### The Business Voice



March 2019

# Participation Is The Key To Your Success

Chamber Members, we wanted to take a minute to remind you that there are multiple ways our members can participate in, and support activities within the Chamber of Commerce and within the Shelby County community. As a member, you receive many benefits visibly and behind the scenes. However, joining only starts the opportunity to take advantage of these opportunities. Participating is the true key to receiving the full benefits of Chamber membership. Through attending events, talking to members you may not know in a relaxed atmosphere, serving on committees, and taking advantage of the advertising opportunities available will your membership flourish.

Being an active member of the Chamber helps you build relationships throughout the county as our organization is truly county wide and is comprised of businesses large and small. By actively participating in your membership, and including your fellow co-workers and staff in this participation, your expertise and experience will help our Chamber grow while you benefit from expanding your circle of influence throughout the county.

By actively participating on a committee, members bring their talents to the table and help shape and plan the programs and events that benefit our Shelby County community. This is another great way to promote your business, network with others, and meet fellow Chamber members.

If you have questions, or if you want to find out more about these opportunities, please give the Chamber office a call. As a Chamber Member it is important that you let your voice be heard, help us shape our future by providing your opinions and thoughts, and help us to reach our goal of creating a climate of opportunity for business growth, economic development, and a high standard of living throughout Shelby County



# Membership-101 Educational Program Tuesday, April 2, 10 - 11 am Shelby County Chamber Conference Room

Membership-101 is available to all our Chamber members and individuals/businesses interested in joining the Chamber. We strive to ensure that the program is engaging and interactive and encourage you to attend.

Topics of discussion include: Did You Know, Monthly Newsletter, Membership Directory, Member's Area Features, Advertising Opportunities, Traffic Catcher Site (TCS) Page, Committees, Ambassador Visits - Ribbon Cuttings - Business After Hours, and Q & A.

Seating is limited to 15 people. Call the Chamber office at 712-755-2114 or by <u>email</u> to reserve your seat. There is no cost for this program.

# 2019 Legislative Coffee Series Starting at 10 am

April 20, Shelby County Farm Bureau, 908 6th Street, Harlan

This will be the last Legislative Coffee for 2019.

# Do You Have A 2019 Event?

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is gathering event information for our 2019 calendar. We post Shelby County and surrounding area events on our <u>website calendar</u> for free. This information is also used in our weekly "Did You Know" emails and on our Facebook page. We can help to be sure locals and tourist can find you. Contact the Chamber office at 712-755-2114 or <u>email us</u>.

# SCCCI Mission Statement: To create a climate of op-

portunity for business growth, economic development, and a high standard of living throughout Shelby County.

#### 2018-2019 Chamber Board Members

#### **President**

Steve Kenkel
Shelby County Board of
Supervisors

# Vice President Josh Grimes Hy-Vee Stores

#### Treasurer

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Town & Country Credit
Union

#### **Board Member**

<u>Tami Kloewer</u> Secret Serenity Salon & Day Spa

#### **Board Member**

<u>Steve Ineson</u> Four Seasons Travel

#### **Board Member**

<u>Doug Schmitz</u> Smitty Bee Honey

#### **Board Member**

Ellen Walsh-Rosmann FarmTable Delivery & Milk & Honey

#### Board Member Mike Wohlhutter, Jr. Molded Products

#### Chamber Staff

<u>Todd Valline</u> Executive Director

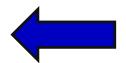
# Ed Hendley Information Technology Manager

<u>Carol McHugh</u> Administrative Assistant

#### <u>Debbie Stendrup</u> Membership/Events Coordinator

# Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and an Ambassador Visit





Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Thursday, March 21, 2019 The Purple Door 622 Market Street, Harlan

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Friday, March 22, 2019 Smitty's Fuel & Food 613 Main Avenue, Defiance









Ambassador Visit Monday, March 25, 2019 West Central Community Action 1408 Hwy 44, Harlan

## Welcome New SCCCI Members

LightBox Systems - Joined February 22, 2019

Alzheimer's Association Iowa Chapter - Joined March 19, 2019

# **SCCCI Membership Renewals**

The Chamber wishes to thank the following members who renewed their membership in December and January:

Remington Seeds, LLC \* Odds + Ends \* United Bank of Iowa
R & S Waste Disposal, LLC \* Casey's General Stores
Holt for House \* Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Main Street Market \* Wahle, Inc.

All Chamber Membership
Renewals are sent electronically
through our website, 30 - 60 days
prior to their due date.
You can also renew your
membership online via
our website.

Do You Have A New Member
To Refer Or Know Anyone Who
Has Moved Into The County?

<u>Email Carol</u>

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Iowa Community Kitchen,** every Tuesday evening, 4:30 - 6:30 pm First Baptist Church, Harlan

Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Membership-101 Educational Program, Tuesday, April 2, 10 - 11 am SCCCI Conference Room.

Ambassador Visit/Ribbon Cutting Friday, April 5, 9 am. Four Seasons Travel, Harlan.

The World-Famous Glenn Miller Band Friday, April 5, 7:30 pm. IWCC Looft Hall Council Bluffs.

**Ambassador Visit,** Thursday, April 11 11 am, Main Street Market, Panama.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program,** Thursday, April 11, 12 - 1 pm, Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn.

**Blood Drive,** Saturday, April 13, 7:30 - 12:30 pm Shelby Community Building, Shelby.

**Legislative Coffee**, Saturday, April, 20 10 am. Hosted & Sponsored by Shelby County Farm Bureau, Harlan.

Milk & Honey After Dark Seafood Extravaganza (late night dining), Saturday, April 20, 5 - 10 pm. Milk & Honey, Harlan.

**Blood Drive**, Thursday, April 25 7:30 - 12:30 pm, Conductix, Harlan.

**Hike Night,** Thursday, April 25, 6:30 pm, Prairie Rose State Park, Harlan.

Free Shred Day, Saturday, April 27 9 - 11 am, Shelby County State Bank West Branch, Harlan.

Have a special event coming up? Let us know about it. Contact the Chamber office at 712-755-2114 or <u>email</u> Carol with your event information.

**Contact Us:** Give us a call at 712-755-2114 or <u>email</u> us for more information about becoming a Chamber member.

# Club Level Members

#### Platinum Plus Club Members

City of Harlan Harlan Municipal Utilities Shelby County

Harlan Industrial Foundation Myrtue Medical Center Shelby County State Bank

## Platinum Club Mambers

Conductix-Wampfler Monogram Prepared Meats, LLC

# **Gold Club Members**

Essentia Protein Solutions

**FMCTC** 

Farmers Trust & Savings Bank Midstates Bank

### Silver Club Members

Elm Crest Senior Living Community Panama Transfer Variety Distributors, Inc. Markham Family Dental Associates, Inc.

#### **Bronze Club Members**

The Agency, Inc. All Purpose Contractors, LLC CDS Global Counsel Office & Document Cyclone Lanes Fareway Stores, Inc. Harlan Golf & Country Club The Harlan Tribune Hy-Vee Keast Motors Terry Knapp Real Estate KNOD Radio Station EJ Leinen - State Farm Molded Products Nishnabotna Valley REC Pitts Family & Sports Chiropractic Center, PC Smitty Bee Honey, Inc. Subway Town & Country Credit Union

# FY20 Chamber Board Elections Are Just Around the Corner

Have you ever considered being a Chamber of Commerce Board Member?

Board Elections for FY20 will be taking place in May. Board terms are for 2 years and the board meets 8 times per year. We are looking for candidates who bring sound judgement when considering Chamber issues, new ideas, creative input, and enthusiasm to fill a leadership role for the Shelby County Community.

If being a Board Members is of interest to you, please complete the form on the next page and either drop it off by the office, mail the form to us at 1901 Hawkeye Avenue, Suite 101, Harlan, IA 51537 or email your completed form to info@exploreshelbycounty.com.

# **Chamber Gift Certificates**

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry offers gift certificates that are accepted at many of our area's retailers, restaurants, and professional services. The program is designed to promote and have consumers patronize Shelby County businesses. They make perfect gifts for employees, teachers, coaches, friends, and family. Gift certificates can be purchased in any denomination. There is no minimum purchase required. All major credit cards, checks, and cash accepted.

Certificates are easy to purchase. On our website, call the office 712-755-2114, email or stop by and see us.

# **Article Submissions**

We are looking for content from Chamber members about your business that would be interesting to others, providing us with valuable and useful information. Tell us something new or some interesting bit of information about your industry and how to use your products and services.

Articles should be informative, non-promotional, and should not be a commercial intended to steer readers to use your product or service before competitors.

You have a full page, so we are looking for articles of 300 to 500 words. Photos of your business are encouraged. Please submit your article, (we prefer a Word Document) and photos to <u>Carol</u>. Our editorial committee (Todd and Carol) will review all submissions. We reserve the right to edit articles and to schedule them according to the needs of the publication.

**Deadline:** The second Friday of the month. Please make sure to include your company's contact information.



#### Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Board of Directors Candidate Form

Thank you for your interest in the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is the policy making body of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry and serves as an advisory board. The Board Members represent a broad cross-section of the business and professional leadership in the community.

Each director is very important to the Board. The time commitment of a Director cannot be taken lightly (approx. 4 to 8 hours per month). Before running for election, a candidate should consider the minimum responsibilities. These include:

- 1. If elected, each candidate commits to a 2-year term on the Board of Directors.
- 2. Attend the majority (minimum of 6) of regular or special Board meetings. Regular Board meetings are held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of the month. The Board meeting schedule is January, March (Noon at the Chamber office), May, June (7 am at the Chamber office), August, September (7 am at the Chamber office), and November (Noon at the Chamber office). A holiday open house is held the Thursday before Christmas starting at 5 pm in December.
- 3. Attendance at the Annual All Members meeting. This meeting takes place in July on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of the month and replaces the regular Board meeting. This meeting is held from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and includes the annual report to Chamber Members and the installation of the Board for that fiscal year.
- 4. Attend at least fifty percent (50%) of all Chamber sponsored events.
- 5. Assisting in Chamber fund-raising activities and providing a \$250 valued item for the annual Chamber Banquet and Auction.
- 6. Perform such duties as may be requested from time to time by the President of the Board and/or Board of Directors.

Please fill out the form below or attach a separate sheet and fax, e-mail (director@exploreshelbycounty.com),

Name:	
Chamber Member Business:	
Phone Number: Day	Cell
Email:	
Brief Description of why you are running	for the Board (will be included as candidate statement on ballot

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#### YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE

# 2019 FUN CHINA LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>
Harlan Golf and Country Club Ballroom
EVERYONE IS INVITED!



\$15.00 per person 11:15 AM or 12:30 PM Seating

Prize given for best decorated table (voted by attendees).

Door prize at each seating.

To reserve tickets, please call Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry at 712-755-2114 or email to info@shelbycounty.com

#### **Event Info**

For additional information on community events, please visit our events calendar.

April 2019									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
	1 Grief Share Seminar First Baptist Church Harlan	2 Membership 101 Chamber Conference Room Iowa Community Kitchen First Baptist Church Harlan	3	4 Family Literacy Workshop – Raising School Ready Readers Elk Horn Public Library	Community Library. Through April 13 Ambassador Visit/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Four Seasons Travel Harlan St. Michael's Knights of	6 Angels & Troublemakers, Museum of Danish America Elk Horn Farm Museums Open Houses Smith Family Collectables Portsmouth, Avoca IA Farmall-Land USA, Avoca Mother/Daughter Luncheon, Salem Methodist Church Defiance (Relay for Life of Shelby Co)			
7 Farm Museums Open Houses. Smith Family Collectables Portsmouth Avoca IA Farmall-Land USA, Avoca	15	9 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan Customer Service & Community Tourism Strategies, Shelby Co Extension & Outreach Harlan  16 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	17	11 Ambassador Visit Main Street Market Panama Brown Bag Lunch Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn Family Literacy Workshop Raising School Ready Readers Elk Horn Public Library 18 Family Literacy Workshop – Raising School Ready Readers Elk	12 st. Michael's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Rosman Parish Center, Harlan 19 Chamber Office Closed	13 Blood Drive Shelby Community Center Signs of Spring Hike Prairie Rose State Park Harlan Veteran's Reception, Shelby Co Museum, Harlan National Scrabble Day Game Night Pleasant Thymes Tea Room, Elk Horn 20 Legislative Coffee Shelby Co Farm Bureau Harlan			
		<b>X</b>		Horn Public Library		Spring High Tea Pleasant Thymes Tea Room, Elk Horn Milk & Honey After Dark Dining			
21 Easter	22	23 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan Global Internet Marketing Webinar Series Hosted By ISU CIRAS	24 Fun China Luncheon, Harlan Golf & Country Club	25 Blood Drive Conductix, Harlan Hike Night, Prairie Rose State Park, Harlan	26	27 Community Kids Fest, Veterans Auditorium. Hosted by MMC Free Shred Day, Shelby Co State Bank West Branch Victor Borge Legacy Award Piano Recital Museum of Danish America Earth Day Activities, Prairie Rose State Park, Harlan			
28	29	30 lowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan Global Internet Marketing Webinar Series Hosted By ISU CIRAS							

May 2019									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 3	Sat 4			
			1 May Day	2	3	4			
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan Global Internet Marketing Webinar Series Hosted By ISU CIRAS	8	9	10	11			
12 Mother's Day	13	14 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan Global Internet Marketing Webinar Series Hosted By ISU CIRAS Community Learning Classes, Marne Elk Horn, Elk Horn	15	16 Brown Bag Lunch Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn	17 Ambassador Visit Harlan Veterinary Assoc & Referral Center, Harlan	18 Armed Forces Day			
19	20		22	23	24	25			
26	27 Memorial Day Chamber office closed	28 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	29	30	31 Relay for Life of Shelby County Merrill Field, Harlan				