the worker is expendable. If companies have expectations of high quality skilled applicants, the pay has to at least be somewhat on par with other parts of the state. This pay deficit makes attracting higher end retail difficult, makes recruiting housing development difficult and also forces employees to take on additional jobs and hours to survive.

I hope as a community, we pride ourselves in what we make and the services we provide, but we must always remember the people behind the services and products. If you don't, you may find that "Help Wanted" sign outside your business way too often. If you don't take care of your employees, there are lots of businesses in town that would love to.

Congratulationsl

To all our industries who were recognized at the Industrial Appreciation Breakfast on October 3.

Honorees will be featured in the November issue of Morristimes



WHERE:

Masengill Falls Parking Lot on Sandstone Drive

Thursday, October 11 5:00 p.m.



Please RSVP to:

macc@morristownchamber.com

Or Call: 423-586-6382





TAILGATE PARTY!!! October 13th, 2018 Kick-off is at 12:00 noon; Gates Open at 10:00 am

Grab your tailgating tents, chairs, corn hole games, etc. and join us on The Downtown Green. There will be food trucks at this public event, but people are welcome to bring their own coolers. No outside alcohol will be allowed, but beer will be on sale for \$5 each with a limit of three per person. Come out and have a great time and root for our Tennessee Volunteers as they face Auburn!



HAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, October 17 @ 5:30



Join us for food, drinks, and fun! Take advantage of this great networking opportunity.



Improve Planning & Prioritizing and Prevent Procrastination

Learn proven techniques that increase effectiveness and productivity as you plan and prioritize your daily tasks. We will also explore ways to prevent procrastination. Implementing these strategies will help you avoid burnout and stress while making you more productive!



Mary Pankieicz, CPO-CD is the owner of Clutter-free & Organized. She has special training for working with ADD clients. She works on-site and by phone to clients nationwide. Mary is the author of *You Can be Clutter-free & Organized: Solutions for Paper Piles and the Office* and *Reduce Mind Clutter—Feel the Freedom!* More information is available at www.clutterfree.biz.

Monday, October 15 at 12:00 noon

at

Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room

Lunch - \$15

Call 423-586-6382 or Email to macc@morristownchamber.com

to RSVP!

Lunch catered by Redbud Deli!

Business After Hours

Please Join Us For A Big Announcement



Place: 345 East Economy Road

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2018

Time: 5:00 p.m.



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Welcome New Members!

Frank's Weld Works

4830 Brookview Drive Russellville, TN 37860 Phone: 423-200-6164

www.franksweldworks.com

Frank Alvarado, Owner KC Alvarado, Co-Owner Welding Fabrication Metal Repair

Merchants Greene Family Medicine

HealthStar Physicians Affiliate 4158 Durham Landing Morristown, TN 37813 Phone: 423-586-1717 Fax: 423-586-1763 www.healthstartn.org

Dr. Blake MellingFamily Medicine Clinical Psychology

Precision Healthcare

OPENING SOON 2249 Sandstone Drive Morristown, TN 37814 Phone: 865-243-8100 Fax: 888-615-1445 www.precisionhc.com

Leslie Randolph
Regional Account Manager
Biologic Infusion Center
Outpatient Infusion Clinic
Specialty Pharmacy
Home Infusion
Ambulatory Infusion Center

The Humble Peacock Salon and Spa

815 West Main Street Morristown, TN 37814 Phone: 423-438-8892

www.thehumblepeacocksalonandspa.com Wendy Arthur, Owner

Full Service Salon

Spa Facials, Chemical Peels Microdermabrasion Message Therapy

U.S. Bank Home Mortgage

2310 Sandstone Drive Morristown, TN 37814

Phone: 423-736-8434 Fax: 865-674-2334

www.mortgage.usbank.com/jennifer-west-white

Member

Ms. Jen West, Mortgage Loan Officer *Mortgages*

Home Equity Loan

Home Equity Line of Credit

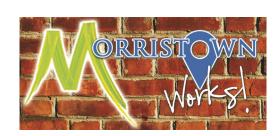
YOUR NAME COULD BE LISTED

ABOVE—If you know of someone who should be a member of the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce please contact Pat Seaver, Director of Sales and Marketing at member-ship@morristownchamber.com or call 423-586-6382.



Looking for a product or service??

Support the businesses who support our community through their Chamber investment. Don't forget to use our on line Membership Directory at www.morristownchamber.com



Congratulations! October Ambassador of the Month



Leigh Sempkowski Thrive Marketing, LLC

Congratulations! 3rd Quarter Ambassador of the Quarter!



Shauna Greene Lowland Credit Union



Featured Gold Star Members



The Chamber boasts over 70 member businesses designated as Gold Star Members. Each month we are proud to feature, on a rotating basis, five of these special investors.



www.elevationoutdooradv.com



City of Morristown

www.mymorristown.com



www.lebelcommercial.com



www.fountainplazapharmacy.com



www.etcplays.org

The Gold Star designation is for members who support the mission and program of work of the Chamber through increased financial investment. Gold Star members receive special recognitions and benefits throughout the year in return for this increased investment. If your company would like more information on becoming a Gold Star member, please contact Pat Seaver, 423.586.6382 or membership@morristownchamber.com

Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, October 11

5:00 p.m.

Business After Hours — Mini Tailgate—Merchants of Masengill Falls.

Sandstone Drive in Masengill Falls Complex

Monday, October 15

12 Noon

Lunch & Learn — Improve Planning & Prioritizing and Prevent Procrastination

Presented by Mary Pankieicz, Owner of Clutter-Free & Organized

Chamber Board Room, 825 W. 1st North Street

Thursday, October 18

4:00 p.m.

Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting—Merchants Greene Family Medicine

Affiliate of HealthStar Physicians

4138 Durham Landing, Morristown

Friday, October 19

8:30 a.m.

Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting — Brightway Insurance/The Walters Agency

2412 West Andrew Johnson Hwy. Located in the Gardens Suite G

Tuesday, October 23

10:00 a.m.

Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting—Euphoria Salon & Spa

1038 West 1st North Street

Wednesday, October 24

11:00 a.m.

Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting — The Humble Peacock Salon & Spa

815 West Main Street

Thursday, October 25

5:00 p.m.

Business After Hours — Redbud Deli

345 East Economy Road

Friday, October 26

8:30 a.m.

New Member Orientation

Chamber Board Room,

825 W. First North Street

For updated information on all Chamber activities, visit our website

www.morristownchamber.com











Aundrea Wilcox, MBA

KOSBE Executive Director

Times Available for Counseling Sessions at the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce For appointment times call (423) 392-8825