

**2019 Annual Report**

**Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce**

**November 19, 2019**

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Has it really been 2 ½ years I’ve been at the Chamber? I’m thankful for the Chamber’s amazing community partners, active members and a board that supports the Chamber in all its efforts.

December 2019 will mark the completion of Chamber Board Chair Rosie Burge’s term in office. Parish Howard will fill the role of Chair for 2020-2021. Thank you, Rosie, for your hard work and dedication to the Chamber! The board works diligently throughout the year and the Chamber is more effective because of this group of individuals! A full list of board members and the businesses they represent is listed within this report.

2019 has been a year of connectivity and resources! What an impact we are having on this community! It has been an event-packed year and one I hope you’ll enjoy reviewing within the pages of this report.

*Programming & Events*

2019 included a New Orleans themed Casino Night, STAR Student Luncheon, Business Builder Series, Resource Expo and another outdoor Annual Meeting! Proceeds from Casino Night, the Chamber’s annual fundraiser, are placed directly back into the community through our programming and events.

The Chamber hosted several new events in 2019 including a Resource Expo. Twelve local and regional vendors set up displays showcasing their services. Chamber and community members attended and learned how these services can help their business. The Chamber also partnered with the Small Business Development Center for a Customer Service Workshop. This engaging and interactive workshop included a local panel, role-play and allowed in-depth conversation about customer service.

Another new event in 2019? How about a Professional Headshot Session? This complimentary service was provided by one of our very own Chamber members. Another? Talk and Tacos. This networking event allowed for great conversations between Chamber members.

*Operating Highlights*

Within its Business Builder Series, the Chamber provided information, connectivity and resources in various elements of the business world – fraud, digital marketing, conflict management, cybersecurity and financial literacy. Our Human Resources Roundtable met quarterly, building a network of like-minded professionals who face similar tasks and challenges, albeit through varying businesses.

The Chamber also updated its membership management software to streamline your registration process and allow for not only online registration but also online payments. Included in the new software is the Member Information Center, a member-only portal where members can post company information, specials, update contact information and more!

*So, What’s Next?*

2020 is filled with vision and opportunity! There are several series of luncheons planned to give you more of an in-depth view of topics important to your business. Want to better understand your membership benefits? Join us for Membership 101!

Want an app for your iPhone or android to keep up with happenings at the Chamber? One will be available for you. The Census is April 1, 2020! The Chamber is partnering with the Complete Count Committee to aid in this effort. Youth Leadership Jefferson County will also kick-off in the spring!

Of course, our foundational events like the STAR Student Luncheon, Casino Night, County Budget Luncheon, First Friday Coffees, Annual Meeting and Legislative Breakfast will remain.

What an impact we are having on this community! Looking forward to 2020 and providing just what you need to better your business and your community!

Kindest regards,

Amy Howard

President

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce

**Our Mission**

* *To pursue those activities which create and support a business environment conducive to enhancing the prosperity of the commercial, industrial, residential and retail elements of Jefferson County in order to advance a civic, economic, cultural and social betterment for and through our members.*

**Who Are Our Members?**

The Small Business category comprises our professional services, restaurants and retail. Small businesses are defined as employing 500 or less.

 Although our industries are small businesses, they are listed separately for the purpose of this report.

**Chamber Details**

 ***Our 2019 programs & events were attended by 1000+ attendees!***

**5 Business Builder Lunch & Learns**

*Fraud* *• Digital Marketing • Conflict Management • Financial Literacy • Cybersecurity*

**Annual County Budget Lunch & Learn**

 *Presented by County Administrator Adam Brett*

**Resource Expo**

*12 Vendors Sharing Information with Our Community*

**Legislative Breakfast**

*Senator Jesse Stone• Representative Mack Jackson • Representative Brian Prince*

 **STAR Student Banquet**

*County STAR Student – Cole May • County STAR Teacher – Valerie Roberson*

**Customer Service Workshop**

*In partnership with SBDC*

**Professional Headshot Session**

*Chamber members were able to obtain professional, complementary headshots*

 **Annual Meeting**

*Live Music* *• Food • Drink • Annual Report*

 **Casino Night**

*A Night in New Orleans • Chamber’s Annual Fundraiser*

**3 HR Roundtables**

*@ Jefferson Energy Cooperative – Employee Engagement • @ Gatherings – Dept. of Labor Services •*

*@ Fulghum Industries – Financial Literacy*

**Community Shred Day**

*In partnership with Queensborough National Bank & Trust Company and Jefferson Hospital*

*3 Hours of Shredding = 4800 lbs Shredded*

**2 First Friday Coffees**

*Networking Opportunity for Chamber Members*

**Talk & Tacos**

*Networking opportunity at El Centenario Mexican Bar & Grill*

**9 Ribbon Cuttings**

*ABC Women’s Clinic • Pineland TelCo • Whitestone Transportation • Louisville Community Food Pantry • Jefferson Hospital Wrens Rehabilitation Clinic • Fraser Roofing • Team Universe Cheer • Felicia’s Hot Wings & More • Broad Street Books*

**Youth Leadership Jefferson County**

*Introducing our Youth to Jefferson County industry, local governmental agencies and fine-tuning soft skills. Our second Youth Leadership Jefferson County students graduated in March 2019.*

**Leadership Jefferson**

*Twelve participants diving into the County’s government and industry while strengthening leadership skills.*

**Casino Night**

***$5,080.95*** *raised & reinvested in our community to fund Chamber programs & events!*

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***Chamber of Commerce Partners***

***Here’s a sample of some community partners the Chamber worked with in 2019!***

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| Bustlin’ on Broad |
| Buzzard Blast |
| City of Louisville |
| City of Wadley |
| City of Wrens |

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| Complete Count Committee  |
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| CSRA Regional CommissionDepartment of Labor |
| Drugs Don’t Work |
| Ferst Readers |
| GA Chamber of Commerce |
| Jefferson County Commission |
| Jefferson County Development Authority |
| Jefferson County High School |
| Jefferson County Historical Society |
| Jefferson County Rotary ClubJefferson Energy Cooperative |

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| Jefferson Hospital |
| Jefferson Hospital Foundation |
| Louisville Downtown Development Authority |
| Louisville Community Food Pantry |
| Louisville Kiwanis Club |
| NextSite 360 |
| Oconee Fall Line Technical College |

Ogeechee Crossing Park CommitteeOne-Stop |
| PSP Group |
| Queensborough |
| Region 7 GACCE Executives |
| SHIPS for Youth |
| Small Business Development Center |
| The News and FarmerThomas Jefferson Academy |
| WPEH |

***2019 Executive Board of Directors***

**Rosie Burge**, *Chairman*

*Bartow Community Club*

**Parish Howard**, *Vice-Chairman*

*The News and Farmer*

**Brent Dye**, *Secretary*

*Integrated Healthcare Resources*

**Ric Miller**, *Treasurer*

*First State Bank*

**Matt Hodges**, *Past-President*

*Oconee Fall Line Technical College*

***2019 Board of Directors***

**Randi Beckworth,** *Mulberry and Magnolia*

**Tesie Bowles,** *Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company*

**Chris Chaffinch,** *Thomas Jefferson Academy*

**Sam Dasher,** *Jefferson County Board of Education*

**Amber Dowdy,** *Thomas Jefferson Academy*

**Jessica Guy,** *Jefferson Hospital*

**Tammy Hodges,** *Jefferson County High School*

**David Kelly*,*** *GA Power*

**Charles Mathis,** *Jefferson Energy Cooperative*

**Rob Swan,** *Battle Lumber Company*

***2019 Chairman’s Circle Sponsors***

**Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company**

**First State Bank**

**Battle Lumber Company**

**Rhodes Murphy**

**Fulghum Industries**

**Jefferson Energy Cooperative**

*This group sponsored ALL 2019 Chamber events.*

***Gold Sponsors***

**Pineland Telephone Cooperative**

*Sponsored Business Builder Series*

***Magnolia Sponsors***

**Jefferson County Rotary Club**

**Louisville Kiwanis Club**

*Sponsored the STAR Student Luncheon*

**Georgia Power**

*Sponsored Resource Expo*

*Sponsored Leadership Jefferson*

***Zoom TelCom***

*Sponsored County Budget Lunch & Learn*

*Chamber sponsors are committed to providing support for community and business success. Sponsoring Chamber events and programs provides your business publicity and brand recognition at Chamber events while building lasting relationships and allowing you to give back to the community.*

***2019 Chamber Members***

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| Abbot and Murphy, P.C. |
| ABC Women's Clinic |
| AgGeorgia Farm Credit |
| AP & Judy Jones |
| Augusta Career Center |
| Avera Industrial Supply |
| B&H Land & Timber |
| Bargeron Insurance Agency, Inc |
| Bartow Community Club |
| Battle Lumber Company |
| BEST Office Solutions |
| Bethany Farms Bed & Breakfast |
| BeThere Computer Services |
| Better Business Bureau |
| Blackmon Outfitters |
| Broad Street Books |
| Busy Bee #2 |
| Carver Elementary School |
| Centenario Mexican Grill |
| City of Louisville |
| City of Wadley |
| City of Wrens |
| Coastal Processing, LLC |
| Comfort Creek Nursing & Rehab  |
| Community Health Care Systems, Inc |
| Comm. Service Board of Middle Ga |
| Cooper Machine Company, Inc |
| Country Financial |
| Dairy Queen |
| Deer Ridge Farms, Inc |
| Delta Termite & Pest Control, Inc |
| Democratic Party of Jefferson County |
| Direct Furniture Outlet |
| Don & Stephanie Bray |
| Durant Property Rental |
| Elliott Davis |
| Farmers Home Furniture |
| Felicia's Hot Wings and More |
| First State Bank |
| Fraser Roofing, LLC |
| Free Fountain Group, LLC |
| Fulghum Industries, Inc. |
| G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers |
| GA Power |
| Gatherings on Broad |
| Giesbrecht HVAC Inc |
| Head Capital Advisors |
| Home Fresh Bistro |
| Huddle House Louisville |
| Integrated Healthcare Resources |
| Jays Ace Hardware |
| Jefferson Co. Auction & Liquidation |
| Jefferson County Board of Edu. |
| Jefferson County High School |
| Jefferson County Historical Society |
| Jefferson County Library System |
| Jefferson County Rotary Club |
| Jefferson Energy Cooperative |
| Jefferson Hospital |
| Jet Food Stores of Georgia, Inc |
| Julian Foley |
| Kamin, LLC |
| LA Brett & Sons, Inc |
| Lee Lewis |
| Louisville Academy |
| Louisville AR Presbyterian Church |
| Louisville Finance Company |
| Louisville Food Pantry |
| MB Jones Oil Company, Inc |
| McDonalds |
| Meybohm Real Estate |
| Mulberry and Magnolia |
| New Way Christian Church |
| North Jefferson Family Y |
| Oconee Fall Line Technical College |
| Peachtree Plaza of Louisville |
| PEV Invest. dba Wrens Huddle House |
| Pringle Photography |
| Producers Peanut |
| Pruitt Health - Old Capitol |
| PSP Group |
| Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company |
| Rachels Machine and Fabrication, Inc |
| Randi's Flowers and Gifts |
| Rhodes Murphy Income Tax Service |
| Roger & Rosie Burge |
| Rollin's Landscape Company, Inc. |
| Shepherd Community Blood Center |
| SHIPS for Youth / Family Connections |
| Something Wonderful |
| St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church |
| State Farm Insurance Agency |
| State Farm Insurance Agency |
| Swan Pharmacy |
| Sweet Tee's Monogram Boutique |
| Taylor Funeral Home |
| Team Universe Cheer Louisville |
| The Arts Guild of Jefferson County |
| The Communication Coach |
| The Guest House on Academy |
| The Louisville Garden Club |
| The News and Farmer |
| Thiele Kaolin Company |
| Thomas Jefferson Academy |
| Trevathan Goat |
| Twisted Sisters |
| Wadley Family Dental |
| Wasden Realty, Inc |
| Whitestone Transportation, LLC |
| WPEH |
| Wrens Chapel AME Church |
| Yeomans & Associates Agency, Inc |
| Zoom Telcom LLC |
| Zora's Place, LLC |

***2019 New Chamber Members***

Wrens Chapel AME Church

Free Fountain Group, LLC

El Centenario Mexican Grill

PSP Group

Sweet Tee’s Monogram Boutique

Pringle Photography

Community Service Board of Middle Georgia

Blackmon Outfitters

Church of St. Mary Magdalene

Fraser Roofing, LLC

Whitestone Transportation

Julian Foley

JC Auction and Liquidation

Team Universe Cheer

Wadley Family Dental

Busy Bee #2

CSRA Better Business Bureau

Taylor Funeral Home

The Communication Coach

Lee Lewis

Don & Stephanie Bray

Huddle House – Wrens

Felicia’s Hot Wings and More

Elliott Davis, LLC

Zora’s Place

Broad Street Books

Meybohm Real Estate