



## LAKE NONA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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### Lake Nona Regional Chamber of Commerce Moving into 2022

Looking back at 2021 this chamber is laser focused on continuing our 2022 support of our entire regional community. From lessons learned like how to better collaborate with government agencies and other organizations we hope to continue our efforts in the areas of collaboration and teamwork.

At the same time, we emphasize our continuing focus on creatively

approaching events and projects. We will always seek something new and different that will bring excitement and benefits to our members while also providing services to the community.

During 2021 with the assistance of our local governments and our medical partners we provided PPE, financial and COVID information assistance for everyone and we will continue to develop these relationships. In 2022 depend on us to do our best to be leaders of the community.

#### Celebrating Black History Month

"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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**President/CEO**





## **First Tuesdays After-Hours**

Tuesday, February 1

5:30 - 7:30 P.M.



Drive Shack  
7285 Corner Drive

## **Chamber Connections Open Networking**

First Thursdays at 8:00am



**"Coffee Club Setting"**

Thursday, February 3



Culver's Lake Nona  
11978 Narcoossee Rd

## Upcoming Events

### RIBBON-CUTTING *Ceremony*



#### Nona Dental Arts

Friday, February 4

5:00 - 7:30 P.M.

94361 Narcoossee Rd

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### RIBBON-CUTTING *Ceremony*



#### Code Ninjas Lake Nona

Saturday, February 5

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

10743 Narcoossee Rd Suite A11  
Orlando, 32832

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## Upcoming Events

### RIBBON-CUTTING *Ceremony*



## Orlando Epilepsy Center



Wednesday, February 9  
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

12617 Narcoossee Rd Suite 112  
Orlando, 32832

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## BREAKFAST CONNECTIONS

ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF, ORLANDO ROLÓN

Thursday, February 10th

8:00 - 9:30 A.M.

Eagle Creek Golf Club-The Belfry



## Upcoming Events



### "LOVE YOURSELF"

**Monday, February 21**

**11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**Wycliff Discovery Center  
11221 John Wycliffe Blvd**





## ***January New Members***

<b>American Red Cross</b>	<b>Innova Restoration</b>
<b>AVIV Clinics</b>	<b>Inspire A Movement, Inc.</b>
<b>Bear Robotics</b>	<b>Mutual of Omaha Advisor North Florida</b>
<b>Big Man Movers</b>	<b>OnAlign Marketing</b>
<b>Code Ninjas Lake Nona</b>	<b>Orlando Epilepsy Center</b>
<b>Culture Plus Media</b>	<b>RE/MAX Premier Properties - Mayra Nieves, Realtor</b>
<b>Das Financials Inc.</b>	<b>Sungold Gardens</b>
<b>Dime Medical Artistry</b>	<b>Synergy</b>
<b>Drive Shack</b>	<b>T and T Notary</b>
<b>F45 Nona</b>	<b>Watson Realty Corporation Lake Nona</b>
<b>Fagan Landscaping LLC</b>	

## ***January New Partner***

**Copper Partner: Hammock Beach Golf Resort & Spa**

## ***January Renewed Members***

<b>Addition Financial</b>	
<b>Amson Consulting</b>	
<b>Ashton Insurance Agency, LLC</b>	
<b>Beep, Inc.</b>	
<b>Edward Jones - Joel Ferguson Financial Advisor</b>	
<b>Envision Wealth Planners</b>	<b>Orlando International Relocation Realty (OIR REALTY)</b>
<b>Fusilier Realty Group</b>	<b>Osceola News Gazette Around Osceola.com</b>
<b>Inspired Performance Institute</b>	<b>Spring Realty Orlando</b>
<b>LIV Realty Inc.</b>	<b>Springhill Suites Orlando Lake Nona</b>
<b>MARS AUDIO "Sound and Beyond"</b>	<b>State Housing and Development, Inc.</b>
<b>Merrill Lynch Lake Nona</b>	<b>The Naked Cupcake</b>
<b>THANK YOU!</b>	<b>The Prime Collection, LLC</b>
	<b>UCF College of Medicine</b>



# January Event Gallery



Stephanie Waddington (center left), Property Manager for Lake Nona Pixon Apartments, and Johanna Mejias cut the ribbon during sunset at Pixon's Sky Lounge, Tuesday, Jan. 4. (Photo/Danielle Conley)



Mark Setterington (right), owner of Island Fin Poke, presents Scott Steigrod of Innovation Eye Care with the Island Fin Poke door prize during LNRCC First Tuesdays Jan. 4. (Photo/Danielle Conley)



Vanessa McCann (center), owner of Uptown Eyecare, welcomes chamber members to First Tuesdays Jan. 4. (Photo/Danielle Conley)



Caroline McCaughna (left), General Manager of Club Pilates and Michelle Bethencourt, owner of Club Pilates, present Corey Helvey of the Orlando Magic with the door prize of a 1-month unlimited membership during the First Tuesdays After-Hours Event Jan. 4. (Photo/Danielle Conley)



Jim Kilp (right), owner of Rukus Cycling Studios presents Patti Gutter of American Balloon Decor with the door prize during LNRCC First Tuesdays Jan. 4. (Photo/Danielle Conley)



Ashley Swanson-Torres (left), owner of Veg'n Out, presents their First Tuesdays door prize to Corey Helvey of the Orlando Magic Jan. 4. (Photo/Danielle Conley)



# January Event Gallery



Elizabeth Diaz (right), owner of Neighborhood Barre, presents the First Tuesday door prize to fellow Chamber Member, Ty Gilbert, COO of T and T Notary Jan. 4. (Photo/Danielle Conley)



The first Chamber Connections Networking event kicks off with speed networking at Culver's of Lake Nona on Jan. 7. Marcie Merlano, owner of Culver's and fellow Chamber Member, provided coffee and breakfast. (Photo/Danielle Conley)



(l-r) Ryan Thomas of Northpoint Mortgage, and Hope Perez of Synovus Bank help present the LNRCC ribbon to F45 partners Doug Felton, Justin Downing, and Lewis Balcomb following F45's ribbon cutting celebration Jan. 15. Chamber CEO Don Long (far right) welcomed F45 Nona back to chamber membership. (Photo/Madelyn Long)



Nona Professional Ladies hosted a speaking engagement "Women & Wealth: The Importance of a Financial Plan" with Goretti Garcia, CDFA Founder, CEO. The presentation was held at XL Soccer World in Lake Nona on Jan. 18.

## February Ambassador of the Month



**Brandy Bennett of elspaces Orlando is our Ambassador of the Month for February! Congratulations, Brandy!**



Frank DiBello, Space Florida President and CEO, presents to chamber members at the GuideWell Innovation Center on the future of the space industry in Florida. (Photo/Danielle Conley)



## COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee meetings are in full swing and  
now is the perfect time to join one!

Health Committee  
3rd Fridays  
8 a.m.  
Zoom

Economic  
Development/Innovation  
Committee  
1st Mondays  
11:30 a.m.  
Zoom

Ambassador  
Committee  
1st Tuesdays  
9 a.m.  
Zoom

Nonprofit  
Committee  
2nd Tuesdays  
12 p.m.  
Zoom

Education  
Committee  
2nd Tuesdays  
11 a.m.  
Zoom

Diversity Committee  
4th Thursdays  
12:30 p.m.  
Zoom  
Diversity Awareness  
Session Coming  
Details to follow...

Marketing  
Committee  
4th Mondays  
3:30 p.m.  
Beep/Zoom

Membership  
Committee  
2nd Wednesdays  
4 p.m.  
Zoom





## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Join us the first Thursday in February for the Chamber Connections Coffee Club! This month, our networking event is focused on solidifying some of the connections you made during our speed networking event.

You will be partnered with a small group of other chamber members to get to know each other's business more over coffee. Attending the speed networking event last month not needed to attend this event. If you have someone in mind that you'd like to connect with, please let us know in the comments sections on your registration. We look forward to having coffee with all of you!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY  
SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 12, CONTACT**

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The Lake Nona Chamber of Commerce Health Committee has a fun challenge for February's Heart Month! Take a picture of yourself engaging in a heart healthy activity and tag Lake Nona Chamber of Commerce on Facebook to be entered to win a heart healthy gift basket. This can include going for an evening walk, jog, yoga, swimming or any heart healthy activity you prefer.

Keep your heart beating strong by staying hydrated, exercising and getting annual checkups with your primary care provider.

## NONPROFIT COMMITTEE



**REBUILD YOURSELF INC. (RYI)**

### WANTED: YOUTH PROGRAM MENTORS

My name is Cynthia Borgwing and I am the founder of Rebuild Yourself Inc., which is a nonprofit that assists teenagers on building friendships, self-esteem, and self-confidence. We are in need of mentors to take time to meet or have a Zoom call with these teenagers, so they can better understand the career industry they are most interested in.

We are looking for people in the following fields below. If you or someone you know is in this industry and is interested, please reach out to me if you are able to volunteer your efforts for a call. Thank you.

Psychologist \* Physical Therapist \* Musician/Music Industry \* Social Media Specialist \*  
Photographer \* Pilot \* Forensic Scientist \* Film Industry \* Business Administration \* Voice Actor \*  
Make-up Artist \* Comedian

**Cynthia Borgwing**  
**cynthia@rebuildselfcare.com**  
**www.rebuildselfcare.com**

**3rd Annual 'Hope Scholars' 4-Person  
Golf Scramble Fundraiser**  
May 14, 2022 at  
Eagle Creek Golf Club  
7am to 1pm  
8:30 am Shotgun Start  
[www.dixongives.com/hopescholars](http://www.dixongives.com/hopescholars)

**Hole-in-one prize on every par 3** including a Hawaiian Vacation, Callaway Irons, \$500 Gift Card and Omaha Steaks. Long Drive, Putting, Closest to the Pin Contests and Raffles!

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email [plew17@earthlink.net](mailto:plew17@earthlink.net) or Mike @ 407-758-1797 email  
[michael.arina1a@gmail.com](mailto:michael.arina1a@gmail.com) for details.**

**Full Lunch, Prizes and Silent Auction Upon Completion in Clubhouse**  
**Player cost \$120.00 plus \$30.00 for guest at lunch.**

Hope yearly uses free-will offerings to fund "Hope Scholars" - college scholarships for 4-year, 2-year, 1-year certificate and vocational education. Undergirding this effort: a belief that labor in any career is a divine calling. In U.S. culture, debt marks the most common "prison" the average citizen faces, and since August 2010 student loan debt is the largest wedge of consumer debt. We offer Hope Scholarships to any high school senior, graduate (or equivalent), or current undergraduate student of any age who attends Hope or has a parent who does and who writes a 1-page essay. Hope also provides two equal-value scholarships beyond the Hope family to a faculty-selected senior from Lake Nona High and Oak Ridge High - an at-risk school whose purchase of a now-closed Presbyterian church provided funds that helped launch Hope. In addition, Hope funds a separate 'Hope for the Future' community service scholarship to a Lake Nona High School senior.

**Since 2012, Hope Scholars has provided 48 college scholarships totaling \$56,920.**

Come join us on May 14, 2022 for a day of golf, fun, prizes, lunch, silent auction and fellowship.

**Sponsored by Hope Presbyterian Church at Lake Nona - [hopenona.com](http://hopenona.com) or  
<https://www.dixongives.com/hopescholars>**





# Directors' Social at Don Julio's Restaurant





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M.S.A

- SOCCER TOTS
- SOCCER STARS
- MINI BASKETBALL
- MINI FLAG FOOTBALL
- MINI T-BALL

**START DATE: NOW!**

TIMES:  
SOCCER TOTS: MON/THURS/SAT  
SOCCER STARS: MON/TUES/WED/FRI/SAT  
MINI FLAG FOOTBALL/BBALL & T-BALL: SATURDAY'S ONLY

CLASS SESSION: 7 WEEKS/1 PRACTICE A WEEK

AGES: 18 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS OLD

**REGISTER:**

MORE INFO:  
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## CHAMBERVERSARY GIVEAWAY

Free business interview recording on The Ted Show  
sponsored by VIP Mortgage Group  
(Video training included)  
for all Chamber Renewals!

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