



## LAKE NONA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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### From the CEO - October 2019: THANKS TO OUR DEPARTING DIRECTORS

#### October 1

marks the beginning of our fiscal year here at the Chamber. It is also when we greet new volunteer directors to the board and sadly, say goodbye to several who served with distinction over numerous years. Leaving the board, but not the Chamber, this year are Nelson de Freitas (LATAM Airlines), Arbra Calvert (Pro I.T. Services and Support, LLC), Brian Miller (Harbor American Payroll), and Kris Conner (Office of Lou Holtz). Many of these hard-working directors served on the board since the creation of our chamber in 2013. If not for them there would not be a Lake Nona Regional Chamber.

The Chair of the board position rotates every two years. Effective October 1, Andrea Byrge (Andrea Byrge Realtor, Realty 320) will end her two-year term and continue to serve for another two years on the board in the advisory position of past chair.

Andrea oversaw the board during one of the quickest periods of membership growth for any chamber while also maintaining efficient operations and event management. We are extremely grateful for her dedication to excellence.

On October 1 we welcome our new directors selected from a slate of candidates by the nomination committee and the board. Joining our board of directors for their three year terms are Aida Haile (Thrive Services, LLC), Brandy Bennett (Creative CRM), Chuck (CD) Lewis (Lewis and Massey, P.A.), Juliana No (Standout Consulting Services), Melrose Figueroa (Melrose Figueroa Marketing Co.), and Naomi Norris (BB&T). On October 1 we also greet Sean Gerlin (Envision Wealth Planners) as the new chair as he begins his two-year term. Thank you all for your vigorous efforts for the Chamber.

Next time you talk with one of the staff or a director, ask them about our OPS Plan for providing Opportunity, Progress and Support.

Don Long  
President/CEO

## Upcoming Networking Events

**FIRST TUESDAYS  
FOR-A-CAUSE  
AFTER-HOURS**



AT *KISSELBACK FORD*

**"Kick-Off in Support of  
Breast Cancer Awareness"**

Appetizers, drinks, competitive games, sneak peek at the new Explorer and Ranger, test drive opportunities, and the Pink Heals firetruck!

*Kisselback will match money raised!*

1118 13th St., Saint Cloud

Tuesday, October 1 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**GasUp**

25 E 13th St, Saint Cloud



**RIBBON  
CUTTING  
CEREMONY**

Friday, October 4

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ribbon will be cut at 3:30 p.m.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBER! GASUP  
WILL PROVIDE APPETIZERS, PASTRIES, CAKE, AND  
BEVERAGES.

in conjunction with the Kissimmee/ Osceola  
County Chamber of Commerce

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**8:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

**The Belfry Restaurant at  
Eagle Creek Golf Club**



**breakfast  
connections**



with Representative Rene "Coach P" Plasencia  
**"WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
& COMMERCE"**





**NONA MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY**  
12601 Narcoossee Rd, Suite 209

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

**Thursday, October 10**  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Ribbon will be cut at 6:00 p.m.

HELP US WELCOME NONA MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY TO THE NONAHOOD! NMIS WILL PROVIDE HORS D'OEUVRES, BEER, WINE, AND MORE.

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**A RUFF DAY BARK CLUB**  
8201 Narcoossee Park Dr.

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**  
Saturday, October 26

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
Ribbon cutting at 12:30 p.m.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBER! A RUFF DAY BARK CLUB WILL PROVIDE FOOD, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY K92.3 FM, AND GIVEAWAYS.



**A RUFF DAY BARK CLUB**



**LACH ORTHODONTIC SPECIALISTS**

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**  
Wednesday, October 16  
8:30 a.m.

**HELP US WELCOME LACH ORTHODONTIC SPECIALISTS' NEWEST LOCATION TO THE NONAHOOD!**

**Check out all upcoming events at [LakeNonaCC.org](http://LakeNonaCC.org).**

Register for All Events Here





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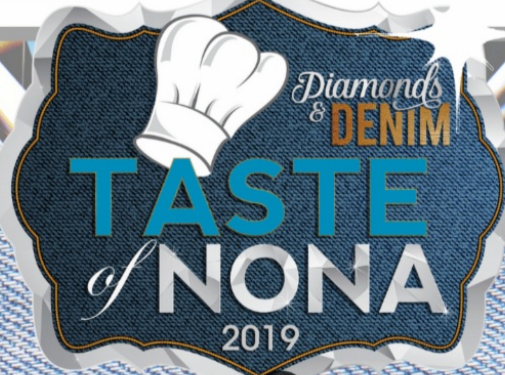
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
**6:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

**LAKE NONA TOWN CENTER, BEHIND BOXI PARK**  
**RESTAURANTS, VIP AREA & SILENT AUCTION**

**BEST DRESSED DIAMONDS & DENIM**  
**MALE & FEMALE AWARDS**  
**BEST DISH AWARD**  
**LIMITED TICKET SPECIALS**  
**[WWW.LAKENONACC.ORG](http://WWW.LAKENONACC.ORG)**



**SPECIAL GUEST CELEBRITY JUDGE:**  
**JIM COLBERT - PRIMETIME KITCHEN &**  
**FORMER MONSTERS IN THE MORNING DJ**

**FEATURING:**  
**SLICKWOOD**  
**WITH MACEY MAC**

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# September Event Gallery

Our August Ambassador of the Month is Dennis Watkins  
of TMW Insurance Agency, LLC



**September 10, First Tuesdays After-Hours at Courtyard & Residence Inn by Marriott Orlando/Lake Nona** - Courtyard & Residence Inn by Marriott Orlando/Lake Nona welcomed us into their hotel with delicious flatbreads and specials on beer and wine. Thank you for letting us into your space to reconnect after Dorian. *Photo by Felicity Gomer*

**September 10, Breakfast Connections with UCF Small Business Consultant Rafael Pratts** - UCF Small Business Consultant Rafael Pratts shared with us the importance of emergency preparedness and how to recover your business from anything the world throws at it. Thanks to SBDC for the expertise, Gourmet Gratis for the terrific breakfast, and GuideWell Innovation Center for the spectacular meeting space! *Photo by Felicity Gomer*



**September 24, Ribbon Cutting at Invel North America** - Welcome Invel to the Nonahood! Thank you to Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer for the encouraging words and to all the members who attended. *Photo by Madelyn Long*

**September 26, Ribbon Cutting at Orlando Fisher House's Climate-Controlled Storage Unit** - The Friends of Fisher House, Orlando recently finished constructing their brand new climate-controlled storage unit. Congratulations on this new addition and appreciation to Lockheed Martin for their generous donation. *Photo by Madelyn Long*



**September 27, Business Luncheon with Sherry Magee of KPMG** - Sherry Magee of KPMG gave our members and visitors a "Sneak Peak Into the Lakehouse" that they are currently building in Lake Nona. Thank you to the Ronald McDonald House for hosting our sold out event and to Culver's Restaurant for serving us a delicious meal! *Photo by Felicity Gomer*

## **Why Join or Renew?**

**Take deductions** - You might be able to deduct membership fees as allowable business expenses. This helps counteract the cost of the membership. To learn more, see "Club dues and membership fees" under "Miscellaneous Expenses" in IRS Publication 535.

### **New Members**

<b>Aero Affairs Group</b>	<b>FloState Auto Diesel Repair</b>
<b>American Balloon Decor</b>	<b>GOEN3 Corporation - Invel</b>
<b>Camaraderie Foundation Inc.</b>	<b>IDignity</b>
<b>Cheney Brothers</b>	<b>Premier Sotheby's International Realty: Jeanne Green</b>
<b>Core Values Physical Therapy and Wellness, PLLC</b>	<b>Regions Bank</b>
<b>Far Out Solutions</b>	<b>Sutherlin Nissan of Orlando</b>
<b>Farmers Insurance</b>	

### **Renewed Members**



<b>A Ruff Day Bark Club</b>
<b>Courtyard &amp; Residence Inn by Marriott Orlando/Lake Nona</b>
<b>Edward Jones - Joel Ferguson Financial Advisor</b>
<b>Kathryn V. Ross, CPA, P.A.</b>
<b>Lewis and Massey, P.A.</b>
<b>Seacoast Bank</b>
<b>Woman's Worth, LLC</b>



### **Renewed Partner**

**Institute of Aesthetic Surgery**



## 2019 Chamber Charity of Choice

Nemours Children's Hospital - Children's Health Fund is our Chamber Charity of Choice for 2019. This year, we want to feature some brief Q&As about their efforts and needs.

**Q: How much of each donation to Nemours Children's Hospital helps the kids?**

**A: 100% of every donation to Nemours Children's Hospital helps our children and families. Because of the foresight of our founder, Alfred I. duPont, a trust was established to cover operational costs therefore ensuring that each and 100% of every dollar donated to Nemours benefits our children and their families.**

The Basket Case provides our monthly Charity Drawing Basket at each Business Luncheon. Proceeds go to Nemours Children's Hospital.



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