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JANUARY 2023

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

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

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Tuesday, January 3rd 5:30 p.m. @ The Blackwater Bistro 5147 Elmira Street, Milton Cost: \$10 at the door RSVP to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

NETWORKING LUNCH

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Friday, January 13th 12 Noon @ The Hangar American Grill 3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton Cost: \$10 at the door RSVP required to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

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Friday, January 20th 7:30 a.m. @ Grover T's BBQ 5887 Highway 90, Milton Cost: \$10 at the door RSVP required to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

Happy New Year... Here's to a great 2023!



I am very excited and privileged to serve as your 2023 Board Chair for the Santa Rosa County Chamber.

As we gear up for an exciting year in 2023 lets first reflect on the great accomplishments of 2022 and the people who served our chamber.

I would like to thank Anna Weaver for her amazing leadership and guidance this year. The chamber had numerous successes under her reign.

I am very grateful for the efforts of the Chamber Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and the Ambassadors. They take great pride in their support of the chamber. We set records in fund raising during our Golf Tournament and Casino Night this year. This was a true reflection of their dedication to our Chamber.

We have a fantastic team here at our Chamber office that represent the strong foundation of our chamber. Donna and Nicole have done a tremendous job keeping everyone on task and are always ready to pivot when needed. We were able to add Megan to

A Message from our Chair...

the mix this year resulting in a great triple threat trio.

The Chamber Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Ambassadors, and the staff here at the Chamber represent the strength and backbone of our Chamber and I am truly blessed to be able to serve as their board chair this year.

As we move into 2023, we will continue to grow our chamber and ensure we represent each of you with the best service possible. We have a strong foundation to support our local and new businesses and organizations and the ability to expand as needed. Our goal is to promote the business interests of our community, and a strong and stable membership base is the core foundation of our chamber.

We will continue to enhance the networking events we host each month. I challenge you all to get involved this year. Attend an event and fill the energy of this community. Explore the many opportunities the chamber presents. You won't be disappointed.

In closing, Santa Rosa County is my home and has been my heart for a very long time. Let's get to work and together we can make great things happen in 2023!

Debbie Kemp 2023 Chair

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.



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February Grover T's BBQ

March S.O.S. Junk and Trash Removers

April Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity

May FBB Insurance

June...... Team Bruce Baker, MBA -RE/MAX Infinity

August Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni

September Gulf Coast Insurance

October..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA -RE/MAX Infinity

November Pen Air Federal Credit Union

Networking Lunch

January..... Hixardt Technologies, Inc. February Kelley Handyman Service

March Compass Travel LLC - Dream Vacations

April Santa Rosa Medical Center
May Drug Free Workplaces
June...... RM Integrations

July..... Santa Rosa County Economic Development Office

August Freeman Roofing

September Legacy Insurance Brokers

October..... United Bank

November Kelley Handyman Service December Harvesters Credit Union

The A.M. Network

January...... Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity

February RM Integrations March Hancock Whitney April Troy University

June...... Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity

July..... Florida Power & Light

August Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity

September Santa Rosa Medical Center October Pen Air Federal Credit Union December Locklin Technical College

The Santa Rosan

January...... Kelley Handyman Service February United Bank - Pace Branch March American Heritage Financial

April Compass Travel LLC - Dream Vacations

May AVAILABLE June...... AVAILABLE

July...... Kelley Handyman Service
August Leadership Santa Rosa
September HCA Florida Healthcare
October Santa Rosa Medical Center

November City of Milton December...... AVAILABLE

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

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Texas Roadhouse
The Milton Garden Club of Florida, Inc.

20 Years

A Ticket to Ride/A Cruise for You

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5 Years

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

American Fundraising Foundation Announces Newest Recipients of Golden Pear Grants

The American Fundraising Foundation (AmFund) announced recipients of the 2022 Golden Pear Grants during a live stream on Facebook in a record breaking \$250,000 distribution of funds and an additional \$100K in-kind donations through its Educational Foundation.

The Junior League of Pensacola was among the organizations selected for an unrestricted grant in the amount of \$2,500. "We are pleased to present the Junior League of Pensacola with

a Golden Pear Grant. Their application was very compelling, and their commitment to volunteerism makes such an impact in their community," said Deborah Marshall, Chief Operating Officer of the American Fundraising Foundation. "We are grateful for all they are doing to make a difference. The Golden Pear is part of our logo and symbolizes good health, prosperity, longevity and future happiness — all the things we hope for them and the many organizations that impact lives daily." "Junior League of Pensacola is now, and always has been, a group of women interested in empowering themselves through volunteer action, collaboration, training, and engagement with other women," says Katherine Murphy Creel, President of Junior League of Pensacola, Inc

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The Blackwater Bistro hosted our December Ambassador "Holiday" Lunch. What a great group to close out an amazing year! Looking forward to 2023!

Membership Benefit Announcement Online Membership Directory

As a member, you're automatically listed in the fully searchable Chamber Directory on our Website www.srcchamber.com.

In addition to basic information, your entry can include a logo, social media links, photos, as well as a detailed profile of your business/organization — and, best of all: You can request a password and update your entry yourself anytime (or email us the files and we'll be happy to take care of it for you).

Make sure to contact us whenever you are planning an event so that we can help promote it!

SAVE THE DATE!!! Milton High School Job & Career Fair

Parent & Family Engagement Night #3
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
6:00-8:30 pm
Milton High School Gymnasium
Free for All Businesses & Attendees!

Interested in Signing Up Your Business?



Please Complete the Interest Form

Questions? Gray Weaver weaverg@santarosa.k12.fl.us 850-324-9768 (Cell)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - JANUARY

January 2 Chamber Closed for New Year's Holiday

January 5 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

"Empowering Women in Business"

Networking Lunch SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

January 7 2 p.m.

USS Harry Mudd Star Trek & SF Club Meeting

SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

January 9 9 a.m.-12 noon

FL SBDC @ UWF - Milton Office Hours

SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

January 10 9:30 a.m.

Milton Garden Club Meeting

Magnolia Hall, 5256 Alabama St, Milton

January 11 12-1 p.m.

Navy League Santa Rosa Council Meeting Milton PD, 5451 Alabama St, Milton January 11 2:30-4 p.m.

Non-Profit Resource & Development Roundtable SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

January 12 1-2:30 p.m.

Milton Dementia Support Group Clyde L. Gracey Community Center,

5629 Byrom St, Room 113

January 13 7-10 p.m.

UWF Historic Trust Presents

"Bootleg Ball" Museum of Commerce, 201 E Zaragoza St, Pensacola

January 16 Chamber Closed for

Martin Luther King Day

January 17

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

The Beacon at Gulf Breeze,

Private Dining, 4410 Gulf Breeze Pkwy January 18 12 Noon

Blackwater Pyrates Meeting Call (850) 313-1967 for location.

January 23 9 a.m.-12 noon

FL SBDC @ UWF — Milton Office Hours SRC Chamber of Commerce,

4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton

January 26 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

CareerSource Escarosa
Presents Career Fair

6655 W. Mobile Hwy, Pensacola

January 28 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church's "Knotty Prayers" Ministry Call (850) 623-2510 for location.

Weekly Recurring Meetings/Activities

TUESDAYS

12 Noon

Milton Rotary Club - Meetings are open

to the public

Mugshots, 4955 Hwy. 90, Milton Call (850) 776-1060 to confirm.

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) 623-3256

THURSDAYS

7 AM

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

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

7:15 AM

BNI Tri-Cities Meeting

SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon

Blvd, Milton

CHAMBER CALENDAR - JANUARY

January 2	Chamber Closed for New Year's Holiday	January 1710 a.m.
·	•	Ribbon Cutting for Ashford Financial Solutions
January 3	5:30-7 p.m.	4000 Hwy 90, Ste A, Pace
	Business After Hours	
	Blackwater Bistro, 5147 Elmira St, Milton	January 172:30 p.m.
		Ribbon Cutting for Greenheart Exchange
January 4	9:30 a.m.	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
	Ribbon Cutting for Lucky Dog Boutique & Spa	
	4263 Woodbine Rd, Pace	January 172:30-4 p.m.
		Member Orientation
January 6	11:30 a.m.	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
	Chamber Ambassadors Lunch	
	Yamato Japanese Steakhouse,	January 188 a.m.
	6550 Caroline St, Milton	SRC CoC Executive Committee Meeting
		SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
January 9	11:30 a.m.	
	Jay Chamber Meeting	January 189:30 a.m.
	Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker St.	Ribbon Cutting for Keith Walther Roofing
		4000 Hwy 90, Ste E, Pace
January 9	3:30 p.m.	
	Leadership Santa Rosa Curriculum Committee Meeting	January 182:30-4 p.m.
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 36: Facilitator Orientation
		SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
January 9	4 p.m.	
	Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee Meeting	January 207:15-8:30 a.m.
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	The A.M. Network
		Grover T's BBQ, 5887 Hwy 90, Milton
January 9	5 p.m.	
	Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Committee Meeting	January 232-4 p.m.
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	SRC CoC Board of Directors Meeting & Planning Worksho
		SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
January 10	8:30 a.m.	
	SRC Legislative Coalition	January 249 a.m.
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	Ribbon Cutting for Conner Dray, Realtor
		Salter Company, 6105 Hwy 90, Milton
January 11		
	Ribbon Cutting for Amazon	January 2712-2 p.m.
	5510 Industrial Blvd, Milton	86th Annual Community Awards & Installation Lunched
		SRC Auditorium, 4530 Spikes Way, Milton
January 11	-	
	Non-Profit Resource & Development Roundtable	
	SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton	



January 1311:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Chamber Networking Lunch

January 16Chamber Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 13 & 14Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 36: SimSoc

The Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton

Four Points Sheraton, Destin/Ft. Walton Beach

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As we continue our mission, we would like to send a huge thanks for those that have supported us throughout our first year of business.

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RIBBON CUTTINGS





Top Tier K9 - Blackwater Bay

Top Tier K9 — Blackwater Bay opened last month at 3011 Garcon Point Rd. In Milton Florida. Recognized as one of the top dog training programs in the world, Top Tier K9 has trained and certified more than 150 dog trainers and has been involved in training thousands of pets and hundreds of service dogs and protection dogs. Top Tier K9 — Blackwater Bay operates "by appointment only" to put your dog into their world-class 3 and 4 week board and train programs. They train pets of all breeds and of course you can go to them for your protection dog, service dog and police/military K9 needs. Top Tier K9 was the first dog training company in the world to train a dog to hunt for and indicate on the COVID-19 virus and has



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also created the world's first Virtual reality Dog Training Center allowing people to learn to effectively use rewards and corrections in the metaverse, on a virtual dog before they apply those training techniques on their own, real dog. In August of 2022, Top Tier K9 Franchising was launched and new business partnerships have been formed allowing for 57 Top Tier K9 training locations by the end of 2023 across America. The new Milton location (Top Tier K9 – Blackwater Bay) is home to the founder and company CEO Mr. Jeff Minder, a retired SERE Specialist from Hurlburt Field FI. This location will provide pet training, Foundation Dog® training, finishing work for protection and service dogs, R&D for the metaverse offering and Franchise support.



Contact Top Tier K9 – Blackwater Bay at (850) 321-3253 or through their website at www.TopTierK9.com





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We are located at 4912 Glover Lane in Milton, behind the Dodge dealership.

We're in our off-season hours right now, which are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00pm.

You can reach us on our Facebook page, or by phone at 850-623-5005.

Call 850-623-5005







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There's a lot of talk that "Winter Is Coming" for the economy. Whether you believe that or not, as owners and leaders, we've got to prepare & build the most resilient business possible. Often the time & focus to work "on" the business never materializes - the need to react to the crisis of the hour overrides our ability to deliver focused, disciplined & accountable work "on" the business.

Launching on 25 April, 2023, in partnership with the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, we'll begin a monthly resource group and workshop for business owners. This resource group will be time to dedicate to working "on" your business. Each month we'll look high level at a different aspect of business through the lens of the Entrepreneurial Operating System. The objective is to reinforce success, provide tools to help every business & provide business owners the path to getting what they want.

If you are interested in clarifying, simplifying & achieving your Vision, mark your calendars for 11:30-1 on 25 April, 2023. This workshop will run monthly on the 3d Monday at the same time and will provide the resources for you to implement starting immediately after each session.

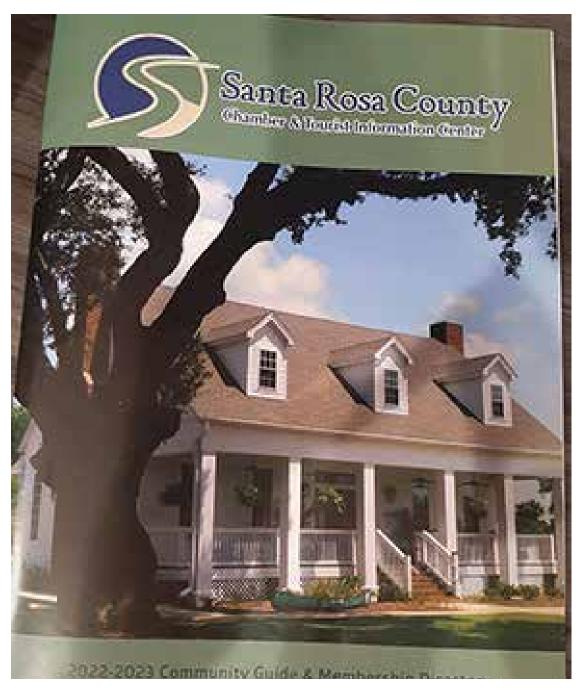
Castle6 Group is a veteran owned & operated Entrepreneurial Operating System EOS) practice with a mission to help 250 businesses (100 of them veteran owned) grow and bring in \$500M in additional revenue to the panhandle by 2031. The practice helps Panhandle business owners



accomplish two things: First - Gain (or regain) control of their business and get back in charge running, rather than being run by the business. Second – Help those same owners achieve what they want from their business, whether that's leading their business as a mission, creating an enduring asset for their family, working towards a specific multiple at exit or anything in between. I know the toll that dysfunction takes on leaders & owners & I'm fired up to help them operate their business with intention and have a blast while they're at it! I am always available for speaking engagements with your group, questions, and most critically, HELP FIRST.

Call Mike at 910.916.1796,
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Call (850) 623-2339 if you would like copies for your business/organization.





Join the Fun and Help Fight Hunger!

Volunteer and Make a Difference

Give back to your community in a fun way by volunteering at the food bank! We always need volunteers for special projects or day-to-day operations to sort and pack food for distributions. In 2021, individuals and groups volunteered nearly 200,000 hours! Join the team, and make a difference!

Every \$40 Donated Provides 200 Meals

Did you know that the food bank can turn every \$1 donated into 5 meals? When you give \$40 to the food bank, you're helping to provide 200 meals for those in need in our area.

Contact: Anna Goretski | Community Engagement Coordinator

Phone: 850-626-1332 ext. 212 Email: agoretski@feedingthegulfcoast.org

GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out these times for opportunities for your group to volunteer at our Milton office!

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursdays packing Senior Boxes Senior Boxes connect eligible seniors with healthy meal boxes each month
- 1st and 3rd Friday packing backpacks for children Connects children with bags filled with easy-to-prepare meals over the weekend

HOST A FOOD OR FUNDS DRIVE

Coordinating a traditional, fund or online food drive is an easy and great opportunity for your business, school, or program to help your local community.

Food Drives allow members of a group to collect non-perishable food items to donate. It can be a one-day event or take place for a predetermined amount of time, typically a week or month. Fund Drives help raise money for Feeding the Gulf Coast to put towards one of our nutrition programs or general food distribution operations.

They can be held alone or in conjunction with a traditional food drive!

feedingthegulfcoast.org















"Dirty Santa Gift Exchange" Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our "Santa" Lance Cook, Lance Cook Marketing & Consulting, LLC

Thank you to our Sponsor: Harvesters Credit Union

represented by Robin Arnold, Nancy Connelly, Bill Cox, Katelyn Forsythe, Barbara Henry







Congratulations split-the-pot winner: Jeremy Reeder



Service Matters Realty, Inc. / Service Matters Property Management, Inc. – Pete and Suzanne Morgan were recognized for their 10-year membership anniversary! Thank you Pete & Suzanne for supporting your Chamber & Business Community!

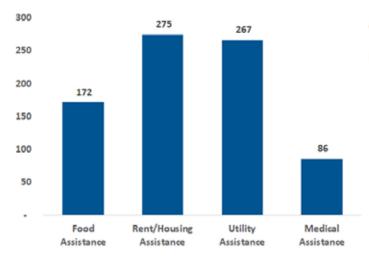
2-1-1 NORTHWEST FLORIDA

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2-1-1 Northwest Florida is free, confidential, and available 24,7. Simply dial 2-1-1 or 855-420-8689. Serving Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington counties, 2-1-1 connects callers with local resources and empowers them to meet their needs.



TOP REASONS LOCAL RESIDENTS CALLED 2-1-1

In November, we received 291 calls from Santa Rosa County. During those calls, we provided:

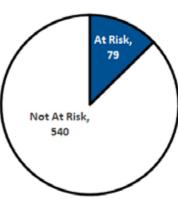
- 172 food assistance referrals
- 275 rent or housing referrals
- 267 utility assistance referrals
- 86 medical assistance referrals

HOMELESSNESS

Of the 619 individuals impacted, 79 of those individuals were homeless or at imminent risk (facing eviction, foreclosure, etc.)

The top three sources:

- 86 said <u>Imminent Risk</u>
- 15 stated <u>Financial</u> Issues or job loss
- 13 cited <u>Forced</u> <u>Relocation</u>



COUNTY BREAKDOWN: INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED



Zip Codes with Most Individuals Impacted:

32570: 166 Impacted

32571: 137 Impacted

32583: 125 Impacted

32566: 114 Impacted

32563: 62 Impacted

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CREATING CONNECTIONS

619 individuals were impacted in November

417 33 66 202
Total Adults Veterans Seniors Children

PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD RECOMMEND 211

93.5%

Leadership Santa Rosa Class 35 Graduation



Congratulations to Leadership Santa Rosa Class 35 Graduates



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Thank you to our guest presenter Randy Roy, Class 24 Navy Operational Liaison Officer, NAS Whiting

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Chamber Christmas Breakfast

Chair: Tracy Allen, Goosehead Insurance



Thank you to our
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Congratulations split-the-pot winner: Linda Gooch, Life Options Clinic (donated \$20 of her \$80 win to the Chamber)

WE LOVE DOOR PRIZES!

Thank you to Baskets of Dreams; Elizabeth Hewey, Santa Rosa County School Board, District 2; Emerald Coast Krewe of Airship Pirates; Life Options Clinic; S.O.S. Junk & Trash Removers



to the following Businesses, Organizations & Individuals for supporting your new Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Information Center NOW OPEN at 4315 Avalon Boulevard! Donations are still needed! ALL donations are tax exempt under our 501c3 Community Foundation Building Fund& Cash Donations can be paid over a 2 year period. Call: 623-2339 for more information

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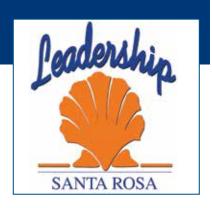
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Thank you to Sheriff Bob Johnson, Class 28, our guest presenter



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Chair: Steve Rhodes, Florida Power & Light

Thank you to our December Guest Speaker Dr. LaTonya M. Shepherd, Santa Rosa County School District

Bachelor's in Elementary Education, minor in Reading Master's in Educational Leadership Doctorate in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis on Teacher Leadership K-12

On June 11, 2014, she received school board appointment to serve as the first African American Assistant Principal at Gulf Breeze Middle School. In October 2015, the opportunity to return to Avalon Middle School to serve as Assistant Principal presented itself and she couldn't have been happier to accept the appointment. She was again blessed in December 2017 when she was appointed as Principal of Avalon Middle School. While serving as an administrator at Avalon, she led one of the district's largest school climate and culture shifts; thus, advancing the school from a seven-year run of being a B-graded school, to being an A-graded school. Under her leadership, Avalon became a premiere education destination or both students and their families, and those seeking employment in the educational field. In her tenure, she trained future leaders and had a role in the appointment of six (6) of the district's most recent administrators and a dean of students. Her most current blessing came on January 18, 2022, where she was appointed as the district's Public Information and Family and Community Outreach Officer.

During her free time, she works closely with religious, educational, and independent organizations to provide motivational and leadership workshops for organizational leadership and increased effective day-to-day operations for organizations .She is married to Brett(18years), who is a history teacher at King Middle School, and is the adoptive mother to Kayden, a second grader attending Santa Rosa County District Schools.

LaTonya was born and raised in Marianna, Florida, where she received her leadership foundation at Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist



Church. She has also served in several capacities with the Second West District Association. LaTonya currently resides in Milton, Florida where she remains active in ministry and serves as the minister of music and has faithfully done so for the last 18 years. She serves on several community action organizations, as a consultant for the MIA (Men in Action) Program and member of the Department of Juvenile Justice Urban League. Since 2004, LaTonya has been employed as a classroom teacher and grade level chairman with Escambia County School District, Quality Assurance Specialist for the Santa Rosa County School Board, and Dean of Students at Avalon Middle School.



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Donna Tucker, President/CEO
Nicole Frenk, Administrative/Membership Services
Meghan Bral, Membership Support



CHAMBER FACTS

- The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce is 86 years old this year.
- We currently have 641 active members. 23% 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 have two full-time and one part-time staff on payroll.
- As per December 15, we have answered 1,566 phone calls, assisted 575 walk-in visitors, and signed up 133 new members. We held 68 ribbon cuttings and r esponded to 68 written requests for information. Our website had over 25,000 visitors who generated more than 110,000 page views.
- The most interesting question this month was received via email: "Do you offer thrift store vouchers?"

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We would love to honor your home with our services, be it a small project to a larger one. Keep your eyes out as we grow and continue to help you.

Check us out at www.kelleyhandyman.com

John puts the customer needs first while focusing on high quality work delivered on time. Kelley Handyman Service is insured and maintains an active business license in Santa Rosa County, Florida.

