



# THE SANTA ROSAN

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**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

MARCH 5, 2024

**NETWORKING LUNCH**

MARCH 8, 2024

**A.M. NETWORK BREAKFAST**

MARCH 29, 2024



**FloridaHEALTHybabies**  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY

***Resources include:***

- Comprehensive directory of local resources
- Abuse, neglect, and mental health
- Food, clothing, and shelter
- Find a job/employment help
- Clinics
- Car seats
- Childcare, learning, and development
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- Smoking cessation
- Supplemental nutrition program
- Breastfeeding support/lactation services
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- Pregnancy education
- Unexpected pregnancy support/education
- STI testing
- Home-visiting program
- Goal/strategic planning
- New parent encouragement/coaching
- Crisis and emergency care
- Drug and alcohol services
- Adult counseling
- Children's services
- Psychiatry & prescriptions



***Connect to the right resources  
for you and your family.***

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 2024

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

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Sponsored by:  
**Blackwater Bay  
Tours**



Tuesday, March 5th  
5:30 p.m. @ Beardless Brewhaus  
5139 Elmira Street, Milton  
Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door  
RSVP to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

## NETWORKING LUNCH

Sponsored by:



Friday, March 8th  
12 Noon @ The Hangar American Grill  
3966 Avalon Boulevard, Milton  
Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door  
RSVP required to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com

## A.M. NETWORK LUNCH

Sponsored by:



Friday, March 29th  
7:30 a.m. @ The Cutting Board  
5701 Highway 90, Milton  
Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members at the door  
RSVP required to 623-2339 or membership@srcchamber.com



## A Message from our Chair...

March, 5th at Beardless Brewhaus beginning at 5:30 pm sponsored by Blackwater Bay Tours. The Networking lunch will be held on March, 8th at The Hangar and is sponsored by Fast Cash ATM Services. The guest speaker for this event will be Mr. Marty Stanovich. Mr. Stanovich will be speaking about First Tee Gulf Coast. First Tee is a nationwide golf, based program develops strength of character and life skills in today's youth.

On another note, I would like to extend a huge Chamber of Commerce THANK YOU!! to Commander Justin Moss and VFW Post 4833. The Post donated a flagpole, flag, as well as the installation cost to the Chamber. It has been erected and looks great. Finishing touches like this make our beautiful building stand out above and beyond the rest in the area.

There will be a Member Orientation held in the McKenzie room on March 19th at 2:30 PM. Please be aware this meeting is not just for new members. The Chamber has much more to offer members than we had just a few years ago and I encourage you all to attend or send a representative to attend so that your business or organization can take full advantage of your membership.

If you have tried to use our website or sent emails to us that went unanswered, I extend an apology. Our website as well as our email was hacked and it has taken some three weeks to get our Chamber email back up and running properly. The website is still in a state of disarray. We have a team working to get it corrected. Hopefully it will be back up and running smoothly soon.

Spring is upon us here on the Gulf Coast. I am excited to see it coming as I am an avid fisherman. This cold weather doesn't suit my activities very well.

*I wish you all happiness and prosperity this month and hope to see you at some of the upcoming events.*

**Frank Hoskins  
2024 Board Chair**

March is upon us and as of the publishing of this letter we should be very close to hiring a new CEO for the chamber. Although we are certainly sad to see our beloved Donna retire. These are exciting times as we will have new leadership, a new set of eyes and hopefully some new ideas for the betterment of the membership experience. I wish to thank the members of the selection committee for dedicating their time and expertise in sorting through resumes and conducting interviews. Larry Strain, Robin Vickers, Debbie Kemp, Mike Johnson and Anna Weaver all took time from their busy schedules to diligently work toward finding the right fit for a CEO that can lead us into the future. We have also contracted with Brenda Kay Hammel and Express Employment Professionals to fill the much needed part time position in the Chamber office. Thank You Brenda!

March events include the Renaissance Faire Beer tent on the second and third of the month at the Santa Rosa County fairgrounds. Proceeds from this event go towards the mortgage on our building and has proven in the past to be a huge fund raiser for us. We sincerely appreciate everyone that came out to help!

We have a committee working hard to find a new venue for our A.M. Network. Sadly Grover T's restaurant has closed leaving us without a location. Our best wishes to Brandon, his family, the management, and employees of Grover T's. Your restaurant will be sorely missed.

The Business After Hours as well as the Networking Lunch will go on as scheduled this month. These events are a lot of fun as well as often productive for building contacts within the business community. Business After Hours will be held on



## 2024 COMMITTEE & EVENT CHAIRS

- Ambassadors..... Margarita Vazquez..... Primerica
- Co-Chair ..... Lee Irving ..... LandrumHR
- Awards/Installation Luncheon .. Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance
- Business After Hours ..... Erin Vaughn ..... Sunbelt Title Agency
- Co-Chair ..... Lee Irving ..... LandrumHR
- Casino Night..... Mike Johnson ..... Individual Member
- Co-Chair ..... Scott Klemm..... Individual Member
- E.D.G.E..... Mike Ellicott..... Castle 6 Group
- Co-Chair ..... Ronnie Goode..... All Dry Services, Gulf Coast Region
- Team Bruce Baker, MBA
- RE/MAX Infinity Golf Classic ... Larry Strain..... A Rustyc Spoon
- Finance Committee ..... Jennifer Micklos ..... The First, ANBA
- July 4th Riverfest ..... Larry Strain..... A Rustyc Spoon
- Leadership Santa Rosa ..... Jonathan Arneault..... The Rock Church
- Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni...Mirella Savage..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA-REMAX Infinity
- Local Legislative Action ..... Ed Carson..... Carson Construction
- Member Orientations..... Lechia Froman ..... United Bank
- Military Advisory Committee .... Steve Rhodes..... Florida Power & Light
- Co-Chair ..... Russell Raught..... CareerSource EscaRosa
- Military Appreciation ..... Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance
- Non-Profit Resource
- & Development Roundtable... Mary Zaledonis..... United Way of West Florida
- Santa Rosa
- Young Professionals ..... Laura Massimino ..... Pen Air Credit Union
- Networking Lunch..... Jeremy Reeder..... Reeder Financial Group
- The A.M. Network ..... Tracy Allen..... Goosehead Insurance

## 2024 Officers & Board of Directors

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024

- Chair:** Frank Hoskins, Owen Hoskins Consulting, LLC
- Chair-Elect:** Mike Johnson, Individual Member
- Past Chair:** Debbie Kemp, Pen Air Credit Union
- Treasurer:** Jennifer Micklos, The First, ANBA
- Secretary:** Erin Vaughn, Sunbelt Title Agency

### BOARD MEMBERS 2024

- Tracy Allen ..... Goosehead Insurance
- Tracy Beach ..... Blue Arbor
- Rhett Fendley..... Premier Wealth Management Partners
- Capt. Paul Flores ..... NAS Whiting Field (Ex-Officio)
- Lechia Froman ..... United Bank
- Jeremy Holley ..... Immanuel Baptist Church
- Charlin Knight ..... Santa Rosa County Schools (Ex-Officio)
- Pete Morgan..... Service Matters Realty, Inc./Property Management
- Shannon Ogletree..... Santa Rosa County Economic Development
- Russell Raught ..... CareerSource Escarosa
- Jeremy Reeder..... Reeder Financial Group
- Mirella Savage..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA RE/MAX Infinity
- Justin Serrano ..... Santa Rosa Medical Center
- Margarita Vazquez.... Primerica Financial Services
- Robin Vickers..... University of Florida, WFREC
- Director Emeritus..... Larry Strain, A Rustyc Spoon



# Thank You to our 2024 Sponsors

## Business After Hours

January ..... Grover T's BBQ  
February ..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity  
March ..... Blackwater Bay Tours  
April ..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity  
May ..... United Bank  
June ..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity  
August ..... Community Bank  
September ..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity  
October ..... Synovus  
November ..... John Kelley Handyman Service

## Networking Lunch

January ..... Coastal Wildlife Removal  
February ..... American Heritage Financial  
March ..... Fast Cash ATM Services  
April ..... Santa Rosa Medical Center  
May ..... Available  
June ..... Available  
July ..... Available  
August ..... Available  
September ..... Available  
October ..... The Benefits Shoppe Insurance Agency, LLC  
November ..... Drug Free Workplaces  
December ..... Harvesters Credit Union

## The A.M. Network

March ..... John Kelley Handyman Service  
April ..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity  
May ..... Synovus  
June ..... Drug Free Workplaces  
July ..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity  
August ..... Coastal Wildlife Removal  
September ..... Santa Rosa Medical Center  
October ..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity  
December ..... Locklin Technical College/Santa Rosa County School District

## The Santa Rosan

January ..... Sunburst RV Resort  
February ..... Keller Williams Realty, Trisha Clause-Ramirez  
March ..... Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County  
April ..... Eglin Federal Credit Union  
May ..... Five Star Painting of Pensacola  
June ..... Available  
July ..... Available  
August ..... Available  
September ..... Available  
October ..... Armor Service Group  
November ..... Available  
December ..... Primerica Milton-Margarita Vazquez

# FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

## 30 Years

Apprise Video Productions, Commercial Photography,  
Sound System Rentals  
Santa Rosa County District Schools

## 20 Years

Durst & Jordan, CPA, PA

## 1 Year

Ashley Furniture/1915 South  
American Legion, Post 78  
Patriot Pest Management  
Rapid Response Team LLC  
TeamLogic IT  
The Realty Box, Inc.

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



# WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

## The Sweet Greek Milton Melissa Simpson

5237 Willing Street, Milton  
(850) 564-0029

[www.SweetGreekMilton.com](http://www.SweetGreekMilton.com)

Check us out on Facebook!

A family run boutique pastry shop spanning generations  
of family recipes from Greece

## WELCOME BACK! Regions Mortgage Ryan Funderburk

70 N. Baylen Street, Pensacola  
(850) 444-1424  
Mortgage Loan Officer

## Nixon's Formalwear Brooke Jackson

4847 West Spencerfield Road, Pace  
(448) 994-0157

[www.NixonClothing.com](http://www.NixonClothing.com)

Your one stop shop for all special occasions, must have ladies  
apparel and tuxedo rental

You can find these new members  
or any of our members in the  
**Member Directory**  
online @ [www.SRCchamber.com](http://www.SRCchamber.com)  
including phone numbers,  
email addresses,  
web addresses and more.



**THANK YOU TO THE  
VFW POST 4833  
FOR OUR NEW FLAGPOLE & FLAG**

**We are so grateful for this new  
and much needed addition!**

# 2024 CHAMBER AMBASSADORS

- Margarita Vazquez (Chair) ..... Primerica Financial Services
- Lee Irving (Co-Chair)..... LandrumHR
- Tracy Allen ..... Goosehead Insurance
- Bruce Baker ..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
- Linda Clark..... LC Creative Productions
- Susan Clark ..... Granny Nannies
- Crystal Foster ..... USA Mortgage
- Jenny Garcia ..... ADV Global Wellness
- Brenda Kay Hammel ..... Express Employment Professionals
- Harald Lavric..... Griffox Consulting
- Rebekah Killingsworth ..... A Cut Above Landscaping & Property Maintenance
- Becky MaCaa ..... Home Instead Senior Care
- Nicole Pires ..... Hancock Whitney
- Jeremy Reeder ..... Reeder Financial Group
- Mirella Savage ..... Team Bruce Baker, MBA-RE/MAX Infinity
- Larry Strain..... Synovus
- Juan Vazquez ..... Primerica – Margarita Vazquez



What a treat! The February Ambassador Lunch meeting was held at A Rusty Spoon Marcus Pointe in conjunction with their ribbon cutting and it was AMAZING! Thank you to Larry and Rusty Strain along with their great team!



**Call Nicole at 850-623-2339 and ask for more information.**



# Annual Vision of Hope Fishing Rodeo



**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**9 am—11am Fishing**

**11am—1130am Lunch**

**1130am—12pm Awards**

**4512 Morrystown Rd**

**Jay, Florida**



**Open to ALL persons  
with Intellectual and  
Developmental Disabilities**

**\*each participant must be  
accompanied  
by a parent or guardian\***

**All Proceeds Benefit  
Vision of Hope, Inc.**

- This event is FREE
- Bring a lawn chair if desired
- This is a catch and release event
- No supplies needed or required for this event
- Lunch available for purchase (free for registered participants)
- T-shirts available free on day of event (shirt size required in advance on registration form)

**Pre-Registration ONLY, on a 1st come 1st served basis.  
Limited to the first 100 applicants.**

**Deadline for Registration is April 19, 2024**

## Special Thanks to our Sponsors



Fillable & Printable registration forms  
available online at

<http://www.visionofhopefl.org>

OR Pick up at one of the following locations:

Transition Center, 5555 Woodbine Rd, Pace

All 5 SRC Federal Credit Union locations

Mail completed registration forms to:

Vision of Hope

5555 Woodbine Road

Pace, FL 32571

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR - MARCH

- March 2 ..... 4 p.m.  
USS Harry Mudd Star Trek & SF Club Meeting  
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- March 5 ..... 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Business Booster Workshop  
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- March 5 ..... 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Essential Interpersonal Skills Training  
Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, 4th Floor
- March 5 ..... 10 a.m.  
Native Wildflower Education Class  
Santa Rosa County Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Dr, Milton
- March 5 ..... 1 p.m.  
Propagation and Indoor Plant Care Demonstration  
Santa Rosa County Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Dr, Milton
- March 7 ..... 9 a.m. -12 noon  
FL SBDC @ UWF Presents  
"Starting a Business" – Destin  
Destin Chamber of Commerce, 4484 Legendary Dr, Ste A, Destin
- March 7 ..... 1-4 p.m.  
FL SBDC @ UWF Presents  
"Starting a Business" – Pensacola  
Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, CO:LAB Bldg, 4th Floor
- March 7 ..... 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
"Empowering Women in Business"  
"Networking Lunch"  
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- March 9 ..... 8 a.m.-12 noon  
Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day  
South Santa Rosa Servcie Center, 5841 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze
- March 9 ..... 10 a.m.  
Native Wildflower Education Class  
Santa Rosa County Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Dr, Milton
- March 12 ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Milton Garden Club Meeting  
Magnolia Hall, 5256 Alabama St, Milton
- March 12 ..... 4 p.m.-until  
Project Chess Club u1400 Training  
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- March 12 ..... 5:45 p.m.  
City of Milton Council Meeting  
6738 Dixon St, Milton
- March 13 ..... 8-11:30 a.m.  
2nd Annual LandrumHR Workforce Summit  
Landrum HR, 219 E. Garden St, Ste 500, Pensacola
- March 13 ..... 3-4 p.m.  
Non-Profit Resource & Development Roundtable  
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- March 14 ..... 1-2:30 p.m.  
Milton Dementia Support Group  
Clyde L. Gracey Community Center, 5629 Byrom St, Room 113
- March 14 ..... 1-2 p.m.  
Navy League Santa Rosa Council Meeting  
Milton PD, 5451 Alabama St, Milton
- March 14 ..... 6 p.m.  
Native Wildflower Education Class  
Santa Rosa County Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Dr, Milton
- March 15 ..... 4-7 p.m.  
Grand Reopening Guernsey Financial  
6704 Plantation Rd, Pensacola
- March 16 ..... 8 a.m.-until  
Project Chess Club  
"Blackwater Spring Classic & Blitz"  
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- March 19 ..... 1-2 p.m.  
Dementia Caregiver Support Group  
The Beacon at Gulf Breeze, Private Dining, 4410 Gulf Breeze Pkwy
- March 19 ..... 5 p.m.  
Milton Amateur Radio Club  
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- March 20 ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Blackwater Pyrates Meeting  
Call (850) 791-2502 for location.
- March 21 ..... 1-4 p.m.  
FL SBDC @ UWF Presents  
"Starting a Business" – Milton  
SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- March 23 ..... 9 a.m.-12 noon  
FL SBDC @ UWF Presents  
"Starting an At-Home Childcare Business"  
UWF Emerald Coast Campus, 1170 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Bldg 2, Rm 221, Ft. Walton Beach
- March 23 ..... 10-11 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church's  
"Knotty Prayers" Ministry  
Call (850) 623-2510 for location.
- March 26 ..... 9-10 a.m.  
FL SBDC @ UWF Presents  
"Tech Talk Tuesday: Remote Work"  
Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, 418 W. Garden St, CO:LAB Bldg, 4th Floor
- March 28 ..... 9 a.m.-12 noon  
FL SBDC @ UWF Presents  
"Starting a Business" – Bay County  
307 Ohio Ave, Lynn Haven

**Let us know if  
you or your  
business  
has an event  
coming up so  
we can get it on  
the Chamber  
Calendar!**

**Call Nicole at  
850-623-2339**



# CHAMBER CALENDAR - MARCH

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| <p><b>March 4</b> ..... 11:30 a.m.<br/> <b>Jay Chamber Meeting</b><br/>         Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker St.</p>   | <p><b>March 19</b> ..... 2:30-4 p.m.<br/> <b>Member Orientation</b><br/>         SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>  |
| <p><b>March 5</b> ..... 5:30-7 p.m.<br/> <b>Business After Hours</b><br/>         Beardless Brewhaus, 5139 Elmira St, Milton</p>                                    | <p><b>March 20</b> ..... 8:30 a.m.<br/> <b>SRC CoC Executive Committee</b><br/>         SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>   |
| <p><b>March 8</b> ..... 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.<br/> <b>Chamber Networking Lunch</b><br/>         The Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>                                | <p><b>March 21</b> ..... All day<br/> <b>Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 37: Government Day</b><br/>         Meet at Santa Rosa County Administrative Complex,<br/>         6495 Caroline St, Milton</p> |
| <p><b>March 8</b> ..... 1 p.m.<br/> <b>Ribbon Cutting for Tidal Bay Services LLC</b><br/>         The Hangar, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>                          | <p><b>March 25</b> ..... 4 p.m.<br/> <b>SRC CoC Board of Directors Meeting</b><br/>         SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>   |
| <p><b>March 11</b> ..... 4:30 p.m.<br/> <b>Leadership Santa Rosa Executive Committee Meeting</b><br/>         SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p> | <p><b>March 27</b> ..... 8:30-10 a.m.<br/> <b>E.D.G.E. (Economic Development, Growth &amp; Education) Meeting</b><br/>         SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>                  |
| <p><b>March 11</b> ..... 5 p.m.<br/> <b>Leadership Santa Rosa Alumni Committee Meeting</b><br/>         SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>       | <p><b>March 29</b> ..... 7:15-8:30 a.m.<br/> <b>The A.M. Network</b><br/>         Location to be announced.</p>   |
| <p><b>March 12</b> ..... 8:30 a.m.<br/> <b>SRC Legislative Coalition Meeting</b><br/>         SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>                 |   |
| <p><b>March 13</b> ..... 3-4 p.m.<br/> <b>Non-Profit Resource &amp; Development Roundtable</b><br/>         SRC Chamber of Commerce, 4315 Avalon Blvd, Milton</p>   |   |

## Weekly Recurring Meetings/Activities

### TUESDAYS

12 Noon  
**Milton Rotary Club - Meetings are open to the public**  
 4955 Highway 90, Pace  
 Call (850) 393-7334 to confirm.

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

### WEDNESDAYS

9 AM - 4:30 PM  
**FL SBDC @ UWF Office Hours in Milton**  
 6491 Caroline St., Milton

12 noon  
**Kiwanis Club of Milton Sunrise Meeting**  
 Call (850) 623-3256 for location.

### THURSDAYS

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

### (Thursdays continued)

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

### FRIDAYS

7-9 PM  
**Coming Clean Recovery**  
 West Florida Baptist Church,  
 5621 Hwy 90, Milton

*For an up-to-date calendar of events, visit our website [www.srcchamber.com](http://www.srcchamber.com).*

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Classic

Tanglewood Golf Course  
5916 Tanglewood Dr. Milton, FL 32570  
April 27, 2024 | 1:00 PM  
Registration begins at 11:00 AM

**Presented by Santa Rosa County Food Service Association**

*Portion of all proceeds will go towards our students' unpaid meal debt in Santa Rosa County Schools*

- Golf Teams consist of four players
- Food will be provided for golfers
- \$75 a player (\$300 Total)
- Prizes will be awarded

*Make checks payable to SRCSNA*

*Send to: Santa Rosa County School Attn: Food Services Dept.  
6544 Firehouse Rd. Milton, FL 32570  
or Venmo: @tcoop057*

For more information, please contact:

Sandra Glaze 850-585-8842  
GlazeS@santarosa.k12.fl.us

Emie Bugarin 850-748-1123  
BugarinE@santarosa.k12.fl.us





# RIBBON CUTTINGS



## A Rustyc Spoon at Marcus Pointe

A Rustyc Spoon at Marcus Pointe began in April of 2022 as a food truck and transitioned into a restaurant in November 2023. Larry Strain (father) and Rusty Strain (son) are the owner operators of the business. The restaurant is located within the clubhouse of Marcus Pointe Golf Club located at 2500 Oak Pointe Drive, Pensacola, Florida 32505. The phone number is 850-484-9770 ext. 2. It is open from 7 AM – 3:00 PM Sunday through Tuesday and 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM Wednesday through Saturday. The cuisine is much more than typical “golf course” food. The executive chef, Rusty Strain, describes his creations as elevated American Classics with French influences. The restaurant is open to the general public as well as golfers. In addition to food, A Rustyc Spoon offers a full bar featuring a unique wine menu and hard to find liquors. Three days a month the restaurant takes on a different, elevated persona and rebrands itself as A Common Labor featuring a reservation only, fixed price menu, offering four courses of high-end dining. Reservations can be phoned in at the number above.

**A Rustyc Spoon offers dine-in as well as Door Dash for limited delivery areas - 850-484-9770 ext. 2**

**Located at  
2500 Oak Pointe Dr.  
Pensacola**

**Call 850-484-9770 ext. 2**



## Emerá Café Coffee + Cocktail Exchange

celebrated its grand opening with resounding success on February 1, 2024, drawing over 75+ attendees, and showcasing the strong support of the local community. A mix of Navarre Chamber of Commerce, Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, business leaders, and community members came together to mark the occasion. Located within SpringHill Suites by Marriott Navarre Beach, Emerá captivated guests with its Gulf-front setting and a menu that blends comfort, luxury, and innovation. From espresso beverages to artisanal cocktails and bites inspired by the sun, surf, and sand, Emerá promises a unique dining experience. Its versatile space seamlessly transitions from a cozy daytime coffee shop to an evening cocktail bar, allowing guests to enjoy the indoor ambiance or the refreshing beach breeze. The evening commenced with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a Business After Hours event where attendees enjoyed drinks and appetizers.

**Emerá Café Coffee + Cocktail Exchange invites locals and visitors alike to embark on a flavorful journey. Now open daily for breakfast and lunch from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Follow @emeraexchange and @springhillsuitesnavarrebeach for more information.**



**Call 850-939-0010**

**Located at  
8375 Gulf Blvd.  
Navarre**



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

<b>A Rustyc Spoon</b>	<b>First Presbyterian Church</b>	<b>Prompt Response Emergency Pet Fund</b>
<b>All Risk Insurance</b>	<b>Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Inc.</b>	<b>Ray and Debra Eddington</b>
<b>Avalon Baptist Church</b>	<b>Freeman Roofing</b>	<b>Rubber and Specialties, Inc.</b>
<b>Blackwater Bay Tours</b>	<b>Grand Realty, Inc.</b>	<b>Santa Rosa County Federal Credit Union</b>
<b>Blackwater River Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility</b>	<b>Greater Pensacola Society for Human Resource Management</b>	<b>Santa Rosa County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.</b>
<b>Boomerang Pizza Kitchen</b>	<b>Heaton Brothers Construction Company, Inc.</b>	<b>SmallCityGifts</b>
<b>Clyde's Well Service, Inc.</b>	<b>John David Elliott, P.A. C.P.A.</b>	<b>Stan Colie Nichols, Santa Rosa County Tax Collector</b>
<b>Community Health Northwest Florida</b>	<b>Kings Roofing LLC</b>	<b>The UPS Store Pace</b>
<b>Cotton Electric, Inc.</b>	<b>Mike Johnson (Individual)</b>	<b>Vision of Hope</b>
<b>Dedrich "Dick" Hohorst</b>	<b>Pensacola Blue Wahoos</b>	
<b>Donald Spencer, SRC Clerk of Courts</b>	<b>Pensacola Habitat for Humanity</b>	
<b>Eddie Hobbs Automotive</b>		
<b>Escambia River Electric Co-Operative, Inc.</b>		

**Thank You For The Opportunity  
To Continue To Serve You!**



# CAR SHOW

**MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

**TIGER POINT PARK, 1370 TIGER PARK LN, GULF BREEZE, FL 32563**

**REGISTRATION 8 – 11 / AWARDS AT 2**

**TROPHIES FOR BEST OF SHOW, and TOP 30**

**SPECIALITY TROPHIES: DIRECTOR'S CHOICE, BEST ENGINE, and BEST PAINT**

**REGISTRATION FEE \$25 - PAY DAY OF EVENT**

**50/50 RAFFLE**

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM EVENT GO DIRECTLY TO DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM FLORIDA**

**[www.doffl.us](http://www.doffl.us)**

**DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM offers a solution to VETERANS who struggle with Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).**

For more information contact JOHN NEVIN @ (850) 333-1736/EMAIL [jonnevin777@hotmail.com](mailto:jonnevin777@hotmail.com)

# Membership Benefit Announcement

## Special Ceremonies

Are you a new Chamber member? Have you relocated or renovated your business/organization? Are you opening an additional store or office?

Then let us do a Ribbon Cutting for you! This 10-minute photo op will get your picture and a short paragraph about your business/organization in our digital newsletter, The Santa Rosan (distribution 7,000+). If you would like to hold a bigger event, we will gladly assist you with a Grand Opening or Open House – with or without Ribbon Cutting.

In addition to being published in print, these events will be announced on our electronic billboard on Avalon Boulevard, on our Facebook page and web calendar, as well as in our Monday e-newsletter (“Chamber Weekly”). And, last but not least, your ribbon cutting picture will be posted to our Chamber Facebook page.

If you have not scheduled a ribbon cutting yet, call us at (850) 623-2339 or e-mail [membership@srcchamber.com](mailto:membership@srcchamber.com). Hurry! Only a limited number of days are available every month!



## CHAMBER FACTS

- The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce is 87 years old this year.
- We currently have 660 active members. 21% of our membership is based in Escambia County.
- Your Chamber is also the official Tourist & Visitors Information Center for Central/North Santa Rosa County.
- Your Chamber does not receive any outside funding and is supported by membership dues and various fundraisers.
- We currently have two full-time and one part-time staff on payroll.
- As per February 15, 2023, we have answered 279 phone calls, assisted 80 walk-in visitors, and signed up 11 new members. We held three ribbon cuttings and responded to nine written requests for information. Our website had over 3,400 visitors who generated more than 7,000 page views.
- The most interesting question this month was: “Do you know of any city or county program that can help remove tree limbs? I’m a senior citizen and I have this tree branch hanging over my mobile home precariously, and if it breaks off, I’m not only dead but also homeless.”

[www.SRCChamber.com](http://www.SRCChamber.com)



**BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED CAN CALL RSVP AT 850-983-5220!**

# **RSVP's HEALTH**

## *Wellness Expo*

**Friday, March 15 \* 8 a.m. to Noon**  
**Clyde L. Gracey Community Center**  
**5629 Byrom Street in Milton**

### **Free Event for the Public**

Come see the community services offered in Santa Rosa County to assist you and your family in remaining healthy and independent.

### **Business and Community Organizations**

Community Public Services, Health Care for Seniors, Home Improvement Companies, Health Insurance, Medicare Advisors, Financial Advisors, and many, many more.

**RSVP** of Santa Rosa  
County, Florida  
Santa Rosa Community Services



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**65 Plus**





# Chamber Networking Lunch

**Chair: Jeremy Reeder, Reeder Financial Group**

**Thank you to our sponsor:  
American Heritage Financial,  
represented by Ed Nelson and Dr. Gregg McBride**



***Congratulations split-the-pot winner:  
Anna Weaver, United Bank***





## ROTARY CLUB OF MILTON, FLORIDA

6223 Highway 90 #176, Milton, FL 32570

February 14, 2024

Dear Community Leader,

The members of the Milton Rotary Club would like to take this opportunity to introduce our club and tell you about the benefits of becoming a member of the Milton Rotary Club. Our club was established in 2005 and our motto is Service Above Self. Rotary members are business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Here are some examples of how we help others in our community and take advantage of the networking opportunities your membership provides.

- Roadside trash pickup
- Assisting senior citizens with yard clean up
- Rotarians Against Hunger with Manna Food Pantries
- Serving breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House
- Assisting our local schools through various projects such as donations of shoes and clothes, planting trees and reading to students

We invite you or others from your organization to join us for lunch to learn how you can get involved with the Milton Rotary Club. Also, during lunch, you can learn about our community through engaging and interesting guest speakers! The Milton Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12 noon at Mugshots Grill & Bar located at 4955 Highway 90 Pace, FL 32571.

If you have any questions prior to joining us, please feel free to contact me at 850-393-7334.

Sincerely,

*Robin Vickers*

Robin Vickers  
Club President



# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Chair: Erin Vaughn, Sunbelt Title Agency Co-Chair: Lee Irving, Landrum HR

Thank you to our  
Business After Hours Sponsor & Host  
**Team Bruce Baker,  
MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity**  
represented by Bruce Baker, MBA,  
Ariel Roberts, and Mirella Savage



**Congratulations  
split-the-pot winner:  
Madelyn Osborne, Emerald Coast  
Notary Service**





## **WE LOVE DOOR PRIZES!**

**Thank you to Baptist Health Care; Emerald Coast Notary Service;  
Fenoy Butler – Riverside Wealth Advisors;  
Team Bruce Baker, MBA @ RE/MAX Infinity; Troy University;  
United Way of West Florida**

**Come join us for the best time of the week...**

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS!**

**First Tuesday of the month**



# Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 Ropes Day



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 met at Adventures Unlimited for ROPES Day on February 15th and spent a beautiful day outdoors doing various challenges led by the Adventures Unlimited staff which ultimately led up to conquering the infamous wall together as a class.

We witnessed this class think outside the box to strategize and plan their way through the outdoor activities as they learned new perspectives when listening to the rules that were given, and those that were not given as well. After lunch, the class heard from Karen Aloy of Aloy Vision about leadership in the workplace and generational differences as well as how to overcome them. We then transitioned into a time of indoor brainteasers and team bonding activities to conclude the

day. The class definitely used their new perspectives of thinking outside the box when it came to the rules given for these activities!

We would like to extend a thank you to Adventures Unlimited staff for leading us with an amazing day, Margarita Vazquez Primerica for the breakfast refreshments, Kyle Holley for providing the lunch prepared by the ladies at Adventures, and the facilitators Margarita Vazquez, Lechia Froman, Erin Vaughn, and Allen Jones.





# Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 Tallahassee Trip



Leadership Santa Rosa Class 37 made the journey to Tallahassee for a two-day, jam-packed opportunity to see how our legislative process works and hear from a variety of people including our local advocates Senator Doug Broxson and Representative Alex Andrade as well as District 4 Representative Maney and District 5 Representative Abbott, Sergeant at Arms Russell Hosford, Lobbyist Darrick McGhee and Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos G. Muniz.

The time included dinner at Capitol City Country Club with UNF Director of Government Relations Ray Walker as the featured speaker as well as a tour of the Governor's Mansion.

The class traveled with Leadership Okaloosa and Leadership Walton, providing a unique opportunity to network regionally while making memories. Thank you to our Facilitators Melissa Stoker (Lead) and Steve Rhodes (Co-Facilitator)



## Milton NJROTC Digital Discount Card Drive 2024

### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We will be launching our Milton NJROTC Digital Discount Card Drive 2024 on 03/04/2024 and are looking for businesses to be corporate sponsors\*.

Your sponsorship is a tax-deductible donation supporting both the program as a whole, and the individual fundraising goals of participants.

For a minimum donation of \$500 your business' name and/or logo will be featured on all fundraiser invite emails and webpages in multiple locations:



**RECEIVE 4,550 VIEWS OVER 3 WEEKS**  
ON AVERAGE

#### LET'S GET STARTED!

1. Scan the QR code to our fundraising page.
2. Make a donation.
3. Upload your logo.

It is that simple!



\*each fundraiser is limited to 12 corporate sponsors, contact us today!





# Member Orientation

Chair: Lechia Froman, United Bank



## Attendees:

Lisa Allen, Manpower

Louise Biernesser, Panhandle Butterfly House

Martin Cooney, CorpCare Associates, Inc.

Elizabeth Hewey, Santa Rosa County School Board, District 2

Pam Murfey, Panhandle Butterfly House

Margarita Vazquez, Primerica Financial Services

Chair: Lechia Froman, United Bank

Presenter: Nicole Frenk



**Thank You to our Sponsor:**  
**MANPOWER**  
**Represented by**  
**Lisa Allen**

*Tell us what you liked most about Orientation:*

- *Casual, relaxed atmosphere*
- *Highly informative – Nicole was great!*

**Member Orientation is available once a month. Come join us and find out what all you're missing in your Santa Rosa County Chamber. Call Nicole at 850-623-2339 to register for the next program.**

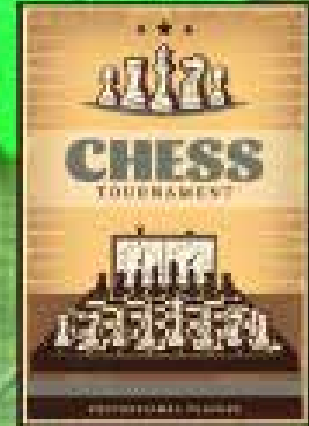


# Project Chess Club Presents: Blackwater Spring Classic

**Project  
Chess  
Club**

**March 16th 2024**

**Venue: 4315 Avalon Blvd.  
Milton, Florida 32583**



Event	Start Time	End Time
Registration:	9:00am	9:45am
Round 1	10:00am	11:30am
Round 2	12:00pm	1:30pm
Round 3	2:30pm	4:00pm
Round 4	4:30pm	6:00pm
Blitz Event	6:30pm	8:30pm

Open Section USCF Mem. Required 1500+(Unrated) 4SS G45; d5	U1600 Section USCF Mem. Required 0901-1600 4SS G45; d5	U1000 Section USCF Mem. Required 101-999 4SS G45; d5	Blitz Event USCF Mem. Required Open+(Unrated) 8SS G05; d2
1 <sup>st</sup> : \$150	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$100	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$100	1 <sup>st</sup> : \$50
2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$100	2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$50	2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$50	2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$30
3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$60	3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$35	3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$35	3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$20

**Details:**

- Entry Fee - \$35 cash at the door
- Blitz Entry Fee - \$10
- USCF membership required.
- All unrated players must play in open sections.
- Please bring your chess set and clock.
- Expect the next round to start asap.
- Lunch break between rounds 2 & 3.

**Payout Based Upon number of participants(20); and will increase with more players**



**Contact:**  
Chief TD: Shaun Bleivins  
(850)454-0928  
shaunbleivinsbbb@gmail.com

## Pensacola Habitat for Humanity teams up with Pensacola Blue Wahoos

Pensacola Habitat for Humanity continued its partnership with the Pensacola Blue Wahoos by welcoming lovable mascot Kazoo and front office staff members as volunteers on a home build site on Tuesday, February 20.

This exciting volunteer outing demonstrates the strength of the partnership between Pensacola's leader in affordable housing and Pensacola's top-notch baseball organization. This partnership will continue throughout the calendar year, with a big highlight coming on Wednesday, July 3, with the Pensacola Habitat for Humanity Takeover Night at the Blue Wahoos home game that evening.

"We depend on our many dedicated community partners to have the impact that we do, and the Pensacola Blue Wahoos stand near the forefront of those partners," said Pensacola Habitat for Human-

ity President/CEO Sam Young. "Our partnership with them has truly been a home run, and I can't wait to see us swing for the fences at our Takeover Night."

The opportunities provided by the Blue Wahoos have proven to be a big part of Pensacola Habitat for Humanity's Women Build initiative, as Women Builders earned nearly \$43,000 in donations in 2023, primarily by working concessions during Blue Wahoos home games. Last year's Pensacola Habitat for Humanity Takeover Night was a huge success that resulted in almost \$6,000 contributed in just one night.

As part of this year's Pensacola Habitat for Humanity Takeover Night, staff and volunteers will fill the concessions stands, sell 50/50 tickets, participate in on field activities, hand out

freebies, cheer on the home team and so much more. The night will be capped off by another spectacular postgame fireworks show to kick off Fourth of July celebrations. This incredible evening of baseball, community and partnership will help raise thousands of dollars towards providing affordable homeownership opportunities in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. The proceeds of tickets purchased through Pensacola Habitat for Humanity will go right back into funding its mission.

**To purchase tickets for the Pensacola Habitat for Humanity Takeover Night, visit [pensacolahabitat.org/events](https://pensacolahabitat.org/events).**





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**(Economic Development, Growth & Education)**  
**GET INFORMED - STAY UPDATED!**

**Chair: Mike Ellicott, Castle6 Group    Co-Chair: Ronnie Goode, All Dry Services Gulf Coast Region**

**Thank you to our February  
 guest presenter  
 Randy Roy,  
 Community Planning and  
 Liaison Officer**



**Thank you to our February EDGE Sponsor  
 Water Works Sprinkler Systems**



**MILITARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Steve Rhodes, Florida Power & Light    Co-Chair: Russell Raught, CareerSource Escarosa**



**Thank you to our February guest presenter,  
 Mr. Rodney Wilson, US Army 1 SG Retired**



**Thank you to our February sponsor,  
 Adams Sanitation**



# WITHOUT A CHAMBER...

## Many people still don't know....

The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Information Center is not a government agency, we are not funded by the County, the City, your tax dollars or any source other than by local businesses, non-profits and individuals that join and two annual fundraisers, The Leadership Awards Luncheon and Team Bruce Baker, MBA - RE/MAX Infinity Golf Classic. We thank the currently 670 members that support our Chamber, your businesses and your community. Consider joining if you are not already a member and please remember to support those businesses and organizations that are a member and make it possible to keep your Chamber active in our community.

## Without A Chamber.....

.....there would be no office to respond to the inquiries about your community and its opportunities.

.....there would be no information gathering center with which to inform the business community and advise it of current events affecting them.

.....there would be no collective force to make known the physical needs of the community such as improved roads, utilities, facilities, safety and the like.

.....there would be no forum wherein the business community can exchange views and positions, and no voice to express those to other agencies.

.....there would be no focal point for social gathering of the business community wherein an exchange of ideas and services may take place.

.....there would be no political voice to keep our elected representatives aware of the community feelings on legislative action and needs.

Your Chamber is a rallying point, and an instrument for the promotion of plans, ideas and projects in your community.

**YOU – our members keep our doors open and our offices staffed.**

**THANK YOU for supporting your business community and your  
Chamber of Commerce.**

***We Invite You To Join Us!***



  
**FloridaHEALTHybabies**  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY

*Resources include:*

- Comprehensive directory of local resources
- Abuse, neglect, and mental health
- Food, clothing, and shelter
- Find a job/employment help
- Clinics
- Car seats
- Childcare, learning, and development
- Dental
- Smoking cessation
- Supplemental nutrition program
- Breastfeeding support/lactation services
- Birth education
- Pregnancy education
- Unexpected pregnancy support/education
- STI testing
- Home-visiting program
- Goal/strategic planning
- New parent encouragement/coaching
- Crisis and emergency care
- Drug and alcohol services
- Adult counseling
- Children's services
- Psychiatry & prescriptions



*Connect to the right resources  
for you and your family.*