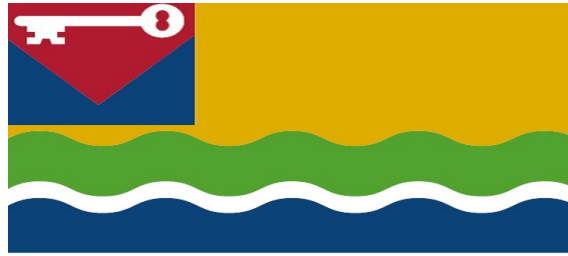


MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

March 2017



CHAMBER CHATTER

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WOW – where have the first three months of 2017 gone? As the Chamber heads into April, we are now 262 members strong. Our goal – 400 members by the end of the year. We are more than ½ way towards that goal. We would love to have more input from our members and have you get more involved helping us reach our goal. If you know of anyone interested in joining, please call us. Laura and I have been visiting different businesses in Middletown and inviting them to take a look at the Middletown Chamber and join our growing organization.

As you know, our President, Dwight Riggle, passed away last month of complications from internal bleeding. Joe Schmidt, from Commonwealth Bank & Trust, has stepped up from Vice President to President of our board. In Dwight's memory, the Chamber is donating a brick next to the Wetherby Statue and a tree in the park next to Middletown City Hall.

We are in the process of taking nominations for new board members and would like to know if anyone would like to serve as a member. If so, please contact the Chamber office. The Board of Directors formed a Nominating Committee – Joe Schmidt, Dr. Jim Cobban, Tracy Blair Haus. This committee is assisting the board by finding and talking with candidates who may be interested in serving on the board. A roster of candidates will be given to you at the next Chamber luncheon on 4/13/17 and a vote held. Please try to attend this meeting – your vote counts.

We have many new events scheduled for 2017. Laura has been working hard to add new networking events for you and we all need to support her. A blood drive is scheduled for 4/18/17 at the Kentucky Blood Center in Middletown and our first ever golf scramble will be held on 5/15/17 at Lake Forest Country Club. Our Charity of Focus is Life Adventure Center, an organization that supports Veterans and their families with PTSD. We need teams (\$100 entry fee per person) and sponsors for the golf scramble (**a big shout out and thank you to Kroger for their donation**). We also have the Middletown Hoedown on 6/9/17 with a pig roast and square dancing. Tickets are \$20 and monies raised will go towards a new floor for Celebration Hall at First Baptist Church. Also, new this year, a 5K run on 9/7/17 headed up by Mark Church, one of our board members, the night before the Middletown Family Fun Festival. Of course, we are working diligently on the monthly luncheons, Lunch and Learn workshops, our annual Christmas dinner, after-hours networking events, ribbon cuttings, etc.

We need your support and help getting the word out to people so that they know what we are doing. All of our events for the year are great networking opportunities to help our Chamber grow but also to help you grow your business. We encourage you to attend our monthly events to get to know your fellow Chamber members. Many thanks to all of you for your support of an almost "3-year old Chamber".

If you have an idea for an event, please contact us. We are always up for new ideas and suggestions.

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IN MEMORY OF DWIGHT RIGGLE



Dwight Riggle @ 10/13/16 Luncheon Presenting Speaker Warren Beeler with a Key to the City of Middletown



Dwight Riggle Presenting Quanda Nathan, with Lake Forest Village Retirement Community, a Proclamation from the Middletown Chamber at their Ribbon Cutting

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Our next speakers on 4/13/17 are Ron Wolf, Director of External Relations with Associated General Contractors of Kentucky and Charles George, Government Affairs Director of the Kentucky Society of CPA's. Topic - 2017 KY General Assembly review and preview for a special session on tax reform later this year.

Ron Wolf has been in the political arena and government affairs for over 20 years. He has represented the rural electric program, Louisville Realtors, Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson's administration and presently the Associated General Contractors of Kentucky at the Capitol in Frankfort. He has worked on issues for both public and private interests. He has had legislative victories as well as defeats. During the Abramson administration for Louisville Metro, he was actively involved with the numerous small cities in Jefferson County. He worked with them on many individual problems, several of them being legislative victories in Frankfort. During this time, he began a very close working relationship with the Kentucky League of Cities, which continues today. He lives in Middletown, is married, the father of three children and grandfather of three. When he isn't "walking the halls of Frankfort," you will probably see him on the golf course.

Charles George serves as Government Affairs Director at the Kentucky Society of CPAs, advocating for the CPA profession in the State Capitol and before various state and local agencies. Prior to joining the Society in 2012, Charles worked in public affairs at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, where he was responsible for tax, labor, legal and health care issues. He holds a B.S. in Biology from Centre College and a JD from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. At home, he is lovingly tolerated by his wife, Kristen, and three children, Eden, Ivy and Salem.

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

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

Reservations Required:

Call 245-0404 or middletownchamberofcommerce@yahoo.com or thru our website @

<http://middletownchamberofcommerce.com/member-login/>.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to an increase in expenses – the board voted to raise the cost of the luncheon from \$20 to \$25 with a 20% discount if you register or pay in advance of the meeting date. In other words, advanced reservations will cost \$20 and \$25 if you don't pre-register and pay at the door

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 4/11 – Ribbon Cutting @ 11:00 a.m. – Firenza Pizza, 12406 LaGrange Road, Suite 101
- 4/13 – Chamber Luncheon – 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. – Speakers Ron Wolf and Charles George – Topic - 2017 KY General Assembly review and preview for a special session on tax reform later this year
- 4/13 – City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – Middletown City Hall
- 4/15 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt – 1 – 3 p.m. in park next to Middletown City Hall – egg hunt starts at 1:00 p.m. sharp
- 4/18 – Chamber Blood Drive – 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. @ KY Blood Center in Middletown - **NOTE: all donors will receive a derby pin and derby-themed shirt for donating. Refreshments served.**
- 4/20 – Chamber Board Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
- 4/20 – Lunch and Learn Workshop – 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. - Speaker Karen Milliner, Owner/Founder of Professional Networking Services, LLC, Networking/Public Speaking Coach & Body Language Specialist – Topic: Proper networking techniques and planning
- 5/11 – Chamber Luncheon – 11:30 – 1:00 P.M. – Speaker Allison Garrett, Forest Springs Health Campus
- 5/11 – City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – Middletown City Hall
- 5/15 – Golf Scramble – 11:00 a.m.-?, Lake Forest Country Club
- 5/18 – Chamber Board Meeting – 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(please take a moment to e-mail our new members & welcome them into our Chamber family):

Questec Mechanical – Matt Alliston @ alliston@questec.us

Neurorestorative – Jessica Embry @ Jessica.embry@neurorestorative.com

Chad Jones Photography – Chad Jones @ chad@chadjphoto.com

Kentucky Clinical Trial Laboratory, LLC – Dr. Saeed Andalib Jortani @ saeedjortani@yahoo.com

Sport Clips Haircuts – Joanne Boyle @ jdeboyle@gmail.com

MIDDLETOWN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Don't forget to bring your kids and grandkids to the annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 15th in the park next to Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road. The hunt starts sharply at 1:00 p.m. Over 10,000 eggs have been stuffed with candy. Bouncies provided by Louisville Inflatables, Inc. will be set up from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Plus, the Easter Bunny will be available for photo opportunities.

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