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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
JUNE 7, 2022

NETWORKING LUNCH
JUNE 10, 2022

A.M. NETWORK
JUNE 24, 2022



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- **Drywall**
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 2022

Mark your calendar now for these great networking events in June.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Sponsored by:



Tuesday, June 7th

5:30 p.m. @ The Cutting Board

5701 Highway 90

Cost: \$10 at the door

RSVP to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

NETWORKING LUNCH

Sponsored by:



Friday, June 10th

12 Noon @ The Hangar American Grill

3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton

Cost: \$10 at the door

RSVP required to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

A.M. NETWORK

Sponsored by:



Friday, June 24th

7:30 a.m. @ Grover T's BBQ

5887 Highway 90

Cost: \$10 at the door

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RIVERFEST 2022

A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

Sandy & Bubba's
MILTON
CHEVROLET

Sandy
CHEVROLET
DODGE Jeep RAM

Santa Rosa
MEDICAL CENTER

JULY 4TH, 2022 • SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

"RED"

Five Hundred \$600

Logo in Advertisement: Santa Rosan / Website / Facebook

Logo on July 4th Riverfest event posters located throughout event area

10 x10 display area to promote product/services

Recognition at event by Boogie, Inc. throughout day's events

Area to place your banner at event

Recognition in the Santa Rosan newsletter (6,000+ electronic distribution)

Recognition on Chamber Facebook page (6,200 followers)

Recognition on Chamber electronic marquee (7 days a week, 17 hours per day, 3 times min per hour (Traffic count 30,000+ daily)

"WHITE"

Two Hundred Fifty \$300

Logo in Advertisement: Santa Rosan / Website / Facebook

Name listed on July 4th Riverfest event posters located throughout event area

Area to place your banner at event

Recognition at event by Boogie, Inc. throughout day's events

Recognition in the Santa Rosan newsletter (6,000+ electronic distribution)

Recognition on Chamber Facebook page (5,200 followers)

"BLUE"

One Hundred \$150

Name listed on July 4th Riverfest event posters located throughout event area

Recognition at event by Boogie, Inc. throughout day's event

Recognition in the Santa Rosan newsletter (6,000+ electronic distribution)

"PATRIOT"

Fifty \$75

Recognition in the Santa Rosan newsletter (6,000+ electronic distribution)



2022 COMMITTEE & EVENT CHAIRS

Ambassadors..... Mirella Savage Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
 Co-Chair Bruce Baker Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
 Awards/Installation Luncheon .. Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance
 Business After Hours Erin Vaughn Sunbelt Title Insurance
 Co-Chair Kimberly Anderson ... Sunbelt Title Insurance
 Business Showcase..... Tracy Beach Blue Arbor
 Co-Chair Mirella Savage Team Bruce Baker, MBA
 Casino Night..... Mike Johnson Goldring Gulf Distributing
 Co-Chair Matt Howard Lamar Advertising
 E.D.G.E..... Steve Rhodes..... Florida Power & Light
 Team Bruce Baker, MBA
 RE/MAX Infinity Golf Classic ... Larry Strain..... Synovus
 Finance Committee Frank Hoskins Buildia Construction Group
 Leadership Santa Rosa Erin Vaughn Sunbelt Title Insurance
 Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni... Kyle Schoolar Feeding The Gulf Coast
 Local Legislative Action Ed Carson..... Carson Construction
 Member Orientations..... Lechia Froman SouthState Bank
 Margarita Vazquez.... Primerica-Margarita Vazquez
 Military Advisory Committee Steve Rhodes..... Florida Power & Light
 Military Appreciation Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance
 Riverfest 2022..... Larry Strain..... Synovus
 Santa Rosa
 Young Professionals Jeremy Reeder..... Reeder Financial Group
 Networking Lunch..... Lance Cook Lance Cook Marketing & Consulting
 The A.M. Network Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance
 Co-Chair..... Paulette Martin Nouveau Pastries & Catering



Thank you to our newly re-organized & re-energized Finance Committee! Great job on the recent audit!

2022 Officers & Board of Directors

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022

Chair: Anna Weaver, Synovus

Chair-Elect: Debbie Kemp, Pen Air Federal Credit Union

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Tracy Beach Blue Arbor

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Director Emeritus..... Larry Strain, Synovus

Thank You to our 2022 Sponsors

Business After Hours

January Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
February Ever'man Cooperative Grocery & Café
March Sunbelt Title Insurance
April Blackwater Bay Tours
May Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
June..... Sunbelt Title Insurance
August Legacy Insurance Brokers
September Rapid Response Team
October Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
November Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity

Networking Lunch

January Fast Cash ATM Services
February American Realty Southeast
March Harvesters Credit Union
April United Bank
May Lifeguard Ambulance Service of Florida
June..... Davis Roofing & Sheetmetal, LLC
July..... Mediacom/Gulf Coast Network
August Santa Rosa Medical Center
September AmSpirit Business Connections
October Davis Roofing & Sheetmetal, LLC
November Verus Health Partners
December..... Harvesters Credit Union

The A.M. Network

January Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity
February Life Options Clinic
March Santa Rosa Medical Center
April Pen Air Federal Credit Union
June..... Pen Air Federal Credit Union
July..... Florida Power & Light
August Synovus
September SouthState Bank
October Kristen Rhodes, Levin Rinke Realty
December..... Locklin Technical College

The Santa Rosan

January United Way of West Florida
February Mediacom/Gulf Coast Network
March Sunburst RV Resort
April Rapid Response Team
May Drug Free Workplaces
June..... Kelley Handyman Services
July..... Guardian ad Litem
August Leadership Santa Rosa
September Rapid Response Team
October AVAILABLE
November AVAILABLE
December..... Santa Rosa Medical Center

Military Affairs Committee

Chair: Steve Rhodes, Florida Power & Light

Our thanks to Guest speaker 1st Sgt. Sean McClanahan with the U.S. Army Rangers who provided a brief background on his personal experience followed by the mission and purpose of the U.S. Army Rangers in our region.

Pete Gandy presented a plaque of appreciation from NAS Whiting Field to the SRC Military Affairs Committee to Donna Tucker, which will reside in the Chamber building.

The next meeting of the Military Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, July 15th, 2022.



JUNE MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

30 Years

Florida Power & Light (formerly
Gulf Power)

20 Years

Sandy & Bubba's Milton Chevrolet

25 Years

Best Western/Milton Inn & Suites

10 Years

Alyssa's
Firehouse Subs, Milton
Heaton Brothers Construction Co., Inc.
McCombs Electrical Company Inc.
Pace Fire Rescue District
SouthState Bank
Whip-It Inventions, Inc.

5 Years

Opening Doors Northwest Florida, Inc.
The BugMeisters of Household Termite &
Pest Control LLC
The Hangar American Grill

1 Year

Baskets of Dreams
Gather@Alyssa's
South Royals Insurance LLC
We Insure The Spicer Agency

**Please support these
businesses &
organizations that support
our community!**

Weekly Recurring Meetings/Activities

MONDAYS

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Small Business Development Center
Consultation Hours in Milton
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon
Blvd, Milton

TUESDAYS

12 Noon
Milton Rotary Club - Meetings are open
to the public
The Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
Call (850) 287-6248 to confirm.

TUESDAYS

7 PM
Primerica Business Opportunity Meeting
5205 Dogwood Dr, Milton
Call (850) 626-7188 to confirm.

WEDNESDAYS

12 Noon
Kiwanis Club of Milton Sunrise Meeting
Call (850) 910-3405 for location.

THURSDAYS

7 AM
Pace Rotary Club Meeting
Stonebrook Golf Club,
3200 Cobblestone Dr., Pace
Call (850) 994-9797 to confirm.

THURSDAYS

7:15 AM
BNI Tri-Cities Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon
Blvd, Milton

SATURDAYS

9 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturdays at the Market Outdoor Vendor
& Farmers Market
5158 East Spencer Field Rd., Pace

For an up-to-date calendar of events, visit
our website www.srcchamber.com.

2022 CHAMBER AMBASSADORS

Mirella Savage (Chair)Team Bruce Baker - RE/MAX Infinity - Member 4 Years
Bruce Baker (Co-Chair)Team Bruce Baker - RE/MAX Infinity - Member 12 Years
Tracy AllenGoosehead Insurance - Member 12 Years
Kim AndersonSunbelt Title Insurance
Tracy BeachBlue Arbor - Member 5 Years
Linda ClarkLC Creative Productions - Member 5 Years
Susan ClarkGranny Nannies
Eric DiamondWater Works Sprinkler Systems, Inc. - Member 11 Years
Gisset Diaz.....Coastal Funding Corporation - Member 1 Year
Jerry Gerritsen.....Tabea Law, PC
Brenda Kay HammelExpress Employment Professionals - Member 4 Years
Debra Moe.....For Such a Thyme as This
Felicia Fortune NorthcuttColdwell Banker
Ed PerryThe Perry Group
Nicole PiresHancock Whitney
Jeremy ReederReeder Financial Group - Member 10 Years
Daniel SavageAll Squared Away Lawn Care - Member 2 Years
Larry StrainSynovus - Member 22 Years
Christopher TruittVenture Realty
Juan VazquezPrimerica-Margarita Vazquez - Member 15 Years
Margarita VazquezPrimerica-Margarita Vazquez - Member 15 Years



*Thank you to the awesome staff at
Ollie's Neighborhood Grill - great service
and delicious food!*



BILL SIGNINGS, SALES TAX HOLIDAYS & MORE

Jay Williamson
State Representative
District 3

As we await the signing of the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget, I am incredibly appreciative to have the Governor's signature on two important bills that I sponsored during the 2022 Legislative Session.

The first, HB1135: Santa Rosa County, changes the Santa Rosa Civil Service Board Act, including removing the school board from the act. Unanimously supported by the School Board, County Commission and constitutional officers, this bill also revises the method of electing the civil service board and budget appropriations and repeals implementing rules relating to classified pay plans, leave and holiday policies. Additionally, it provides that actions related to suspensions, demotions and dismissals may be filed through the board of county commissioners' human resources department.

He also signed CS/CS/SB 160: Transportation Facility Designations into law. This bill holds a very special place in my heart as it pays tribute to the Rev. Murray Hamilton, Sr. and Ira Mae Wells-Bruce, two incredible Santa Rosans who exemplify the very best of our community. Rev. Hamilton will be honored with a road designation for the portion of Hwy. 90 in Milton between Canal St. and Stewart St., while Mrs. Ira Mae's will be the portion of Hwy. 87 in Navarre from East Bay Blvd. to Hwy. 98. The legislation also honors several other prominent

figures from around our great state.

Governor DeSantis also signed this year's tax package (HB7071) into law last month and included the Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. From May 28 through June 10, this exemption period covers a variety of necessities to ensure your family and businesses are hurricane ready. Visit FloridaRevenue.com/DisasterPrep for a complete list of items and a helpful FAQ section. As I write this, we are also preparing for a second Special Legislative Session beginning on May 24 to address property insurance in Florida. Please visit MyFloridaHouse.gov to learn more about the action taken during our time in Tallahassee. Additionally, my staff is also preparing for my transition out of office this coming November. Beginning in June, our primary focus will shift to constituent case management as any new legislative initiatives or bills will be sponsored by the next Representative for House District 3.

As always, please follow my official office Facebook page (@RepJayWilliamson) for updates related to the District or email me with your questions or if you need assistance with state agencies. I look forward to continuing my service representing you in the Florida House through the coming months.

CHAMBER FACTS

- The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce is 85 years old this year.
- We currently have 635 active members. 20% of our membership is based in Escambia County.
- Your Chamber is also the official Tourist & Visitors Information Center for Central/North Santa Rosa County.
- We operate solely on funds received from membership dues and two annual fundraisers (Community Awards & Installation Luncheon; Chamber Golf Classic).
- We only have two full-time and one part-time staff on payroll.
- As per May 15, we have answered 495 phone calls, assisted 160 walk-in visitors, and signed up 55 new members. Our website had 4,400 visitors who generated over 24,000 page views.
- The most interesting question this month was: "I live in Astor Village and I have no water. What do I do?"

www.SRCChamber.com

Talk to the Chamber to find out ways that you and your business can

VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.

To find out how you can help...

Call Donna or Nicole at (850) 623-2339.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - JUNE

- June 2 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
"Empowering Women in Business" Networking Lunch
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 2 5 p.m.
City of Milton Planning Board
 City Hall, Council Chambers, 6738 Dixon Street
- June 3 7-9 p.m.
Bands on the Blackwater
 Jernigan's Landing, downtown Milton
- June 4 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pensacola Home Show
 Cordova Mall
- June 4 2 p.m.
USS Harry Mudd SF & Star Trek Club Meeting
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 6 12 noon
Aceites de Vida's "Relax & Unwind w/Bath Salts & Wine"
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 7 9 a.m.
Coldwell Banker Roundtable
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 8 1-2 p.m.
Navy League Santa Rosa Council Meeting
 Milton Police Department, 5451 Alabama Street
- June 9 1-2:30 p.m.
Milton Dementia Support Group
 Milton Community Center, 5629 Byrom St, Room 113
- June 9 5:30 p.m.
City of Milton Historic Preservation Board Meeting
 City Hall, 6738 Dixon Street
- June 10 7-9 p.m.
Bands on the Blackwater
 Jernigan's Landing, downtown Milton
- June 14 9:30 a.m.
Milton Garden Club Meeting
 5256 Alabama St, Milton
- June 14 5:30 p.m.
City of Milton CRA and Council Meeting
 City Hall, Council Chambers, 6738 Dixon Street
- June 15 12 Noon
Blackwater Pyrates Meeting
 Please call (850) 313-1967 for location.

- June 21 TBD
University of West Florida Presents "Protecting Your Identity and Common Scams"
 UWF, Bowden Bldg, 120 Church St, Downtown Pensacola
- June 21 1 p.m.
Dementia Caregiver Support Group
 The Beacon at Gulf Breeze, Private Dining,
 4410 Gulf Breeze Parkway
- June 22 9 a.m.-12 noon
FL SBDC "Starting a Business" Workshop
 SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 25 10 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church's "Knotty Prayers" Ministry
 Magellan Café, 6406 Hwy 90, Milton

Membership Benefit Announcement

Bring door prizes and/or promotional materials to our networking events!

You don't have to be a Chamber member to attend our networking events, but only Chamber members may bring door prizes and distribute promotional materials such as brochures, flyers, or business cards at our monthly Business After Hours (average of 40 guests), Networking Lunch (average of 50 guests), and The A.M. Network (average of 50 guests).

As a door prize sponsor, you will be asked to introduce yourself and your business/organization and to present your item to the lucky winner, have your photo taken for inclusion in our monthly publication and posted on Facebook - a great and inexpensive way to promote your services!

Chamber members also have the opportunity to volunteer at the Chamber water/soda concession booths at our July 4th Riverfest and hand out promotional items and materials during their 2-hour shifts.

Please call us at (850) 623-2339 or e-mail us (ceo@srcchamber.com) if you have any questions.

CHAMBER CALENDAR - JUNE

- June 3 11:30 a.m.
Chamber Ambassadors Lunch
Sonny's BBQ, 54115 Hwy 90, Pace
- June 6 11:30 a.m.
Jay Chamber Meeting
Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker St.
- June 6 4:30 p.m.
Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 6 5 p.m.
Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Committee Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 7 5:30-7 p.m.
Business After Hours
The Cutting Board, 5701 Hwy 90, Pace
- June 8 3-4 p.m.
Non-Profit Resource & Development Committee
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 10 12-1 p.m.
Chamber Networking Lunch
The Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 10 1 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting for Doorknob Books
The Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 10 1 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting for Emerald Coast Wellness
The Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 14 8:30 a.m.
SRC Legislative Coalition
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 15 8 a.m.
SRC CoC Executive Committee Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 16 All day
Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 35: Business & Industry Day
- June 16 7 p.m.
Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Social
Blue Wahoos Stadium, Party Deck

- June 21 2:30-4 p.m.
Member Orientation
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- June 24 7:30-8:30 a.m.
The A.M. Network
Grover T's BBQ, 5887 Hwy 90, Milton
- June 24 8:30 a.m.
Ribbon Cutting for Tabea Law, PC
Grover T's BBQ, 5887 Hwy 90, Milton
- June 27 4 p.m.
SRC CoC Board of Directors Meeting
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

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support local businesses



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 35 Tourism Day



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 35 enjoyed a sun filled day learning all about Tourism in the south end of our magnificent county! They started the morning with breakfast courtesy of our generous sponsors with American Realty Southeast and the Navarre Beach Visitors Center and Tourism Development Office and heard from Community Outreach Specialist, Monica McBrien with the Tourism Development Office (TDO) and Executive Director, Julie White who shared with the group how the TDO continuously engages with the tourism community through various programs facilitated by their team. The TDO is tasked with collecting visitor information and metrics and Julie noted that they have seen a trend in guests staying in Navarre for longer periods with the number of visitors increasing exponentially following COVID. Closing out FY21, Navarre Beach collected over \$5.9 million in bed taxes which are funds allocated directly into the TDO's operating expenses and efforts to promote Santa Rosa County. Monica excitedly shared details with the group about the Do Good Feel Good Program in which visitors can take a large paper bag to collect trash from the beach in exchange for branded swag and other goodies! Navarre Beach famously hosts the Winter Snowbird program with two events every week in January and February where visitors can participate in arts and crafts, educational programs, learn more about the artificial reefs and ecotourism. The Visitors Center team consists of six staff members and interns who focus on advertising our county in cities throughout the Southeast such as Nashville, Memphis, Houston and other markets. Following presentations by the TDO team, the class was delighted to take a quick self-guided tour of the newly renovated Navarre Park located just outside of the Visitors Center which offers beautiful new playground equipment, a splash pad, masterfully landscaped grounds and to the local's delight, the park is now permanent home to the Navarre Beach - Florida's Best Kept Secret sign! For more information about Navarre Beach and the countless activities available in the area, check out their website at www.getrelaxing.com



Following their time at the Visitors Center, the group ventured over the sparkling waters of the Navarre Beach sound to the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary where they were greeted by LSR Class 31 Alum, Mike Sandler who spoke with the group about the peaceful marine sanctuary which encompasses an eco-friendly area entirely uninterrupted by commercial businesses or homes. Mike shared with the group the history of the 78 near shore artificial reefs and the origin of the innovative idea which was proposed by Navarre local, Brenda Stokes in the mid 1990's. In 2002, the sanctuary began work with the Navarre Chamber Foundation to collect funds for the project and in 2012 the first reefs were deployed! The group admired the extended boardwalk leading to the beach which was designed by kayakers and scuba divers with no steps or handrails to allow accessibility for gear.



The group then visited the Navarre Beach Sea Turtle and Conservation Center (NBSTCC) where they met with NBSTCC board member and LSR Class 15 alum, Carmen Reynolds and Resident Marine Biologist, Alex Fox who talked about the Conservation Center's mission



to conserve and protect threatened and endangered sea turtles through community education and partnered research. Alex graciously introduced the group to their resident sea turtle, Sweet Pea who is a 13 year old green sea species turtle. Sweet Pea was found stranded on Ono Island in Orange Beach, AL in 2016 where she had sustained severe injuries from a fishing line entangled in her fin which ultimately required partial amputation. She was transported to the Gulfarium in Okaloosa County where she underwent rehabilitation for 1 ½ years before being transferred in 2018 to the NBSTCC where she resides permanently. Due to her extensive injuries, Sweet Pea has been deemed non-releasable into her natural habitat however, she is very well taken care of at the Conservation Center where she enjoys therapeutic enrichment items such as a PVC ring and cube toys, a floating light fountain, and a lattice hiding zone with rocks that she can rub her shell on. Sea turtles have a life expectancy of about 80-85 years and they can see in full color! They are herbivorous animals with diets consisting mostly of sea grass and sea algae. Since January 2022, the Conservation Center has rescued ten sea turtles and their goal is to nurse turtles back to full health so they can be released back into their native ocean environment. The group was encouraged to participate in the Trash Bash program which is held the last Saturday of every month and lows volunteers from the community to help remove marine debris such as plastic straws, bottle caps and cigarette butts from the beaches to help protect marine life. The group was amazed to learn that some of the trash collect- can be recycled and repurposed into outdoor furniture such as picnic tables and benches, for which the NBSTCC is currently working with an outside company to facilitate.



After bidding farewell to the adorable Sweet Pea, the group traveled to the Navarre Beach Pier where they met with Santa Rosa County District 4 Commissioner, Dave Piech and watched a demonstration on how injured sea turtles are rescued from the water by being raised onto the pier in a large metal basket. After taking in the beautiful sights of the emerald green waters and crystal blue skies, they ventured to Windjammers on the Pier where they were treated to lunch courtesy of Florida Power & Light represented by Steve Rhodes and heard from Tamara Fountain who co-owns Windjammers with her husband, Ken and the group also chatted briefly with Chanda Ryan, President/CEO of the Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

After enjoying a delicious lunch of fresh burgers, shrimp and salads, the group visited the gorgeous SpringHill Suites by Marriott Navarre Beach hotel where they were greeted by Catering Sales Manager, Becky Gunnell who led the group on an impressive tour of the property which boasts two beautiful meeting



spaces; one with floor to ceiling views of the ocean leading to an outdoor terrace and a smaller meeting space across the hall; each equipped with state-of-the-art audio visual technology and the support of a full service catering team. Each guestroom on the property has been designed with a suite layout to accommodate separate sleeping and living areas and the group was mesmerized by the Milkshake Bar amenity they have available in the main floor lounge! Leading out to the breathtaking views of the ocean is the Beach House Bar and Grille with an artfully designed outdoor lounge which overlooks the resort style zero-entry pool with a lazy river and hot tub. Visitors can also book day passes to enjoy the incredible amenities the hotel offers by visiting www.resortpass.com/hotels/spring-hill-suites-by-marriott-navarre-beach

The group's final visit of the day was to Juana's Pagodas and Sailor's Grill where they met with Captain Kirk who spoke about the number of beach rentals they have available such as jet skis, stand up paddleboards, pontoon boats, kayaks, sailboats and the brand new service they offer for groups to go parasailing which a few of the class members took advantage of and others enjoyed the peacefulness of soaking in the sun with a famous Bush-wacker on the Deck Bar.

A wonderful time was had by all learning about the continuous value of tourism for our community and we sincerely thank all of our Class Facilitators: Robin Vickers, Kyle Scholar, James (Jack) Jackson and Melissa Stoker for taking time out of their day to join us on the many adventures the class embarked on all around Navarre Beach!



THANK YOU to Mike Johnson and his amazing daughters for coming out on a Saturday morning to ensure our Avalon Adopt-A-Spot is clean!

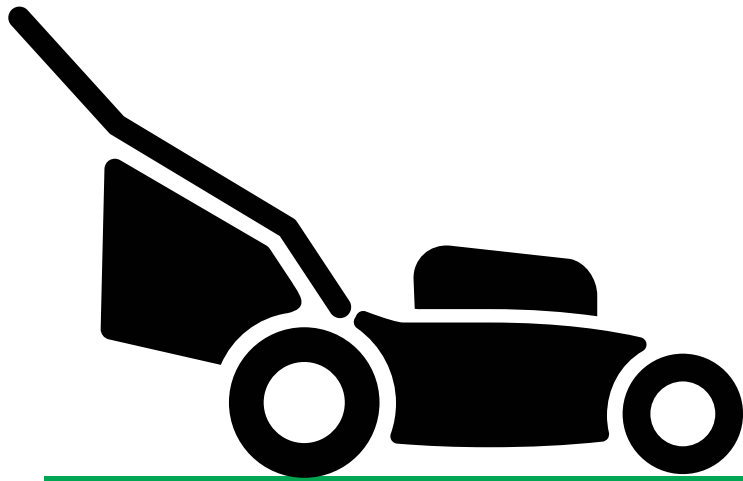
WE HAVE A FRIENDLY NEW FACE AT YOUR CHAMBER!

Welcome Meghan Bral

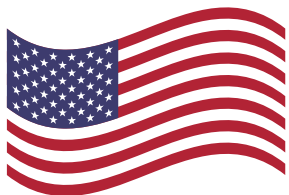


Meghan Bral is a woman who wears many hats! She has a passion for helping others and is very involved in her church community and in the local military community. She has a degree in Business and a certificate in Hospitality Management. Meghan first joined our Chamber family as a member with her Mary Kay business shortly after relocating to the area in 2018. She fell in love with the welcoming culture and soon after immersed herself even more by becoming a Chamber Ambassador. She was honored as the 2021 Chamber Ambassador of the Year, and she is grateful for the opportunity to now serve this community as a new staff member of your Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce.

Meghan will be focusing on membership support, welcoming visitors and offering administrative support to Donna and Nicole. We are proud to have Meghan on our team.



ALL
SQUARED
AWAY
LAWN CARE



VETERAN OWNED

Chamber Networking Lunch

Chair: Lance Cook, Lance Cook Marketing & Consulting, LLC

Thank you to our Sponsor: **Lifeguard Ambulance Service of Florida**

represented by Sharon Schwarz and Dana Thrower



***Congratulations Split-the-pot winner:
Mark Frate, Whitworth Builders Inc.***

E.D.G.E. (Economic Development, Growth & Education)

Chair: Steve Rhodes, Florida Power & Light



**Thank you to our Sponsor
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
& to our May Guest Speaker, Pensacola
International Airport Director Matt Coughlin.
Great information and update.**



Mr. Coughlin came to Pensacola International Airport after a 28-year career in the United States Navy as an Aviator and Commanding Officer. Over his Navy career, he served as an SH-60B pilot deploying worldwide in support of US Maritime Strategy. His shore duties spanned flight instructor duty, the Pentagon and multiple graduate study programs. He concluded his Naval career as the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Whiting Field from 2012-2015. Upon his retirement, he transitioned to the civilian airport industry getting his start as an Operations Officer at Pensacola International Airport. Soon afterwards, he was promoted to Airport Assistant Director. In 2017, Mr. Coughlin was selected for the position of Assistant County Administrator in Escambia County, Florida. In 2019, he was fortunate to return Pensacola International Airport as Airport Deputy Director and was subsequently appointed as Director in June of 2020.



**NETWORKING WORKS!
COME PARTICIPATE AT ANY OF OUR
MONTHLY EVENTS.**

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Chair: Erin Vaughn, Sunbelt Title Insurance
Co-Chair: Kimberly Anderson, Sunbelt Title Insurance

Thank you to our Sponsor
Team Bruce Baker, MBA
@ RE/MAX Infinity

represented by
Mirella Savage and Josh Shawley;
and our Host **Ever'mans Cooperative**
Grocery & Café, 9 Mile Road.



WE LOVE DOOR PRIZES!

Thank you Chae Kyle, Iron Plan Solutions Group; Eaton's Creations/Uproarious Ends; Ever'man Cooperative Grocery & Café; Fenoy Butler, Riverside Wealth Advisors; Joanna Bradford, Navy to Navy Homes; Rapid Response Team LLC; S.O.S. Junk and Trash Removers; Team Bruce Baker @ RE/MAX Infinity



**Congratulations Split-the-pot winner:
Jeremy Reeder, Reeder Financial Group**





Publix Super Market Charities Donates \$30,000 to Pensacola Habitat for Humanity

Pensacola Habitat for Humanity received a \$30,000 donation from Publix Super Market Charities, continuing their partnership with a partial home sponsorship and allowing a local resident to achieve his dream of affordable homeownership.

With the rising costs of building materials and the scarcity of land contributing to the affordable housing crisis, these type of donations are more vital than ever in helping Pensacola Habitat achieve its mission to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. Donations like this have helped Pensacola Habitat stay on track to reach its goal to build over 50 houses this fiscal year. The donation was celebrated with a meet and greet at the finished home with the soon-to-be homeowner and his child, with Publix leadership getting a chance to see firsthand how their contributions will change a family's life.

"We've enjoyed a strong partnership with Publix Super Market Charities over the years and are happy to see that continue," said Pensacola Habitat President/CEO Sam Young. "What we do would not be possible without people and businesses across our community coming together to share their time, talents and treasure with us to make it all happen. This home is a prime example of what can happen when we come together to work on our goals."

Publix Super Market Charities is one of the biggest supporters of Habitat for Humanity International affiliates across the nation, and Pensacola Habitat has been a beneficiary of that strong relationship with the charitable arm of the largest employee-owned supermarket chain in the United States. This partial home sponsorship is the latest resulting achievement. Every contribution received, no matter the size, helps Pensacola

Habitat maintain its current pace to build more than 50 homes in fiscal year 2022.

"There are far too many individuals and families in our communities without roofs over their heads. We're committed to helping them find the support they need to one day achieve the stability and independence that comes from having a place to call their own," said Publix Super Market Charities Executive Director Kelly Williams-Puccio. "We're honored to continue our support of organizations like Pensacola Habitat for Humanity who are focused on housing and the well-being of our communities."

To learn how to contribute to Pensacola Habitat for Humanity's mission and make a difference in our community, visit pensacolahabitat.org/donate.

Locklin Technical College Wins at State Competition

Students from Locklin Technical College brought home 8 medals from the 2022 Florida SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference held in Jacksonville, Florida from April 19-21. The annual SkillsUSA Florida conference was a showcase of Career and Technical Education (CTE) students in our state where over 1,500 outstanding students competed in over 100 different trade, technical and leadership events.

Advancing past regionals and attending from Locklin Technical College in the state contests included: Chase Barcus, Logan Bissonnette, Connor Boswell, Camden Friend, Paul Gilmore, Michael Guevara, Jack Hartley, Ryan Kalenda, Collin Kuhn, Aiden Land, Brooklyn Luedtke, Dakota Mack, Landon Neel, Austin Porter, Lane Prindle, Zachary Taylor, Stephen Walker and Marcus Weekes. Students were accompanied by their instructors Mr. Michael Castleberry, Mr. Erich Kirchharr, Ms. Ashley Lay, Mr. Jonathan McCullough, Mr. Tyler Sahlin and Mr. Gregory Smith.

During the state SkillsUSA competition, students competed against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in their chosen career pathway. All contests were run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor

organizations, testing competencies set by industry. Top student winners received gold, silver, or bronze medallions. Many also received prizes such as tools of their trade. The annual championships event is for both high school and college-level students who are members of SkillsUSA.

State first-place (gold medal) winners are eligible to compete at the national SkillsUSA Championships, which will be held in Atlanta in June. Congratulations to the following Locklin Technical College students on their achievements at the state level:

2022 SkillsUSA Florida Gold Medals

- Electrical Construction Wiring, College Division: Logan Bissonnette
- Information Technology Services, College Division: Stephen Walker
- Welding Fabrication, High School Team Division: Jack Hartley, Dakota Mack, Landon Neel

2022 SkillsUSA Florida Silver Medals

- Automotive Service Technology, High School Division: Collin Kuhn
- Electrical Construction Wiring, College Division: Marcus Weekes
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, High School Division: Lane Prindle

About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a nonprofit partnership of education and industry founded in 1965 to strengthen our nation's skilled workforce. Driven by employer demand, SkillsUSA helps students develop necessary personal and workplace skills along with technical skills grounded in academics. This SkillsUSA Framework empowers every student to succeed at work and in life, while helping to close the skills gap in which millions of positions go unfilled. Through SkillsUSA's championships program and curricula, employers have long ensured schools are teaching relevant technical skills, and with SkillsUSA's new credentialing process, they can now assess how ready potential employees are for the job. SkillsUSA has members nationwide in high schools, colleges and middle schools, covering over 130 trade, technical and skilled service occupations, and is

recognized by the U.S. departments of Education and Labor as integral to career and technical education. They have served 13.9 million members since 1965. For more information: www.skillsusa.org.



Jay Area Chamber of Commerce

The Jay Area Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting Monday, May 2 and there were some new faces and familiar ones! Above, from left, Jeff Handorf with West Frazer Timber, Keith Strickling with Northwest Florida Rural Health Network, Lori O'Gara with Santa Rosa Co. Public Library System, Town of Jay's Eric Seib and Chamber President, Linda Sanborn and Elizabeth Hewey with Santa Rosa Co. school board, Margarita Vazquez and Juan Vazquez with Primerica, Tom Verlaan with Santa Rosa Co. Dept. of Health, Cortney Owens with EREC, Erin Moore with Santa Rosa Co. Dept. of Health and Mary Beth Washnock and Tiffany Bates with Emerald Coast Regional Council. Not pictured is Tony Howard with Jay Masonic Lodge.



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Santa Rosa Medical Center welcomes new providers

Hospital responds to growth in the county by expanding primary and specialty care

Santa Rosa Medical Center (SRMC) is responding to the growth in Santa Rosa County by adding two new board-certified physicians and two nurse practitioners to Santa Rosa Medical Group (SRMG) starting over the next several weeks.

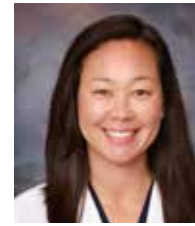
Board-certified family medicine physician, **Cindy Harris, D.O.**, and nurse practitioner, **Naomi Golino, APRN**, cardiology, are now seeing patients at Santa Rosa Medical Group. Board-certified and veteran general surgeon, **Emily Fletcher, M.D.** and nurse practitioner, **DeVonn Bourg, APRN, OB/GYN** will start seeing patients in May.

"Santa Rosa County is a place for people and businesses to grow and thrive in Northwest Florida and we are delighted to welcome four new providers to our Santa Rosa Medical Group team. We want our communities to have more choices for local, convenient access to all the healthcare services under the SRMG name," said Doug Sills, CEO at Santa Rosa Medical Center. "Over the years, Santa Rosa County has experienced explosive growth and we're excited to see that continue. Our goal is to help families, those who have been here all their lives, or just moved here, get their healthcare needs addressed, right when they need it."

Dr. Harris will be joining mid-level Merlandie Houston, APRN at the Santa Rosa Medical Group - Family Medicine - Milton office located at 6072 Doctor's Park Road. She specializes in caring for active and retired military personnel, having worked with the U.S. Department of the Navy and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Harris also sees patients, older than 16, for preventive health and wellness checks; including managing diabetes and hypertension. She earned her medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine. Patients are already being



Cindy Harris, D.O.



Naomi Golino, APRN



DeVonn Bourg, APRN, OB/GYN

scheduled. Appointment requests are being accepted online at SantaRosaMedicalGroup.com by selecting "All Appointments" under "For Patients."

Golino has joined cardiologist Paul Alappat, M.D. to help see patients with follow-up appointments related to their heart health. She earned her master of science in nursing at Walden University, based out of Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Fletcher will be joining general surgeons Ricardo Mohammed, D.O. and Van Brandon Foles, M.D., in the Santa Rosa Medical Center Medical Office Building at 5992 Berryhill Road. She specializes in breast surgery, and hernia repairs, along with minimally invasive procedures to the appendix, gallbladder, colon and small bowels.

Dr. Fletcher earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wis. She has served in the U.S. Air Force as Staff General Surgeon and is preparing for civilian life in Santa Rosa County. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Fletcher or another SRMG surgeon, call 850-626-5391.

Bourg is joining Obstetrician and gynecologist Genevieve Hinks, D.O. at the Santa Rosa Medical Group - OBGYN - Doctor's Park office located at 6072 Doctor's Park Road. She will help see patients with follow-up appointments related to prenatal and postnatal care. She will see new patients for preventive health and general gynecological care, including treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and post-menopausal care. She earned her master of science in nursing at Purdue University Global, based out of West Lafayette, Ind. To request an appointment with Dr. Hink and Bourg, call 850-626-5447 or visit SantaRosaMedicalGroup.com and select "All Appointments" under "For Patients."

SRMG includes more than 30 physicians and mid-level providers who offer primary and specialty care including bariatric, general surgery, OB/GYN, orthopedic, and walk-in care in Milton, Navarre and Pace.



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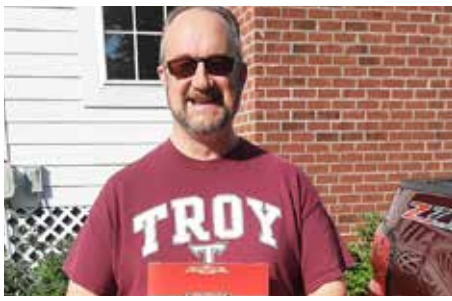
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New Members & New Leaders contact: Katherine Murphy
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Junior League of Pensacola Welcomes New Members and New Leaders, Honors Supporters at 2021-2022 Annual May Dinner Celebration

Pensacola, Fla. (May 18, 2022): The Junior League of Pensacola is proud to announce that 24 local area women have been accepted into active membership. The following new active members were honored on May 17, 2022 at the Junior League of Pensacola's annual May Dinner Celebration:

Savannah Bailey
Christine Brown
Carol Campfield
Shea Carter
Nicole Cody
Princess Cordier
Rachel Davis
Sara Evans

Amanda Kidd Fisher
Donacia Griffin
Julia Hoeschler
Kiondra Holmes
Liz Huffstetter
Kathleen Hutchinson
Lorie Komanova
Lindsay Larson

Katie Lepore
Allison McLeary
Alex Morris
Mary Chandler Nelson
Nicole Niebuhr
Maureen Padden
Annie Grace Wonnell
Kristina Zimmern

The annual event also served to celebrate the accomplishments of the outgoing board and welcome the incoming board. Members who will serve on the 2022-2023 Junior League of Pensacola board are:

Katherine Murphy, President
Veronica Seymour, President-Elect
Shelda Broughton Finklea, Secretary
Brooke Potrzeba, Treasurer
Princess Cordier, Treasurer-Elect
Tori Woods, Community Vice President
Elizabeth Gray, Fund Development Vice President
Bailey Macon, Membership Vice President
Ebony Cornish, Member-at-Large
Michelle Acuff, Sustainer Vice President

Several annual awards were presented to members, sponsors, and supporters of the Junior League of Pensacola. These awards were presented to the following recipients:

Kendra Fendt Ray of Sunshine Award: Katie Lepore
Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Savannah Bailey
Emerging Leader Award: Samone White
League Leadership Award: Jennifer Wasilenko
Joe Junior League Award: Dan Seymour
Tried and True Award: Drs. Nate and Lindsay Durtschi
President's Award: Madrina Ciano
Joan Gonzalez Award: Meri Asmar

The Junior League of Pensacola's 2021-2022 Spark Board members were recognized at this event, and several of these remarkable young women were awarded scholarships. Spark board members and scholarship recipients were:

Aaralyn Eaton – received \$1,500 scholarship
Nina Burt – received \$1,000 scholarship
Kayla Harmon – received \$500 scholarship
Jayda Pandes – received \$500 scholarship
Annalisa Pusateri
Shyllynn Ragan
Lindsay Wilbur

The Junior League of Pensacola is currently accepting applications for its 2022-2023 new member class. All new members are required to attend a New Member Info Session. Membership eligibility requirements and the New Member Info Session calendar are available on the Junior League website at <https://pensacola.jl.org/join-us/>. E-mail any questions to newmember@juniorleagueofpensacola.org. Upcoming New Member Info Sessions:

Wednesday, May 25th – Odd Colony Brewing Co. @ 6:00PM
Tuesday, June 7th – Garden & Grain @ 6:00PM
Saturday, June 25th – Junior League Office @ 11:00AM
Wednesday, July 6th – Bridge Bar @ 6:00PM
Friday, July 22nd – Jaco's Bayfront Bar & Grille @ 12:00PM
Tuesday, August 2nd – Maserati Pensacola @ 6:30PM
Saturday, August 13th – Junior League Office @ 11:00AM

The Junior League of Pensacola is a women's volunteer group dedicated to service projects in the Pensacola Bay Area. Since 1956, Junior League of Pensacola members have contributed volunteer support and resources to a variety of community programs and causes.

Media Representatives: Please add these info sessions to your public calendars.

If any additional graphics or information is needed, please contact us at info@juniorleagueofpensacola.org.

About Junior League of Pensacola

Since its founding in 1901 by social activist Mary Harriman, The Junior League has evolved into one of the oldest, largest and most effective women's volunteer organizations in the world, encompassing 140,000 women in 291 Leagues in four countries. The Junior League of Pensacola has been a driving force behind the initiatives and institutions that make our community a greater place to live since 1956. Comprised of more than 400 volunteers, The Junior League of Pensacola, Inc. is a non-profit organization of women dedicated to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and making a difference in the lives of others, with the mission of "Women Building Better Communities." Learn more on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or juniorleagueofpensacola.org. To make a donation please visit juniorleagueofpensacola.org/support.

May Member Orientation

Chair: Margarita Vazquez



Attendees:

Dennis Boswell, Weber's Skate World

Jessica Bowers, Quality Roofing Solutions, LLC

Beth Clark, Emerald Coast Wellness

John Drummond, Five Star Painting of Pensacola

Teri Haggerty, Doorknob Books

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Chair: Margarita Vazquez, Primerica Financial Services



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A HOPE

A HOPE was founded in September 2017 as a nonprofit. We are an animal welfare and advocacy organization. A HOPE stands for Animal Health Outreach Prevention and Education. We provide a variety of services to help the animals and the people of our community. Everything that we do is aimed at reducing the euthanasia rate at our shelter and surrounding area. The main service A HOPE provides is affordable spay/neuter services for cats and dogs. Right now we drive every other week to Panama City with 50-60 animals to get fixed. We can serve even more once our clinic is open on Pine Blossom Rd in Milton. Donations for the clinic are being raised right now! Other services A HOPE provides are a monthly Pet Food Pantry and Our Bowl Fillers program. Both provide pet food and supplies to low income families and our senior citizens. This allows pets to stay in their home and not be surrendered because of lack of money for food.

For more information,
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Matt Newcomer, VP, Commercial Lender (850-865-1738) or matt.newcomer@communitybank.net

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Anderson Engineering, Inc.

Thank you for welcoming Anderson Engineering, Inc. into the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce! We're excited to be a part of your chamber and continue our participation in the growth of Santa Rosa County. Anderson Engineering, Inc. was founded in 1954, and is headquartered in Springfield, Missouri. Southern Surveying and Mapping, LLC was acquired by Anderson Engineering, Inc. last April after 30 plus years of providing land surveying and mapping services in the Panhandle of Florida. While Anderson Engineering, Inc. is new to the area, the staff in the Milton location are all home grown! Anderson Engineering is an employee-owned comprehensive consultation firm with approximately 200 employee-owners. We currently have three offices in the panhandle region: Milton, Destin, and Pensacola.

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DATE: Saturday, October 29, 2022

TIME: 11AM – 4PM

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Retaining satisfied employees and customers = bottom line results

**Teri Haggerty, Owner - Doorknob Books May 2022
Part One (of two)**

Behind every sale and happy customer experience is a soft skill, properly deployed. Soft skills are those learned and developed essential habits of actions and thoughts that create positive interpersonal relationships with colleagues and customers and produce solutions that optimize work. Their importance is currently reporting in at a whopping Return on Investment (ROI) of 256% on soft skills training.

There are three factors in the application of soft skills that we will unpack in this two-part article.

ONE: The need for Soft Skills.

TWO: Why the need has increased in the past few years.

THREE: The rise in customer/employee interactions, due to current manufacturing trends, elevates the need for employee soft skills.

Factor One - Ponder this:

- Soft skills matter to everyone, and create positive employee interactions and customer loyalty, with direct positive bottom-line results.
- A workforce trained in soft skills consistently builds positive interpersonal relationships with colleagues and customers and supports by producing solutions and managing work for long-term organizational success.

Why might these essential business skills be lacking? Could it be that these skills used to come from habits learned at home and in school? But don't despair:

- Unless you were the customer that sighed as the clerk processed your order, with the heart of a robot, and looked right past you like you weren't even there. Your situation may have even seemed pesky to them.

Thus, the training opportunity:

- Employee training in this important area of soft skills development now falls onto the businesses, large and small across America. Yours to be exact.

The urgency:

- The current trouble with employee retention and loss of customers reveals that these skills are vital in business operations and reveal the need for specific training in a learning environment. This training is best done with in-person delivery and assessment, for deep understanding, retention, and use.
- The application and motivation for when "the boss isn't looking" and "no one will know, except this unsuspecting customer" are founded in well-designed soft skills training that motivates employees with buy-in and consistent on-the-job follow through.
- Additionally, coupling executive coaching for the leaders of the staff receiving the training heightens the effect of long-term consistent application of the skills delivered in training.

The value, and cost of delay:

- Each day that a business delay in ensuring their employees understand and use these skills is like a young child's experimenting with fire.
- In time, like a resulting wildfire, the negative complaints threaten to close the doors of that company that waits for the "right time" to bring in the training.
- Soft Skills training is measured currently to be 256% ROI*. I.e., every \$100 spent on Soft Skills training equals \$256 back into the business.
- Each day the opportunity to increase revenue and delivery of products and services is impacted by the soft skills used (or neglected), that day in business

operations.

- The value and importance are compelling for businesses to ensure that learning and development of essential soft skills are happening for their staff.

Next Month Part Two: explore recent changes to employee & customer attitude and the impact of manufacturing's current designs and how soft skills are now required for success.

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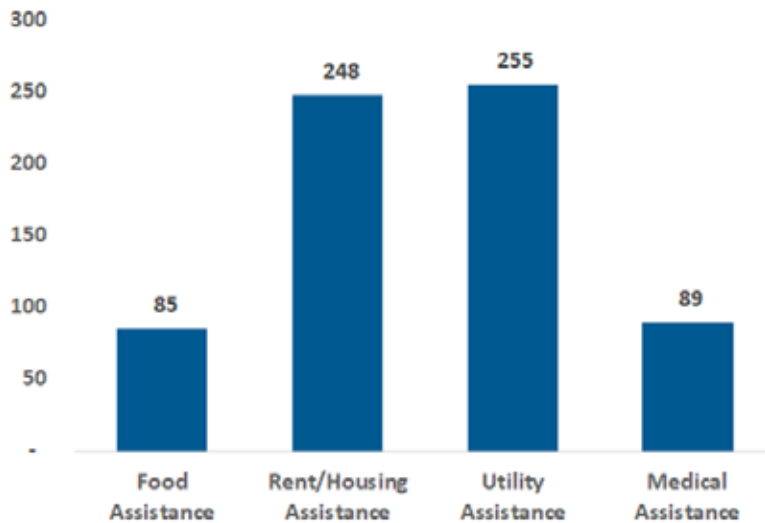
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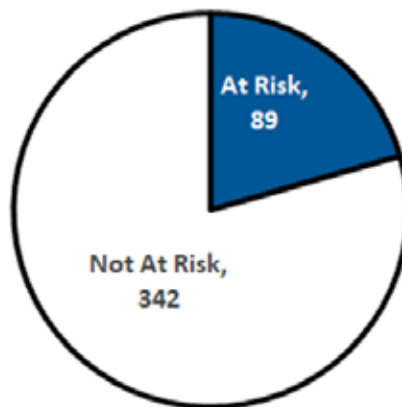
- 85 food assistance referrals
- 248 rent or housing referrals
- 255 utility assistance referrals
- 89 medical assistance referrals

HOMELESSNESS

Of the 431 individuals impacted, 89 of those individuals were homeless or at imminent risk (facing eviction, foreclosure, etc.)

The top three sources:

- 24 were at Imminent Risk
- 16 stated Financial Issues or job loss
- 10 cited Family Problems



COUNTY BREAKDOWN: INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED



Zip Codes with Most

Individuals Impacted:

- 32570: 177 Impacted
- 32571: 84 Impacted
- 32566: 57 Impacted
- 32583: 52 Impacted
- 32563: 36 Impacted

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CREATING CONNECTIONS

431 individuals were impacted in April

PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD RECOMMEND

211

98.1%

298 Total Adults 41 Veterans 59 Seniors 133 Children

Baptist Health Care Shares Redevelopment Vision for E Street Campus

PENSACOLA, Fla. (May 24, 2022) – After nearly three years of research, community discussions and guidance from urban planning experts, Baptist Health Care has shared a vision for the redevelopment of its current campus located at the corner of E and Moreno streets.

The redevelopment vision reimagines the campus as a mixed-use development that seeks to incorporate multi-family and single-family housing as well as community-enhancing services such as parks and other green spaces, economic opportunities, and social and health services. The seven main components of this redevelopment vision are:

- Public investment in a new park on the western side of the main campus and a Moreno Street greenway.
- Public investment to restore selected street connections to the original street grid, including the reconnection of I Street between Mallory and Moreno streets.
- Baptist ensuring there is a solution for health care that meets the needs of the neighborhood and surrounding areas.
- Mid-rise multi-family buildings built by housing developers possibly including both workforce housing and mixed-income developments.
- Market-rate single family homes and/or townhouses built by housing developers.
- Workforce single family homes and/or townhouses built by housing developers.
- Non-residential active ground floor spaces to be used for neighborhood retail, community facilities and other community-enhancing uses.

Partnerships among local government entities and community agencies along with the investment and expertise of the development community are necessary for the realization of the redevelopment vision. As a next step, Baptist will issue a request for proposals for the property for real estate development, likely in June.

“We are pleased with the active engagement we’ve had with community leaders, residents of the immediate neighborhood and many other stakeholders,” said Brett Aldridge. Aldridge serves as Baptist Health Care senior vice president of strategy and business development and administrator of Baptist Hospital. “This is a transformational opportunity that will require the collaboration of many stakeholders. While we will continue to meet the health care needs of our community, we have also invested significant time, attention and resources into defining a comprehensive vision for the redevelopment of this campus that meets the needs of the surrounding neighborhood and broader community. Given the significant support from stakeholders for this vision, we will now be asking the development community to bring it to life.”

The redevelopment vision is the result of extensive research and engagement that has been ongoing since June 2019 when Baptist first announced that it was building a new campus at Brent Lane and I-110. At that time, a community advisory council was formed that grew to include more than 70 stakeholders from multiple sectors in the community. This group provided input on community needs that should be considered in the redevelopment of the E and Moreno Street campus. Additionally, feedback provided through 160 surveys completed by neighbors living within a one-mile radius of the current campus was considered. These inputs were supplemented by dozens of stakeholder interviews.

The resulting data was then reviewed and analyzed by a committee comprised of members of Baptist’s board of directors as well as additional community leaders. Baptist engaged JLP+D Urban Planners, a well-respected national firm specializing in urban planning and redevelopment, to work with Baptist leadership and the committee to create a redevelopment vision that balances Baptist’s Mission and best interests with the wants and needs of the community while also considering what the local market can actually support. This vision was approved by the Baptist Health Care board of directors and will be included in the real estate offering that will go to the market in the coming weeks.

Baptist continues to proactively build partnerships that will bring about the greatest potential to meet community needs in the redevelopment of the E and Moreno Street campus. After more than two years of research and planning that involved the engagement of various individuals and groups, the organization is excited to share this vision with the community.

Baptist will continue to share information as details evolve.

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FLORIDA'S PROPERTY INSURANCE REFORM

- 1** Property insurers must **reduce policyholder rates** as early as June 30, 2022, to reflect their savings from the new Reinsurance to Assist Policyholders (RAP) program created in SB 2D.
- 2** Property insurers **can no longer refuse to write/renew** a policy on a home with a roof that is 15 years old or newer or has 5 or more years of useful life left solely because of the roof's age.
- 3** Property insurers must provide policyholders with a **reasonable explanation in writing** for why a claim was paid, denied, or partially denied.
- 4** Property insurers may provide an optional cheaper roof deductible to policyholders to help **combat fraudulent roof claims** that drive up rates for everyone.
- 5** Cracks down on **frivolous litigation and fraudulent claims** that also drive up property insurance rates.





One Simple Change

A **healthier lifestyle** doesn't have to be a chore. Instead of attempting to conquer your health goals all at once, what if you started by setting smaller, more manageable goals? Making simple changes along the way can lead to great health benefits down the road.

EAT Better

Start simply, by adding an extra portion of fruits or veggies to a particular meal each day. Before you know it, you'll find you've embraced this as a habit.

SLEEP Better

Getting a good night's sleep can greatly impact your outlook on life, and in turn your health and wellness. Start with a calming and grounding night-time routine. Set your alarm to "go to bed" and wind down from there.

DRINK More

This may be the simplest change of all. For women, total fluid intake should be about 11.5 cups each day and for men, it should be about 15.5 cups each day. About 20% of daily fluid intake usually comes from food and the rest comes from drinks.

MOVE More

With so many demands on your time, a trip to the gym every day can be a challenge. Start with simple activities you can incorporate into your daily routine, like walking during lunch time or taking the stairs instead of the elevator.

How to Get Started

Focus on making small, more manageable choices in each of the Core Four areas.

Each change in your lifestyle should feel easy simple and light - or you likely won't be able to maintain it.

You are unique, so don't compare yourself to what someone else is doing.

There are many ways to reach the same goal. Find yours!

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