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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

2019 Is Going Great!

This is truly a note--meaning short and to the point. Please look at all the events offered on this page and decide early, if not now, on the ones you want to participate in.

I ask you to do this because most of our events sell out and some even have a wait-list. The earlier you register the better for our caterers and venues that provide for you. Visit our events page at www.lakenonacc.org or catch one of our links from social media or the monthly newsletter to sign up online.

Most of our events have grown by 200% or more, so we ask your help so that we can continue to offer efficient service.

We've moved into a new location in the GuideWell Innovation Center. Come visit us at the entrance in the Cafe and pick up your Member Plaque with our new logo!

Don't miss the Nona Chamber Festival! All the info is here in this newsletter. Don't forget to register early for the beer and wine tasting to save money on the atthe-gate price.

Don Long Lake Nona Regional Chamber of Commerce **President/CEO**

UPCOMING NETWORKING EVENTS

MONTHLY NETWORKING EVENTS sponsored by FIRST TUESDAYS- First Tuesdays Business After-Hours BREAKFAST CONNECTIONS- 2nd Thursday **BUSINESS LUNCHEON-**4th Friday CONTAGIOUS CONNECTING- Quarterly Breakfast Meeting (February, June, August &



November) **RIBBON CUTTINGS** - as scheduled

bring a first-time guest to this networking event.

THIS TUESDAY, April 2 - First Tuesdays After-Hours at Eagle Creek Golf Club & The Belfry Restaurant, "Swing into Spring" 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.10350 Emerson Lake Blvd 32832. <u>**Register Here**</u> Chamber member benefit. Email: administration@lakenonacc.org, if you would like to

Thursday April 4 - New YPG (Young Professionals Group) Lake Nona - 8:00-9:30 a.m. GuideWell Innovation Cafe - 6555 Sanger Rd, Orlando 32827.

Thursday, April 11 - Breakfast Connections - "Go Global Like a Pro" - Enterprise Florida - Michael A. Schaffhauer, V.P International Division and Field Operations - 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., GuideWell Innovation Cafe -6555 Sanger Rd, Orlando 32827.

Saturday, April 13 - Signature Event - Nona Chamber Festival -Easter Basket - Free Admission - Nona Adventure Park, 14086 Centerline Dr, Lake Nona, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Beer Tasting Event - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$20 in advance.

Friday, April 26 - Business Luncheon - Mayor Jerry L. Demings - GuideWell Innovation Theater - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 6555 Sanger Rd, Orlando 32827.

Tuesday, May 7 - First Tuesdays After-Hours, 310 Nona, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. 10783 Narcoossee Rd. Chamber member benefit. Email: <u>administration@lakenonacc.org</u>, if you would like to bring a first-time guest to this networking event.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> TO REGISTER FOR ALL CHAMBER EVENTS!

Advance Tickets for our Beer & Wine Fest available here: <u>Tickets</u>



OUR CURRENT EXHIBITORS: deadline for booth registrations is April 9, 2019

407 Cafe A Ruff Day Bark Club AdventHealth All Flooring USA Allied Pro Insurance, LLC Better Graphics Bioganic Bolay Lake Nona LLC Cap's Kitchen Creations Chicken Salad Chick Chill Pop Lounge Lake Nona Insurance, DBA Beacon Insurance Agency Lake Nona Youth Sports Laureate Insurance Partners Lewis and Massey, P.A. Luxury Realty Inc Mission Coffee Inc Nemours Children's Hospital Nona Minimally Invasive Surgery Nona Mortgage, LLC Nona Soccer Academy

City National Bank Mortgages Clean Green Clever Energy COD Protection Services, LLC **CoolThings Patio Furniture** Distinctive Homes, Inc. **DMI Insurance Orlando** Don Schmidt Contracting & Roofing **Drive Shack** Edward Jones Friends of Fisher House Orlando **G World Properties** Gold Star Title & Escrow Golson Designs/Decorating Den GuideWell Innovation Henderson Pest Elimination, LLC Jimmy John Kisselback Ford & Insurance Agency

Nona.Media (Nonahood News) Northpoint Mortgage Norwex Orange County Property Appraiser-**Outreach Office** Orlando DJs and Events LLC **Orlando Utilities Commission - OUC** The Reliable One Pediatric Dental Group **Precious Moments Photos** Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida, Inc. Seacoast Bank Shamrock Auto Body & Service Sport Clips **T-Mobile** TMW Insurance Agency, LLC **UCF** Health Viscogen

MARCH NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

American Classical Charter Academy

Behavior Matters SouthEast

COD Protection Services, LLC

Distinctive Homes, Inc.

Don Schmidt Contracting & Roofing, Inc.

Edward Jones - Kaley Mora

GNC

Jennifer Davis, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Results Realty

Lake Nona Information Center

Lake Nona Insurance, Inc. DBA



THANK YOU TO OUR RENEWALS!

407 Cafe

Andrea Byrge Realtor, Realty 320

Capital Office Furniture

Golson Designs/Decorating Den

Jones Homes USA

Lake Nona Handyman, LLC

Lake Nona Ophthalmology

Land Title Professionals, LLC

Beacon Insurance Agency

Mission Coffee Inc.

Nona Minimally Invasive Surgery

RP Consulting Group LLC

The Bodysmith, Inc.

Marketing Nutz

Quick Snacks Vending

RS Sound & Lights LLC

Surroundings by Pam

MARCH EVENT GALLERY



March 5, First Tuesdays, Drive Shack – Drive Shack General Manager Dan Kirby cuts the ribbon as a brand new-member of the Chamber while guests gather for our monthly First Tuesdays event. Over 130 members that registered were exclusively given free appetizers and several open bays to play in as they networked and enjoyed a relaxed afterhours environment. (Photo by Felicity Gomer)



March 22, Business Luncheon with Tweet Coleman and Rob Pennacchini at 310 Nona - Dale Carnegie instructor Rob Pennacchini provided an interactive training session to our members and guests to provide insight into the



March 14, Breakfast Connections, Orlando VA Medical Center, Lake Nona – Don Fisher, Osceola County Manager, speaks to nearly 100 Chamber members and guests. Fisher spoke about the impact neighboring Osceola County does and will have on the Lake Nona region. (Photo by Don Long)



March 22, Nona Adventure Park Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening, Lake Nona – Nona Adventure Park Managing Partner Kai Fusser cuts the ribbon to commemorate the Park's new Chamber membership. Guests gathered for appetizers and drinks, access to all activities, and mingling. (Photo by Felicity Gomer) esteemed Dale Carnegie course. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful lunch by 310 Nona. (Photo by Felicity Gomer)



March 23, Culver's Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening, Lake Nona – Mario and Marcie Merlano of Culver's, Lake Nona, cut the ribbon with their family as a symbol of joining our Chamber. Free custard samples, coupons, and good company made this a wonderful event for guests and fellow members. (Photo by Felicity Gomer)



March 28 Ribbon Cutting at Lake Nona Silkscreening- David Alcocer and Enrico Genovese of Lake Nona Silkscreening cut the ribbon as new members of the Chamber. Guests enjoyed free screen-printed T-shirts, appetizers, wine, and networking as David and Enrico showed them around their shop. (Photo by Felicity Gomer)

WHY JOIN or RENEW?

"Local chambers of commerce are businesses joined together to improve their value, visibility, and credibility:

BUSINESS:

- Connections
- Advocacy
- Credibility
- Discounts
- Resources
- Knowledge/Awareness
- Training

AND:

- Increased Visibility in Community
- Chamber Events and Programs
- Chamber Newsletters
- Giving Back to the Lake Nona Region
- Tax Deductible

According to Jeri Vespoli, chamber and business development consultant at Collaborative Marketing Services



Our 2019 Charity

The Nemours charity was selected by the Board of Directors as the Lake Nona Regional Chamber's charity of choice for 2019. Give today! Visit our website for information on all our non-profit member organization that need your assistance: <u>Click here</u>

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