

# MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

July, 2017



## CHAMBER CHATTER

### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If you haven't marked your calendars, the Middletown Family Fun Festival is going to be held on Friday, September 8, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. If you are interested in being a vendor or participating in the parade, visit our website at [www.middletownchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.middletownchamberofcommerce.com), click on Festival and download the applications.

New this year - a 5K Run/Walk on Thursday night, 9/7/17 @ 7:00 p.m. in historic downtown Middletown. Call the Chamber office or swing by and pick up an entry application. Early registration (non-refundable) is \$25.00. You can also register online @ [www.rivercityraces.com](http://www.rivercityraces.com) thru September 4, 2017. Mail in must be postmarked by 8/30/17.

Stop by the Chamber booth and say hello to Laura and myself at the festival. We will have an updated list of upcoming events for the rest of 2017 and 2018. If you haven't joined the Chamber, I would love to share with you the benefits of belonging to this growing organization.

*FREDA CHAPMAN*

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Beck Realty Group – Jason Richardson @ [richinland@gmail.com](mailto:richinland@gmail.com)

Custom Select Realty – Rob Sightler @ [robsightler@gmail.com/customselectrealty.com](mailto:robsightler@gmail.com/customselectrealty.com)

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Kentucky Telco Credit Union @ [ditasherifi@kytelco.com/www.kytelco.com](mailto:ditasherifi@kytelco.com/www.kytelco.com)

Blind Squirrel Restaurant – Matt Rumpke @ [rumpke.matt@icloud.com](mailto:rumpke.matt@icloud.com)

### CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Our next speaker on 8/10/17 is Skipper Martin. Andrew "Skipper" Martin has spent almost four decades serving the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its citizens through public service. Martin has served at both the local and state levels, including as key adviser to one of the most successful Kentucky governors of the 20th century. Most

recently, Martin was Chief of Staff for eight years to Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, whose historic 1997 post-secondary education reforms helped revolutionize the way Kentuckians view and support higher education. In addition to transforming the Council on Higher Education into the Council on Post-Secondary Education, Martin was a key adviser in the decision to merge Kentucky's technical schools and community colleges into the highly successful and nationally acclaimed Kentucky Community and Technical Colleges. Also during Patton's two terms as Governor (1995-2003), Martin helped overhaul Kentucky's workers' compensation laws. Martin also was Chief of Staff to Patton during his four years (1991-95) as Kentucky Lieutenant Governor. Martin was also Commissioner of local government for Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. (1979-83), and he also served as Brown's appointment on the Appalachian Regional Commission.

On the local level, Martin served under Jefferson County Judge-Executives Todd Hollenbeck III, Bremer Ehrler and Harvey Sloane. Martin held key executive positions in those administrations in which he advised the Chief Executive of Kentucky's most populous county on political strategy and public-policy issues.

Martin has a great deal of political experience on the local, state and federal levels. In addition to managing Paul Patton's successful bid for Lieutenant Governor in 1991 and then his two subsequent successful gubernatorial bids, Martin has directed several congressional and senate campaigns in Kentucky. He served as Kentucky Democratic Party Executive Director and Director of the coordinated campaign, and he was Organizational Director of the National Democratic Telethon.

Martin is also very involved in Kentucky's civic life. He is an elder at Middletown Christian Church, where he has taught seventh and eighth grade Sunday school for 32 consecutive years; he serves as chair of the Portland Promise Center; he is a member of the E.P. "Tom" Sawyer Foundation; he is a trustee at Lindsey Wilson College; and he is President of THE MARTIN NETWORK. A native of Louisville, KY, Martin graduated from Fern Creek High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and a master's degree from the University of Louisville. He and his wife, Hana, have three children and six grandchildren.



**Location:** Celebration Hall, 11711 Main Street (next to First Baptist Church)

**Cost:** \$20 in advanced or \$25 at the door

**Reservations Required:**

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON CHAMBER BUSINESSES:**

**Eastern Area Community Ministries** - Where does someone turn when life presents too many challenges to handle alone? Eastern Area Community Ministries! EACM provides emergency and supportive services to families facing instability and insecurity. Through these services, EACM partners with families to regain that stability through better employment, financial education, emotional support via case management and mentoring, or increasing English skills for immigrants. EACM strengthens our community by empowering our residents. Want to learn more? Call us at (502) 426-2824 and ask for Carrie or visit our Facebook page. Carrie Gerard, Executive Director, Eastern Area Community Ministries, 9104 Westport Road, Louisville KY 40242, (502) 426-2824. *EACM's vision is a community where every person is empowered to be fed, sheltered and safe.*

**City of Douglass Hills** - The City of Douglass Hills was farmland from 1813 until 1970. Some of the land, known as Douglas Place, was owned by Colonel James J. Douglas from 1896 until his death in 1917. Colonel Douglas was a whiskey distiller, and owned J.J. Douglas Co. in Louisville. Mr. Douglas was also an avid horseman and owner of the Douglas Park Jockey Club. Douglass Hills was incorporated in 1973. Since that time the population has increased to approximately 6000. The City is governed by a Mayor and six-member Council. The City has a swimming pool located in the heart of the community and two parks that offer a walking path, volleyball courts, playgrounds, picnic areas, a gazebo and tennis courts.

### UPCOMING EVENTS 2017 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 8/1 – Ribbon Cutting @ Blind Squirrel Restaurant, 592 N. English Station Road @ 10:30 a.m.
- 8/1 – Ribbon Cutting @ Rabbit in the Moon, 12003 Shelbyville Road, Suite 206 @ 4:00 p.m.
- 8/4 – Street Rods Convention
- 8/10 - Chamber Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Celebration Hall @ 11711 Main St. Speaker – Skipper Martin and Chris Whigham (10 minutes).
- 8/10 - City Meeting, Middletown City Hall @ 6:00 p.m.
- 8/17 - Chamber Board Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. @ 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 8/17 - Lunch and Learn Workshop – 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in Middletown City Hall @ 11803 Old Shelbyville Road. Speaker is Cindi Carman with Dale Carnegie. Topic is Communicating Across Generations
- 9/7 – 5K Run/Walk @ 7:00 p.m. – Historic downtown Middletown
- 9/8 & 9/9 – Middletown Family Festival
- 9/14 - Chamber Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Celebration Hall @ 11711 Main St. Speaker to be announced.
- 9/14 – City Meeting, Middletown City Hall @ 6:00 p.m.
- 9/21 - Chamber Board Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. @ 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 9/21 – Lunch and Learn Workshop – 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in Middletown City Hall @ 11803 Old Shelbyville Road. Speaker is Cindi Carman of Dale Carnegie. Topic is World Class Customer Service.
- 10/12 - Chamber Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Celebration Hall @ 11711 Main St. Topic and Speaker to be announced.
- 10/12 - City Meeting, Middletown City Hall @ 6:00 p.m.
- 10/19 - Chamber Board Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. @ 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 10/19 – Lunch and Learn Workshop - 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in Middletown City Hall @ 11803 Old Shelbyville Road. Speaker and Topic TBA.
- 10/28 – Annual Trick or Treat/Pancake Breakfast Event – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you are interested in a free booth to hand out candy, please call Laura Wright at (502) 245-0404.
- 11/16 - Chamber Board Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. @ 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
- 11/16 - Lunch and Learn Workshop - 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in Middletown City Hall @ 11803 Old Shelbyville Road. Speaker and Topic TBA.
- 11/18 – Annual Night of Heroes Event – 6-9 p.m., Fundraiser for Veterans with PTSD @ Jeffersontown Community Center, 10617 Taylorsville Road.
- 12/1 – Light Up Middletown/Business Expo – 6:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars for the Chamber's annual Christmas dinner on Tuesday, 12/12/17 @ Lake Forest Country Club. This year's theme – Monte Carlo/Casino night with entertainment by Elvis. Look for details to follow soon and be ready to have your picture taken with Elvis and his pink Cadillac.

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