

Dothan Business Hall of Fame Announces Fourth Annual Banquet And Induction Ceremony

The Dothan Business Hall of Fame is currently planning the fourth annual Banquet and Induction Ceremony. This year's event will be held Thursday, Aug. 21, at Wiregrass Church. The evening will kick off at 6 p.m. with a reception and dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m.,

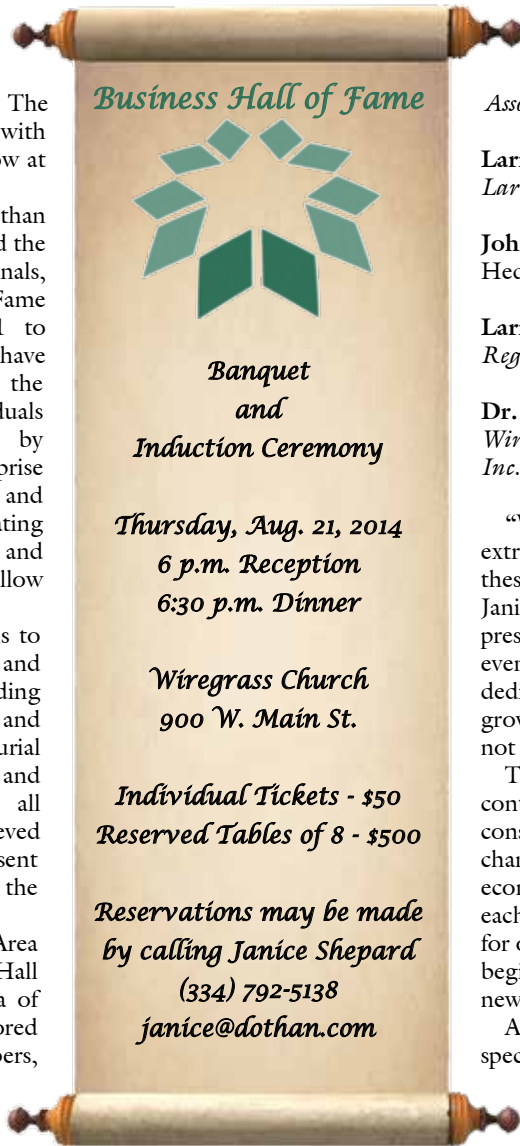
A partnership between the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Dothan Area Young Professionals, the Dothan Business Hall of Fame was established in May 2011 to recognize individuals who have made a significant impact in the development of this area. Individuals who have made an impact by promoting the free enterprise system of entrepreneurship and spent a lifetime demonstrating civic leadership, philanthropy and humanitarianism toward their fellow citizens.

The Hall of Fame's mission is to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of these outstanding business leaders, to perpetuate and inspire values of entrepreneurial spirit, personal integrity and community leadership in all generations. The mission is achieved by honoring past and present business leaders and by inspiring the leaders of the future.

Located at the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, the Hall of Fame is in a prominent area of the Chamber so those honored may be seen by Chamber members, prospective members, industrial prospects, visitors and the general public.

In May and June of each year, the Hall of Fame's Board of Advisors opens the nominations for laureates through

the Chamber's newsletter. The following five laureates will be honored this year:



Norma Saliba Hanson
Norma Hanson and Associates

Larry G. Blumberg
Larry Blumberg & Associates

John A. Conti
Hedstrom Co.

Larry C. Register
Register Realty Co. Inc.

Dr. Jack L. Sasser
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Inc.

"We are once again planning an extraordinary evening to honor these wonderful individuals," said Janice Shepard, Chamber's vice president of administration and event organizer. "Without their dedication and commitment to the growth of this area, Dothan would not be where it is today."

These individuals and their contributions remind us of the constant need for renewal and change and the opportunity for economic success. The inductees each year also serve as role models for our students, those persons just beginning their careers and for new entrepreneurs.

All are invited to attend this special event. Individual tickets are \$50 and reserved tables (seats eight) are also available at \$500.

If you have not received an invitation, please contact Janice Shepard at (334) 792-5138 or janice@dothan.com.

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Quote of the Month

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Mother Theresa
 (1910-1997)



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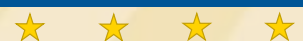


Dr. Jack L. Sasser
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Inc.

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Debra West Custom Cakes

2031 S. Brannon Stand Road
Dothan, AL 36305
Debra West
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BAKERS - RETAIL



Son Co Inc.

5357 S. Oates St.
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Frances Cook
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CLEANING COMPOUNDS



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4177 Montgomery Highway,
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Dothan, AL 36303
Ron Davis
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WRC Market and WRC Boutique

805 Ross Clark Circle
Dothan, AL
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MARKET & BOUTIQUE



Marco's Pizza #8146

3119 Ross Clark Circle
Dothan, AL 36303
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MD – ORTHOPEDICS (BONE &
JOINT)



McLeod's Publick House

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BARS, PUBS, TAVERNS,
SALOONS



Tyndall Federal Credit Union

4674 W. Main St.
Dothan, AL 36305
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CREDIT UNIONS



Sleep Number by Select Comfort

3439 Montgomery Highway,
Suite 1
Dothan, AL 36303
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(334) 792-1113
MATTRESS RETAILER
HOME DÉCOR – RETAIL



NEW LOCATION Eagle Eye Outfitters Inc.

3535 Ross Clark Circle
Dothan, AL 36303
Mark Anderson
(334) 673-2878
RETAIL – OUTDOOR
SPECIALTY



NEW MEMBERS

Clip and add these to your Membership Directory.

Alabama Kidney Foundation

Becki Connally
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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Debra West Custom Cakes

Debra West
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BAKERS - RETAIL

Easy Money

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PAYDAY LOANS

George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum

Sylvia Fleming
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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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DRUG, DNA & LAB TESTING

Hughston Clinic, PC

Jennifer Tovey
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PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS - MD -
ORTHOPEDICS (BONE & JOINT)

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Weed Man Lawn Care

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LAWN CARE

YOUR CHAMBER

REMINDER!

Verification Forms Due

Chamber members began receiving their membership verification forms May 1. As a reminder, if you have not already submitted your verification form, please do so either by mailing or faxing the completed form back to the Chamber at P.O. Box 638, Dothan, AL 36302 or (334) 794-4796. Thank you!

2015 Membership Directory & Welcome Guide

Preparations are now under way for the Dothan Area Chamber's 2015 Welcome Guide and its companion publication, the 2015 Membership Directory and Business Guide.

Businesses interested in being promoted in either publication are invited to contact Print Services Inc., a Dothan-based Chamber member and publisher of the guides. To reserve your space today, call (334) 702-4063 or visit the Chamber's website www.dothan.com.

RENEWING MEMBERS

1 to 4 Years

American Family Care
Bel Aire Center, LLC
Career Education Services Co.
Church of Dothan
Crown Trophy-Dothan
Dothan Overhead Door
Five Guys Burgers and Fries
Frock Therapy Boutique
Graceful Beginnings, LLC
M4 Development, LLC
Pride Industries
Safe Ship
Service Management Systems
Southern Quest Construction
Superior Income Group, LLC
Walgreens #07405
Ziegenfelder, Tom

5-9 Years

Adams Inn
Country Inn and Suites
Dothan City Schools
Eye Surgical Associates, PC
Friend Bank
Friends of the Library
Goldfingers
Hassan Dentistry, PC
Hilton Garden Inn
Huskey Law Firm
M & M Homebuilders
Medical AIDS Outreach of Alabama (MAO)
Ponder Enterprises Inc. dba Hardee's
Retina Associates of Alabama Inc.
Rodeo Mexican Restaurant

Synergy Health and Fitness
Tyndall Federal Credit Union
Wiregrass Foundation

10-14 Years

CDG Engineers and Associates Inc.
Chick-fil-A at Ross Clark Circle
Container Service Corp.
Digestive Health Specialists of the Southeast
Dothan Periodontics and Implants
jsmithdesign
Northside Methodist Church and Academy
S & K Consulting
The Dothan Service League

15-19 Years

Avis Rent-A-Car
Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership
Econo Lodge
First Med of Dothan
Fischer, Susan
Princeton Place Apartments
St. Columba Catholic Church
Storage Master
The House of Ruth Inc.
The Salvation Army
Wiregrass Children's Home

20-24 Years

American Advertising Federation - Dothan
Antique Attic

BLP Mobile Paints
First Church of the Nazarene
HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Hospital

Lewis, Brackin, Flowers and Johnson
PrimeCare of Dothan
Sanders Security
Target Marketing Inc.
The Chimney Sweeps, LLC
Town of Columbia

25-28 Years

Brian-Holloway Floorcoverings Inc.
Carpenter, Wiggins, Jordan, Thomas and Scarborough, PC
Circle Pharmacy
E & H Steel Corp.
Farley Nuclear Visitors Center
Rudd Furniture Co.

30-39 Years

Dothan Awning and Exteriors
Hertz Rent-A-Car
Insurance Center of the Southeast Inc.
Jackson Gas and Electric
Leroy Hill Coffee Co. Inc.
Marketing Services, LLC
Robert's Grocery Inc.
Roni Holley State Farm Insurance

40 Or More Years

Buffalo Rock Pepsi/Full Line Vending
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
TriState Graphics Inc.

Save The Date! Chamber Roundtable Forum

The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce will host a roundtable forum Thursday, Aug. 7, from 2-4 p.m. at Saint Andrews Market. The forum will offer members access to business experts on various topics.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet in small informal groups to discuss topic issues, share opinions, ideas and strategies, ask questions or just to brainstorm. Participants will also customize their learning experience by selecting four out of six group discussions during this rotating roundtable event.

Each roundtable will be assigned an industry leader on the specific topic as a facilitator. Topic facilitators are:

- Banking – Bob Whiddon, SunSouth Bank
- Insurance – Candy Groover, Slingluff United Insurance
- Finance/Accounting – Jim Ellis, McDaniel and Associates, PC
- Legal – Vince Edge, Johnston, Hinesley, Flowers, Clenney and Turner, PC; and Cliff Mendheim, Prim and Mendheim, LLC
- Sales – Charles Buntin, Tom West Co.
- Marketing – Josh Steltenpohl, Marketing Services, LLC

There is no cost to attend; however, reservations are required. For more information, contact LaRhonda Robinson, director of membership, at (334) 792-5138 or lrobinson@dothan.com.



Events *August* Calendar

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Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Chamber Events!

Business Hall of Fame Banquet

Aug. 21, 2014 • 6 p.m.
Wiregrass Church

Wiregrass Economic Resource Summit

Sept. 17, 2014 • 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Dothan Civic Center

Hosted by the City of Dothan, Troy University Dothan and Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, see page 10.

The Network Exchange

October 2014 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Date and Location TBD

Don't miss the Chamber's next Network Exchange event to be held in October 2014, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Join us for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. The event is free to attend and don't forget to bring your business cards.

Sponsorships are still available.

95th Annual Meeting

Nov. 6, 2014 • 6-8 p.m.
Dothan Civic Center

Sponsorships are still available.

24th Annual Spotlight On Business

Business Under the Sea
Feb. 3, 2014 • 3-7 p.m.
Dothan Civic Center

Booths will go on sale Nov. 12. This will be the only day a registration table will be available at the Chamber.

Sponsorships are still available.

For more information about any of the above events, contact the Dothan Area Chamber at (334) 792-5138.

5 ▶ **Ambassador and Diplomat Committee Meeting – 9 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

6 ▶ **Military Affairs Committee Meeting – 9:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

Ribbon Cutting: Mosquito Squad of the Wiregrass – 10:45 a.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

7 ▶ **Chamber Roundtable Forum – 2-4 p.m.**
Location: 193 S. St. Andrews St. (Saint Andrews Market)
*See page 3 for more information. Reservations required: (334) 792-5138

12 ▶ **Troy University Small Business Counseling – 9:30 a.m. to noon**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
*Reservations required: (334) 792-5138

Ribbon Cutting: A+ Childcare and Learning Academy – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 3296 W. Main St.

13 ▶ **Board of Directors' Meeting – 8:15 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

14 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Showcase Properties – 5 p.m.**
Location: 2307 Hartford Highway, Suite 5

19 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: India's Tiny Tots Child Development Center – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 404 N. Cherry St.

20 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 305 N. Foster St.

21 ▶ **Dothan Business Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony – 6 p.m.**
Location: 900 W. Main St. (Wiregrass Church)
*See page 1 for more information. Reservations required: (334) 792-5138.

26 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Nail Boutique and Spa – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 4650 W. Main St.

27 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Playmaker Embroidery, LLC – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 1422 Westgate Parkway

Dual Enrollment In Alabama Schools



Steve Turkoski,
Project Manager

The Alabama Administrative Code states that intellectually gifted children or youth who have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school program. A student may be placed in a program for the gifted upon written approval of the parents.

The recommended modes for services for gifted children in 9th through 12th-grades are advanced classes, including Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate, electives, dual enrollment, career/college counseling, mentorships, seminars and independent studies.

In addition, the Alabama State Board of Education authorizes institutions within the Alabama College System to establish dual enrollment/dual credit programs with local boards of education in the institution service area. Courses offered by postsecondary institutions must be of postsecondary level and enrolled students must pay normal tuition as required by the institution or as stipulated in a contract for services between the two levels.

A student is eligible for dual enrollment/dual credit if the student meets the entrance requirements established by Alabama College System institutions; has a "B" average in completed high school courses; has written approval of the principal and the local superintendent of education; and is in the 10th, 11th or 12th-grade, or has an exception granted by the participating institution upon the recommendation of the student's principal and superintendent.

Students may enroll in occupational/technical courses and programs in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Postsecondary Education (*retrieved July 9, 2014 from "Accelerated Learning Options" as presented on the Alabama Commission on Higher Education website <http://higheredpolicies.wiche.edu/content/policy/state/AL.com>*).

Alabama two-year colleges already offer dual enrollment classes for high school students in career tech fields, but because some students could not participate due to tuition costs the Alabama legislature passed House Bill 384 which allows donations from taxpayers to fund scholarships.

The legislation allows businesses and individuals to donate funds for career technical dual enrollment and receive tax credits for up to 50 percent of the donation not to exceed \$500,000, nor an amount greater than 50 percent of the taxpayer's Alabama income tax liability. Donors can direct up to 80 percent of contributions for specific career technical programs at a particular institution.

Local Implementation of dual enrollment is executed in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education as codified in Chapter 290 of the Alabama Administrative Code.

The following text is from the Alabama Administrative Code Chapter 290-3-1 section .02 (10), Retrieved from www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/docs/ed/290-3-1.pdf; July 9, 2014:

Dual Enrollment - Postsecondary Institutions - Local boards of education may establish dual enrollment programs allowing certain high school students to enroll in postsecondary institutions in order to dually earn credits for a high school diploma and/or a postsecondary degree at both the high school and participating postsecondary levels. The dual enrollment program is open to all students meeting the following requirements:

- a) **Eligible students** - Students participating in a dual-enrollment program shall pay normal tuition as required by the postsecondary institution and shall meet the following requirements:
 1. Have a "B" average, as defined by local board of education policy, in completed high school courses.
 2. Have written approval of the student's principal and superintendent.
 3. Be in 10th, 11th or 12th-grade or have an exception granted by the participating postsecondary institution upon the recommendation of the student's principal and superintendent and in accordance with AAC Rule 290-8-9-.17 regarding gifted and talented students.
 4. Students enrolled in 10th, 11th or 12th-grade who do not have a "B" average in completed high school courses may be deemed eligible to participate in dual-enrollment courses pending demonstrated ability to benefit as documented by successful completion and placement identification on assessments approved by the Department of Postsecondary Education. Students eligible under this section will be restricted to pursuing career/technical and health-related courses. Students enrolled under this provision must have earned a "B" average in high school courses related to the occupational/technical studies, if applicable, which the student intends to pursue at the postsecondary level and have maintained an overall grade point average of 2.50. Students enrolled under this provision must have written approval of the student's principal and superintendent.

b) Course offerings -

1. Courses shall be postsecondary/college level. Postsecondary/college level remedial courses shall not meet the requirements of this program.
2. Students enrolled in courses offered during the normal high school day on or off the high school campus shall have prior permission of the student's principal, superintendent and the participating postsecondary institution president.
3. Local boards of education shall adopt policies addressing parental permission and travel for courses offered off the high school campus during the normal school day.

c) Credits - Ten quarter/six semester credit hours at the postsecondary level shall equal one credit at the high school level in the same or related subject. Partial credit agreements shall be developed between the local board of education and participating postsecondary institutions.

d) Articulation - Four-year colleges/universities are encouraged to participate in this program utilizing the same guidelines.

Additionally, HB 102, The 21st Century Workforce Act provides for the sale of up to \$50 million in bonds to be used by local boards of education to improve career and technical education.

Together, these two Acts should go a long way toward improving educational outcomes for students preparing for either higher education or early entry into the workforce.

Businesses Needed For October 2014 Community Career And Job Fair

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission will host the 2014 Community Career and Job Fair at the Dothan Civic Center Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Booth space is still available for local businesses and industries interested in participating by accepting job applications and/or providing career information.

For more information about booth space, contact Ashley Pearson at (334) 836-0217 or email 2014communitycareerandjobfair@gmail.com and put "Employer" or "Vendor" in the subject line. Information will be return to employers regarding fees for electrical hookups (if needed) or other requirements.

Wicksburg School Benefits From BCEP

Wicksburg School has become involved in a big way with the Business, Community and Education Partnership initiated by the Houston County School System.

All of the county schools have been working hard to encourage community members and businesses to become involved with the partnership. Wicksburg has identified many partners who have helped the school in the past and has had involvement from new partners since the beginning of the partnership endeavor.

According to Anna Gilmore, Wicksburg School BCEP coordinator, the community and local businesses have given great support to the school. Current church partnership members include Bay Springs, Piney Grove and Pilgrim Home. Business members include Sweet and Sassy and Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

At the monthly principals' meeting and the teacher appreciation breakfast, Sweet and Sassy provided muffins and scones. Lenny Sirk and Florence Gilmore are community volunteer partners who give their time at the school to assist teachers in making copies, laminating, cutting and so forth. Many parents helped with the teacher luncheon and were assisted by the school Ambassadors.

Gilmore said, "These are just a few things that we have had due to the support of our BCEP members."

Wicksburg School is interested in recruiting more members to provide the best experience possible for their students. If you're interested, contact Gilmore at gilmore.anna@hcboe or (334) 692-5549.

Information can also be found at www.wicksburgschool.com where one can click on the BCEP link found under clubs and organizations. Applications and other information about the partnership can be downloaded from that location.

You may also contact Ann Wells, the Houston County School System partnership coordinator, at (334) 790-7134 or wells.ann@hcboe.us.

Mitchell Tours Local Steel Companies



Dean Mitchell (left), director of external affairs at the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, and Ray Cheng (right), SoZo Group CEO, recently toured both the Qualico Steel Co. and Covenant Steel facilities. Leading the Covenant Steel tour was President Kelly Colbert (bottom center).

Chamber Names Executive Committee

At the July Board of Directors' meeting, the past five board chairs presented the following slate of officers to be accepted for the FY 2015 Executive Committee beginning Oct. 1, 2014:

Hope Johnson
Friend Bank
Chair

Forrest Register
Register Realty Co. Inc.
Chairman-Elect

Bob Woodall
Bob Woodall Air Care Systems Inc.
Immediate Past Chairman

Mark Saliba
Alfred Saliba Corp.
Grow Dothan Chairman

Jeff Coleman
Coleman World Group
Grow Dothan Immediate Past Chairman

Beau Benton III
Larry Blumberg & Associates (LBA Hospitality)
Treasurer

Delvick McKay
City of Dothan
Community Development Council Chairman

R. Cliff Mendeim
Prim and Mendeim, LLC
Education Council Chairman

B. Scott Applefield
Winco, LLC dba Bojangles'
Governmental Affairs Council Chairman

Lori Wilcoxon
Wiregrass Commons Mall
Membership Development Council Chair

Children's Hospital, Dairy Queen Host Miracle Treat Day

Be sure to join the Children's Hospital of Alabama and Dairy Queen for a Miracle Treat Day at participating Dairy Queens throughout Alabama Thursday, Aug. 14.

A sweet treat to share with family and friends, you will also be helping raise funds for Children's Hospital, which brings hope and healing to sick and injured children in your community.

So save the date and be sure to visit your local Dairy Queen for a Miracle Treat. For more information, contact Angie Sherrill at (334) 678-9039 or visit www.miracletreatday.com.

Your Opinion Counts!

Chamber Conducts Membership Survey

An invitation to complete a Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Feedback Survey was recently emailed to all the chamber member email addresses the organization has on file. There is also a survey link on the Chamber's website www.dothan.com.

Chamber members are asked to please take some time to complete the 12-question survey. The questionnaire will take approximately five minutes to complete and will close Sunday, Aug. 24, at midnight.

The Chamber will use your feedback to help it determine areas where it can better serve you. The survey results will be published in the October issue of *Chamber Connections*.

Your responses are confidential and no IP addresses will be stored. Individual responses will not be identifiable to the Chamber and all responses will be compiled together and analyzed as a group.

The Dothan Area Chamber values your feedback and as an incentive, all participants will have the option to enter a random drawing to receive two tickets to the organization's 95th Annual Meeting Dinner Dance Nov. 6 (\$80 value). There will be one winner. At the end of the survey you will be given directions on how to enter the drawing.

For more information, contact LaRhonda Robinson, director of membership, at (334) 792-5138 or lrobinson@dothan.com.

Dothan Real Estate Team Announces Expansion

The Dothan Real Estate Team has grown and expanded greatly within the last three years. Owners Kelli Dillard and Vanita Sansom are proud and humbled to announce the new additions to the company's team: Jim Barrett, Priscilla Cutts, Megan Farrell, Delaine McCallister, Harry Reeves, Judy Spears, Marty Tadlock and Joanne Whiddon.

Dillard and Sansom cannot express enough their gratitude for the integrity, experience and background that these agents bring to the table. They are all considered experts in the industry with great work ethics, which will contribute a bright future for serving the real estate needs of friends, family, customers and clients in Dothan and the Wiregrass area.

To accommodate their growth, the Dothan Real Estate Team has also relocated into new office space at 5540 W. Main St., Suite 7, next to Goldfingers. They invite you to drop by, visit the new location and welcome the new additions to their growing team.

For more information, contact Dillard or Sansom at (334) 699-7653 or visit www.dothanrealestateteam.com.



The Dothan Real Estate Team recently announced the growth and expansion of the company. Pictured (seated) are owners Vanita Sansom and Kelli Dillard with team members (1-r standing) Office Manager Angie Forant, Judy Spears, Aubrey Tilson, Gene Martin, Cathy Riley, Jim Barrett, Priscilla Cutts, Harry Reeves, JoAnn Whiddon, Delaine McCallister and Marty Tadlock. Missing from the picture is Megan Farrell

Sales Tax Holiday

August 1-3

Alabama will observe its ninth annual sales tax holiday from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, until midnight, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014.



For three days only, pay no sales tax on:

- * Clothing and footwear (\$100 or less per item)
- * Certain school supply items (\$50 or less per item)
- * Computers or computer equipment (\$750 or less)
- * Any book valued at \$30 or less

For more information, go to www.alabamaretail.org/alabamasalestaxholidays/, or call 334.242.1490 or 866.576.6531

Terrace At Grove Park Joins Five Star Senior Living Family

The Terrace at Grove Park is adding even more five star touches to life as a new member of the Five Star Senior Living family. Now, the Terrace tradition of exceptional care will be enhanced by Five Star's signature programs.

"We're the same people that have proudly served your loved ones for 15 years, now with the resources of a national provider making us even stronger," said Marilyn Starling, marketing director. "Our longstanding team will continue to offer the lifestyle we're known for, enhanced by Five Star's nationally recognized programs."

Residents can now enjoy new menus by Five Star's celebrity chef, new wellness offerings and the support of Five Star's award-winning memory care program, Bridge to Rediscovery.

Five Star Senior Living is deeply rooted in Alabama with properties from Birmingham to Auburn, and now Dothan. The Terrace marks Five Star's 10th Alabama community, part of a family of 260 caring communities across the country.

With an A+ Better Business Bureau rating, The Terrace is proud to be a top choice in senior living. Built in 1999, the community has always played an important role in Grove Park, offering independent living cottages, assisted living and memory care apartments.

Most of all, The Terrace is, and always will be, a team of local people caring for their friends and neighbors.

For more information, or to schedule a tour of the facility, call The Terrace at (334) 792-7349 or visit www.groveparkdothan.com.



Wiregrass Commons Mall

August Events

- **Stuff the Bus**
Aug. 1-17
Help Wiregrass Commons Mall Stuff the Bus for Houston County schools to provide children in need with backpacks, school supplies, clothing and shoes for the upcoming school year. This event gives kids a jump-start on getting ready for school and helps our most impoverished children and their families.

Monday through Friday plus Sunday, the mall is asking for all donations to come to the Management Office and they will then place the donations in the bus on a daily basis. Starting Aug. 1, only on Saturdays, volunteers will be in Center Court near the bus to receive donations and hand out information on the upcoming school year.

- **Tax Free Weekend**
Friday, Aug. 1 through Sunday, Aug. 3
- **Back to School BASH**
Saturday, Aug. 2, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Center Court
Join the mall for a fun-filled day for children and parents in Center Court. Enjoy displays by area businesses offering products and services to families, special offers and much more.
- **Government, Military, Law Enforcement and Fire Department Appreciation Day**
Tuesday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Individuals working for the government, in the military, law enforcement and fire department are invited to stop by the Food Court to spin and win for great prizes including gift cards from mall retailers, "free lunch on us" vouchers, mall Gift Cards and a shopping bag of coupons from mall retailers. Plus will be eligible to win a \$500 Shopping Spree in August. All participants must have proof of their employment. No purchase necessary. While supplies last. Limited one per person.

For more details about any of the above events, contact the Management Office at (334) 792-7734.

Ladi Vee's To Host Etiquette Boot Camp

Ladi Vee's Etiquette and Consulting, LLC will host a Back-to-School Etiquette Boot Camp in August. Five sessions will be offered starting August 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The topics will include School Etiquette, Table Manners, Telephone Etiquette, Dress for Success and Bullying. The training will take place at The Cultural Arts Center, 909 S. St. Andrews St. in room 213.

The cost for the camp is \$15 for all sessions and will include light refreshments each day after class and back-to-school items upon completion of all training dates.

For more information, contact Vanessa Riley Harris at (678) 458-9660.

Flowers CEO Re-Elected To State-Wide Board



Suzanne Woods,
President/CEO

Suzanne Woods, president and chief executive officer of Flowers Hospital in Dothan, was recently elected to serve another term on the Alabama Hospital Association Board of Trustees at the Association's annual meeting. She will serve as a member-at-large.

"We are pleased to have Suzanne returning to serve as a board member for our association and appreciate her tremendous leadership both locally and statewide," said J. Michael Horsley, FACHE, president of the Alabama Hospital Association.

Woods joined Flowers Hospital in 1995 and held

numerous leadership positions during her 20-year tenure, including administrative resident, medical staff coordinator, vice president of professional services and chief operating officer before being named president and CEO in 2009.

She received her bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University in human and organizational development and a master's in health administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The Alabama Hospital Association, based in Montgomery, is a statewide trade organization that represents more than 100 hospitals and numerous other health care providers by offering membership services designed to enhance the provision of health care in Alabama.

For more information, contact Flowers Hospital at (334) 793-5000 or visit www.flowershospital.com.

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Weigel Appointed Chairman, CEO



H. Monty Weigel,
Chairman and CEO

Dothan's SunSouth Bank is proud to announce the appointment of H. Monty Weigel as its new chairman and CEO. Weigel arrives with a strong background in community banking. Most recently, he was founding chairman, president and CEO of the highly successful NorthStar Bank in Tampa, Fla.

Weigel is chairman of the University of South Florida Alumni Board, a member of

the University of South Florida Foundation, director of the Florida Bankers Association and Florida Tax Watch.

Weigel has served in senior leadership positions in chambers of commerce, United Way, a health care foundation and various other groups. He has been awarded the Up and Comer of the Year by the Price-Warnerhouse-South Florida Business Journal.

A 1976 graduate in finance from the University of South Florida, he is married to MaryAnn Weigel and they have three daughters: Christen in Tampa, Patricia in Birmingham and Mary in Tampa. MaryAnn and Monty are active in their Catholic Church and Diocese.

Serving since 1954, SunSouth Bank looks forward to moving further forward under Weigel's experienced leadership serving the community with a full range of financial services and products that have been the hallmark of the bank's history. Weigel expects to be involved in depth in community and civic affairs by offering his experience and enthusiastic outlook.

For more information, contact Weigel at mweigel@sunsouthbank.com.

Upcoming Member Events

- ▶ **Carmike Cinemas' Weekend "Kidtoon" Every Weekend • Times Vary**
Dothan Pavilion. Carmike Cinemas will play a special "Kidtoon" every weekend for only \$5. For more information, contact the local theatre at (334) 836-0813 or visit www.carmike.com for show times. Some locations will be able to have a special showing on Tuesday mornings for schools and daycares to take advantage of Carmike's Stimulus Tuesdays.
- ▶ **Cooking Demonstration Aug. 7, 9 14 & 16 • 3 p.m.**
Charter Spices and Oils. Come enjoy a cooking demonstration the first and third Thursday and Saturday of each month. Led by Chef Jordan Brolund, participants will be able to taste the featured recipe and have questions answered about the spices, oils and vinegars used. The demonstrations are free and no reservations are required. For more information, contact Linda DeFord at (334) 792-6505.
- ▶ **Foster Fest Aug. 15 • 6 p.m.**
Foster Street Downtown Dothan. Hosted by The Downtown Group, this is a free, pet-friendly event showcasing downtown Dothan, the local arts, crafts and music scene, downtown businesses and classic cars. For more information, contact The Downtown Group at (334) 793-3097 or visit www.thedowngroup.com.
- ▶ **Aging Gracefully with Benefits Aug. 12 • 11 a.m.**
Wesley Manor Retirement Center. Wesley Manor will present a free luncheon seminar Aging Gracefully with Benefits with guest speakers Dr. William Geary Jr., Alabama Department of Public Health, and Vivian Readus, Wesley Manor Assistant Administrator. Reservations required. For more information, call (334) 792-0921 or visit www.methodisthomes.org. **SEACT Auditions Aug. 17-18 • Times Vary**
The Cultural Arts Center. The Southeast Alabama Community Theatre will hold auditions for "Moonlight and Magnolias" Aug 17, at 2 p.m. and Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m. Legendary Hollywood producer David O. Selznick has a problem. He has just fired the director of *Gone with the Wind* and the script is in its umpteenth re-write. This play takes a fun, farcical look at the behind-the-scenes birth of one of the most beloved films of all time. Performance dates are Oct. 21-25. For more information, call (334) 794-0400 or visit www.seact.com.
- ▶ **Yard Party for Art Aug. 22-23 • 6-11 p.m. & 7-11 p.m.**
Wiregrass Museum of Art & Conference Center. Enjoy food, drinks and live music at this outdoor fundraiser for the museum. Friday night's venue includes performances by Los-Locos and The Wild Fruit; Saturday's music by K-JAMS. For more information or tickets, call (334) 794-3871 or visit www.wiregrassmuseum.org.

Have an upcoming event planned?

Send your event information to mmckean@dothan.com



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Ridgecrest To Host Leadership Simulcast

L2: Learn - Lead

Dothan area leaders are invited to attend a half-day leadership simulcast presented by John C. Maxwell, a leadership expert, coach and author. Learn from the very best at L2: Learn – Lead held at Ridgecrest Baptist Church Oct. 10, 7:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

This half-day event is designed to lift your vision as it inspires you to lead well. Speakers include Maxwell, Linda Kaplan Thaler and Tim Sanders. All will inspire you and share their expertise to help you succeed as a leader.

Leadership can take a lot out of you. You need encouragement. You need inspiration to continue to pour into the lives of those you lead. That’s why the new simulcast L2: Learn – Lead is here, to breathe

new life into your leadership, empowering you as you learn and lead others to follow.

Join other leaders from around the world and receive the very best leadership content designed to inspire and motivate everyone who attends. Grow your own leadership as you connect with other influencers in your local community.

Tickets are \$47 per individual, seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Tickets can be purchased on line at <https://12dothan.eventbrite.com>.

For further information, visit <http://gary-norman.com/12-learn-lead-dothan/> or contact Gary Norman at gnorman544@gmail.com.

SAMC And Troy Regional Medical Center Form Clinical Affiliation

Troy Regional Medical Center recently announced its clinical affiliation with Southeast Alabama Medical Center to collaborate on health care delivery and increase access to clinical specialties not currently available in Pike County. Both organizations remain independent and locally governed.

“The strength of this affiliation will help continue the delivery of quality health care to the communities we serve,” said Teresa Grimes, TRMC CEO.

“Both hospitals are nonprofit hospitals with a mission to meet the needs of the communities. Working together means more health care options and more convenience to medical specialties at Troy Regional Medical Center,” said Sherrill Crowe, chairman of the Troy Hospital Health Care Authority.

Currently, two SAMC owned medical groups, NeuroSpine Center and Dothan Urological Associates

have offices on the TRMC campus in Troy. The Troy hospital is also a member of the SAMC Stroke Network which supplies hospitals with teleneurology technology for the diagnosis of stroke and early treatment. The stroke network also includes the hospitals in Opp, Eufaula and Ozark.

The new agreement between SAMC and TRMC will begin with a series of planning sessions between physicians and management from both hospitals.

“The hospitals’ management and respective medical staffs will collaborate to meet the needs of patients in the region. This clinical affiliation is a catalyst to further each hospital’s mission to provide accessible, reliable and quality health care for people in our communities,” said Ronald S. Owen, SAMC CEO.

For more information, call SAMC at (334) 805-3388 or visit www.samc.org

Exciting Changes At Prudential Showcase Properties Taking Place

Exciting changes are taking place at Prudential Showcase Properties. Under the new ownership of Susan, Tim and Laura Vierkandt, Showcase Properties, LLC is taking the Dothan real estate market to the next level.

The company has moved to a brand new building behind southside Lowes, located at 2307 Hartford Highway, Suite 5. Even more exciting is their upgrade this month to the new Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices brokerage network, operating as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Showcase Properties.

This fresh new brand is already making waves in the real estate industry. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices was named Real Estate Agency Brand of the Year in a 2014 Harris Poll EquiTrend Study, and also received a GOLD Stevie Award in the Startup of the Year category of the prestigious American Business Awards’ The Stevies competition.

The Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices brand brings to the real estate market a definitive mark of stability, strength and, above all, quality.

Join Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Showcase Properties for its ribbon cutting ceremony and Launch Event taking place Thursday, Aug. 14, at 5 p.m. at the new office, and then moving to the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens for the Launch Event from 6-8 p.m.

Special Guest, Earl Lee, CEO at HSF Affiliates, will be attending. Lee was named in The Inman 100 Most Influential Real Estate Leaders.

To RSVP, call (334) 792.7474 by Monday, Aug. 11.



Covenant Hospice Seeks Sponsors, Vendors and Volunteers

Covenant Hospice will present the 10th Annual Holiday of Hope Marketplace Oct. 24-25, at the Dothan Civic Center. The Marketplace offers hundreds of unique and hard-to-find gifts offered by vendors from the tri-state area and beyond.

Covenant Hospice is in need for marketplace sponsors, vendors and volunteers to help plan, prepare and present the event.

The event will kick off with the Moonlight and Mistletoe Preview Party Thursday, Oct. 23, featuring delicious food from local restaurants, live music and a silent auction. Shopping days will be Friday and Saturday, Oct 24-25.

Tickets will go on sale Sept. 1 and will be available at the Dothan Civic Center Box Office at (334) 615-3000, online at www.eventsatcovenant.org/holiday and at the Covenant Hospice office. All proceeds benefit the Dothan Covenant Hospice to help fund indigent care needs and the unfunded and underfunded programs.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, vendor or volunteer for this year’s Holiday of Hope, contact Lauren Pike at (334) 794-7847, via email lauren.pike@covenanthospice.org or visit www.eventsatcovenant.org/holiday.

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SEACT To Hold Auditions For Second Season Show

Southeast Alabama Community Theatre will hold auditions for its second season show, *Moonlight and Magnolias*, Sunday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Auditions will be held at The Cultural Arts Center.

Moonlight and Magnolias is story about a legendary Hollywood producer named David O. Selznick who has a problem. He has just fired the director of *Gone with the Wind* and the script is in its umpteenth re-write. He desperately needs a new director and writer. He hand picks his talent and locks all three of them in his office for five days to hammer out the final version, with bananas and peanuts as their only food. Next problem: the new writer has never read the novel.

Witness the making of movie history as three men

attempt to act out the scenes and retain their sanity long enough to get it on film. Early in the week, screenwriter and director constantly clash. By day three, fatigue, hunger and sarcasm prevail. Tempers flare. There's even an attempt to escape from the office - if only for just a shower and a meal.

By the end of the week, Selznick asks, "Is there anything wrong with getting the job done, no matter what it takes?" Completing this job may take everything these men have to give!

Take a fun, farcical look at the behind-the-scenes birth of one of the most beloved films of all time. Performance dates are Oct. 21-25, at the Cultural Arts Center. For more information, contact the SEACT office at (334) 794-0400 or visit www.seact.com.



The Joy FM Presents Casting Crowns

The Joy FM 94.3 will present Casting Crowns 2014 at the Dothan Civic Center Friday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available for purchase through the Dothan Civic Center Box Office Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.; or charge by phone at (334) 615-3175. Ticket prices are VIP Platinum \$55 (premium seating); Artist Circle \$40; Advance \$25; groups of 10+ \$20, plus one free ticket. A \$2 facility fee will be added to all tickets and additional fees may apply.

For more information, call the box office at (334) 615-3175.

McCleod Elected Chairman Of Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants



Don McCleod, CPA

Don McCleod, CPA was recently elected as chairman of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants during its 95th Annual Meeting June 5. McCleod is the organization's first African-American chairman in its 95 year history.

The Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants

is a statewide professional membership organization representing over 6,700 Alabama CPAs in public practice, industry, government and education. Mr

McCleod is the owner and founder of Don McCleod, CPA, PC, an Alabama Certified Public accounting firm located in Dothan, Ala. He is also a past member of the Dothan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and also served on the board's Executive Committee.

For more information, contact McCleod at (334) 702-4366 or visit www.donmccleodcpapc.com.



Local Attorney Presents Employment Law Seminars

Dothan Attorney Libby Glasgow, from Farmer, Price, Hornsby and Weatherford, LLP, will host Employment Law Seminars for Business at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 7, 14, 28 and Sept. 4. This series is designed to help business owners, managers and human resource professionals understand and comply with the laws affecting employers today.

Each class will focus on a particular area of employment law with an emphasis on strategies for lawsuit prevention. The various topics will include: hiring; terminations; harassment and discrimination prevention; drug and alcohol testing; rules for independent contractors; background checks; wage and hour; employee coaching and discipline; documentation; employee medical issues; Family Medical Leave; ADA and workers' compensation; confidentiality; non-compete agreements; handbooks and policies.

If there is interest, the seminar will also include the Affordable Care Act, HIPAA and compliance planning.

Glasgow has been practicing law for 27 years and provides legal services to employers in Alabama, Florida and Georgia including litigation defense, administrative representation before the EEOC, Department of Labor and the NLRB. She also assists with investigations, handbooks, policies, compliance reviews and contracts.

These seminars provide training to supervisors and management, but they are also open to the public. Continuing education credit for HR professionals may be available.

For more information or to register, contact Cindy Elmore at (334) 793-2424.

Dale Carnegie Offers "Skills For Success" Course

Look around you at successful business people, world leaders, professional athletes and entertainers. You'll find a disproportionately high number of Dale Carnegie course graduates. The Dale Carnegie "Skills For Success" course has transformed the careers of over seven million graduates. And now they want to help you join the ranks of the world's most successful people.

The Emerald Coast Dale Carnegie Training will offer the "Skills for Success" course in Dothan with a start date of Sept. 30. Sessions will be held one night a week for eight weeks.

The course will empower participants to move far beyond their comfort zone as they stretch for and

attain ambitious new goals. The course also teaches the Five Drivers of Success: 1. Build greater self-confidence; 2. Strengthen people skills; 3. Enhance communication skills; 4. Develop leadership skills; and 5. Reduce stress and improve attitude.

Enrollment for Chamber members is \$1,595 and \$1,695 for non-Chamber members. Dale Carnegie will also offer a discounted enrollment fee of \$1,495 to Chamber members who register before Labor Day; \$1,595 non-Chamber members.

You don't want to miss out on this great program. For more information or to enroll, contact David Balmer at (850) 348-2887 or email david.balmer@dalecarnegie.com.

Wiregrass Economic Resource Summit

Sept. 17 • 7: 30 a.m.

The City of Dothan, Troy University Dothan and Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Wiregrass Economic Resource Summit at the Dothan Civic Center, Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The summit's mission is to "sell, sustain and strengthen the Wiregrass economy through dialogue, information and resources." Guest speaker will be Travis Perry, Chord Buddy inventor. Breakfast will also be provided.

Participant registration opens Monday, Aug. 18.

However, registrations for vendors and sponsorships is currently in process and will close Aug. 15. To obtain a summit flyer and the Vendor and Sponsorship Registration Form, visit the Chamber's website www.dothan.com and click on the Wiregrass Economic Resource Summit logo located in the far right column on the Home page.

For additional information about the summit, visit www.economicsummitonjobs.com. For vendor or sponsorship questions, call Kellie Littlefield at (334) 615-4415.



Don't Miss These Great Sponsorship Opportunities!

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

The Chamber hosts several exciting events throughout the year and we have some great sponsorship opportunities that you might be interested in.

We are looking for sponsors for our Annual Meeting, General Membership meetings, Network Exchange events and Spotlight on Business Trade Show. Listed below are the sponsorship opportunities that we currently have available. If you are interested in taking advantage of any of the listed opportunities, please call or email LaRhonda Robinson at (334) 792-5138 or lrobinson@dothan.com. The opportunities are limited and are available on a first come, first serve basis.

▶ Annual Meeting - Nov. 6, 2014

The Chamber's premiere event of the year, the 95th Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance, will take place Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014. There are three levels of sponsorships available. The levels and the benefits you receive are listed below:

- **Platinum Sponsor - \$1,500**
"Premiere" logo recognition in the event invitation and the program; recognition at the event during the program; banner recognition at the event (banner is approximately 3 x 6.5 feet); two tables of eight seats each (\$800 value).
- **Gold Sponsor - \$1,000**
Logo recognition (will be placed under premiere sponsors' logo) in the event invitation and the program; recognition at the event during the program; banner recognition at the event (banner is approximately 2 x 5 feet); one table of eight seats (\$400 value).
- **Silver Sponsor - \$600**
Name recognition in event invitation and program; recognition from the podium during the program; banner recognition at the event (banner is approximately 2 x 2.5 feet) four tickets at a reserved table (\$160 value).

▶ General Membership Meetings - January 2015, May 2015 (Small Business Week), July 2015

Date will be determined by speaker availability and these meetings will be held as a breakfast or luncheon. There is an expected attendance of 200 to 300 at each event. The cost is \$350 for each sponsorship and you will receive the following benefits: Table of eight (\$150 value) in preferred location; logo recognition in the Chamber newsletter; recognition during the meeting from the podium; opportunity to place marketing pieces on a display table at the event; and logo placed on table card in center of guest tables.

▶ The Network Exchange - October 2014, March 2015, June 2015, August 2015

The Network Exchange is the Chamber's business after-hours networking event. The event will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will include a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and great networking opportunities. There is an expected attendance of 100-150 at each event. The cost is \$250 for each sponsorship and you will receive the following benefits: Opportunity to place marketing pieces on a display table at the event; logo recognition on the invitation to the membership; and logo recognition in the Chamber newsletter.

▶ Spotlight on Business - February 2015

Spotlight on Business is the area's largest business trade show. We sell approximately 90 booths and have over 2,000 attendees at the event. This year's theme is "Under the Sea." The sponsorship cost is \$1,000 and you will receive the following benefits: One booth (\$375 value) in preferred location; logo recognition in the Chamber newsletter; and logo recognition in the event program and the invitation that is distributed to the membership.

Ambassador Committee

APPLICATION

2014-2015

Are you good at promoting your belief in the Chamber?

Do you enjoy people and networking?

Is your business interested in connecting with the community?

Then you may have what it takes to be a Chamber Ambassador or Diplomat.

The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and Diplomat Committees are gearing up for its 2014-2015 fiscal year, and are looking for a few good volunteers who enjoy teamwork and meeting people. The program year runs October-September and the committees meet the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Chamber office.

Serving as an Ambassador or Diplomat allows you to become more involved in your business community. This results in increased networking opportunities, enhanced visibility of your business and numerous opportunities to market and promote your products and services.

If you are interested in serving as an Ambassador or Diplomat for the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce please complete and return the application. The commitment is for one year.

The Chamber has 50 Ambassador positions available for the 2014-2015 year and will accept applications until Aug. 8, 2014, or until all positions are filled.

Returning Ambassadors/Diplomats must also re-apply for the 2014-2015 year.

For more information, contact the Director of Membership, LaRhonda Robinson, at (334) 792-5138 or e-mail lrobinson@dothan.com.

(To be a Diplomat you must have been an Ambassador for three consecutive years.)

Name: _____

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▼	Labor Force for the Dothan MSA for May: 62,348 in 2013; 61,697 in 2014 58,625 in 2013; 57,942 in 2014 Employed
▲	Unemployment for the Dothan MSA for May: 6.0% in 2013; 6.1% in 2014
▲	Residential Building Permits for the City of Dothan for May: 12 issued (\$3.37 million) in 2013; 16 issued (\$5.12 million) in 2014
▲	Home Sales in Dothan for May: 94 sold in 2013; 97 sold in 2014
▲	Enplanements for Dothan Regional Airport for May: 3,796 in 2013; 4,899 in 2014
▲	Houston County & Dothan Sales and Use Tax Collections (\$) for May: \$1,403,219 in 2013; \$1,429,155 in 2014 County \$4,770,111 in 2013; \$4,910,354 in 2014 City

Editor's Note: Sources for this information vary; call the Chamber for details. Data as of 7/07/14. Visit www.dothan.com for the most current information.