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America's First Federal Credit Union to Sponsor December 21 Luncheon

Hoover Mayor Frank Brocato To Give State of the City Address

America's First Federal Credit Union will sponsor the December 21 Chamber Luncheon, and has invited Hoover Mayor Frank Brocato to give the State of the City Address. Mayor Brocato was elected in August 2016 without a run-off, and has a long history of service to the people of Hoover. He served as a Hoover Firefighter for forty years, starting in 1974 as a basic firefighter. Through the years, he became a paramedic, and worked his way up through the ranks to become Battalion Chief. He received his Paramedic License from UAB in 1974, his A.A.S. in Fire Science in 1979 from Jefferson State, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology in 1982 from Birmingham Southern College.

His experience as a public servant, developing incident action plans, commanding major building fires, medical emergencies, large-scale weather emergencies, public gatherings, and community celebrations, such as visits by the United States President to the City of Hoover, have prepared him for the leadership position of Mayor. Brocato values



a community that is smoothly managed.

During his service to the City, he had the opportunity to work across government and private sectors. His experience preparing the budget for the fire department, leading an award-winning EMS team, and working with city leaders on planning and zoning, Human Resources, E-911 and information technology earned him a sound foundation for the job of mayor. He also worked closely with city and healthcare officials on successful initiatives to bring freestanding Emergency Rooms to Hoover.

In 2003, the Commission on Fire Accreditation presented the Chief Fire Officer Designation to him. In 2008, he was one of seventeen in the country to be awarded the Chief Medical Officer Designation. It was in 2008, that he was also named Commander of the State of Alabama Incident Management Team. Additionally, he has served as an adjunct instructor with the Alabama Fire College teaching leadership and supervision to young men and women who aspire to move up in their respective organizations.

Networking begins at 11:15 a.m., with the meeting starting sharply at noon. The Luncheon is still \$20, payable at the door, or \$25 for non-members, or for those without reservations. Those who make reservations and simply do not show will be invoiced for the luncheon, as the chamber makes guarantees to the Hoover Country Club based on the number of reservations. Cancellations are accepted until the morning of the luncheon with almost any reason accepted. Hoover Country Club is located at 3140 Club Drive, Hoover 35216.

2018 at Hoover Library

There are a lot of fun, interesting and helpful things to do at the Hoover Library in 2018!

The library offers bi-monthly programs such as “The A, B, C & Ds of Medicare” and “How to Find Grants.” The first Medicare program for 2018 will be held on Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m., while the first grant program of the new year will be held on Monday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.

If your 2018 resolution is financial peace, you can start the year right by attending “Economic Independence for 2018,” on Tuesday, January 16 at 10:15 a.m. This program will explore what you need to do to become debt free and start saving money.

Or if one of your new year’s resolutions is to read more, consider joining one of the library’s book groups. The Nighttime Nonfiction Group meets every fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Our January book is *The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914* by David McCullough. The First Thursday Fiction Book Group will be discussing *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi on Thursday, January 4 at 10:00 a.m., while Sunday NovelTea will meet on Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

The Hoover Library also hosts annual events like the AARP Tax Services that helped over 400 patrons with their tax returns in 2017, our nationally known writer’s conference, Southern Voices, that will be headlined by best-selling author Steve Berry in February, our SCIFI/Fantasy Fest in July and our Financial Planning Expo in October.

Believe it or not, this is just a small percentage of what is offered at the Hoover Public Library. You can find a detailed listing by visiting our website at www.hooverlibrary.org.

Bryce Thornton is the Business Librarian at Hoover Library. You can reach him at 444-7816 or brycet@bham.lib.al.us



Bryce Thornton,
Hoover Public Library
Business Department

Coffee & Contacts Schedule

Normally Held the 2nd Thursday of each month,
7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

December 14, 2017 — Vestavia

Reserve Luxury Apartments

July 12, 2018 — Soiree Event
Gallery

January 11, 2018 — Business

Resource Group at Stewart of
Alabama

August 9, 2018 — Aveda
Institute

February 8, 2018 — Faulkner
University

September 13, 2018 — Skyline
Village Retirement-(Top of
Mountain)

March 8, 2018 — Breakout
Birmingham

October 11, 2018 — Brook
Highland Place

April 12, 2018 — Penn Mutual
Alabama Agency

November 8, 2018 — OFC
Workscapes, Inc.

May 10, 2018 — Clear Solutions

December 13, 2018 — Space
Cadets

June 14, 2018 — Heatherwood
Hills Country Club

Luncheon Sponsorships

Normally held the 3rd Thursday of each month,
11:15 a.m. Networking, Noon Luncheon — NOW Meeting at
Hoover Country Club

December 21, 2017 — America’s
First Federal Credit Union

February 15, 2018 — Hendrick
Automotive & TurnerBatson
Architects

January 18, 2018 — First
Commercial Bank

Business After Hours Schedule

Held the 4th Thursday of each month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

November & December —
None Held

March 22, 2018 — Cajun
Clever

January 25, 2018 —
Morningside of Vestavia (formerly
Chateau Vestavia)

April 26, 2018 — Outback
Steakhouse - Hoover

February 22, 2018 — Hoover-
Randle Home & Gardens

May 24, 2018 — Somerby at St.
Vincent’s One Nineteen

June 28, 2018 — Available



A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the home office of APH Radio in Alabaster. Shown cutting the ribbon is owner Gene Rowley, as his wife, Mandy, holds the bow. They were joined by several staff members, volunteers and chamber ambassadors. APH Radio is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides services to other non-profit organizations, primarily in Shelby County. They can be reached at (205) 901-9925 or through the website at www.aphradio.org.



A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at the new Whole Foods located in Riverchase Village (now re-named Whole Foods Village), at 3780 Riverchase Village, Hoover 35244. Shown cutting the ribbon is Associate Team Leader April Moate, with Store Team Leader Jason Stonicher, as Hoover Mayor Frank Brocato holds the bow. Community Liaison Alex Kolar is to the left of April. They are joined by dozens of Hoover Chamber Ambassadors, friends, and staff members. Whole Foods can be reached at (205) 912-8400 or Alexandria.kolar@wholefoods.com. A Coffee & Contacts/Open House will be held at this Whole Foods on Thursday, November 30.



A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held September 25, 2017 at the new Soiree Event Gallery, located at 2132 Lorna Ridge Lane in Hoover, just off Lorna Road. This is a newly remodeled event facility, suitable for weddings, receptions, or any kind of party. Shown cutting the ribbon is owner Parvez Mulji, as Jodi Newton, Ariana Jackson, and Morgan Cochran help with the scissors. Holding the bow is his daughter Zoya Mulji, as his son Zunair Mulji is between them, and wife Salima Mulji is behind his daughter. Also attending were Hoover City Council members Mike Shaw and John Lyda. Soiree Event Gallery can be reached at (205) 783-5228 or info@eventsatsoiree.com



The inaugural Leadership Hoover Program started in September 2017, and will go until May, 2018. The group of over 30 leadership professionals is shown here as they begin the Ropes Course at Red Mountain Park in Jefferson County. Some of the participants shown here are Tim Aho, Matthew Allen, Toni Bast, Dan Blackman, Kem Bryant, Tom Chelewski, Susette Clark Walker, Jessica Coates, Jammie Cowden, and Paul Dangel.



The Leadership Hoover Group, at the Ropes Course, had to develop methods of passing several different obstacles involving ropes, climbing, and balancing. More of the participants shown include April Danielson, Khristi Doss Driver, Jose Etrass, Fire Captain Nathan Hinds, Shannon Isbell, Sara Johnson, and Charles Lewis.



As part of the Leadership Hoover inaugural class, participants had to either climb the 50-foot tower on the outside wall, or climb the inside steps and take the Zip Line about one quarter mile at speeds of 50 mph or more. Other participants in the class include Class Chairman Joe Thomas, Melinda Lopez, Tynette Lynch, Van Moody, Chamber President Jerome Morgan, Jr., City Councilman Derrick Murphy, Lynn Ray, Michael Ray, Nathan Reed, Michael Staley, Ashfaq Taufique, Janet Turner, Brandon Ward, and Jennifer Whisenant.

New Members — September-October 2017

Acopia Home Loans
Jack Richey, Branch Manager
- 307-9221

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Worker's Comp Fund**
Loren Traylor - 868-6900

**Ameriprise Financial
Services**
Jeff Waters - 909-3154

**Bella's Bridal & Formal,
LLC**
Carol Riney, Owner -
403-7977

**Birmingham Dance
Theatre**
Joni Scofield - 822-3012

Brown Heating & Cooling
Jamie White - 871-8111
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538-7967

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Cream Lounge**
Kash Rojani, Owner -
848-8383

**Davenport's Alteration &
Repair**
Landon Davenport, Owner -
240-6243

Eugene's Hot Chicken
Zebbie Carney, Owner -
322-7555

**First Choice HomeCare
Services**
LaTrisha Howard - 313-4785

First Data
William Gaines - 617-8041

Flooring Gurus
Ava Mendes, Owner -
564-8200

Global Fire Sprinklers
Bill Fowler, Sales Manager -
334-314-1584

**GrangerThagard &
Associates, Inc.**
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326-0833

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Steve Johnson - 902-7177

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Alice Jackson, Volunteer -
879-9861

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Manager - 206-4375

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Mason Onstott, Financial
Advisor - 326-9630

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Investigations, Inc.**
Jimmie L. Brown - 978-2327

Prepaid Technologies
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Director- 533-6044

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Jason Stonicher - 730-2680

**WKG Educational
Consulting, LLC**
Wynell Gilbert, CEO -
601-7619

New Scholarship Program Announced

The Hoover Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program has been revised, and scholarship applications are now available at the chamber website at www.hooverchamber.org or at the chamber office.

With over \$200,000 awarded by the Hoover Chamber in scholarships over the past several years, we hope to have additional scholarship funds available in an ever-increasing amount for the next several years.

Students may apply through the

chamber website or pick up an application at the chamber office. The Chamber set up a 501(c) (3) Foundation for scholarships in 2016, and tax-deductible contributions can be made at any time. Scholarships can be awarded in the name of an individual, a family, or a business for a contribution of \$2,500 or more.

Plans are to award scholarships at levels of up to \$4,000 in the future. This will be a larger amount than we have ever awarded in the past, but a lower

number of scholarships is expected to be awarded for the next year or two. There is a deadline of Friday, March 9, 2018 for the applications to be completed and turned in to the Chamber office. Recipients of the Hoover Chamber Scholarships will be notified by April 27, 2018 and should attend the May 15, 2018 chamber luncheon as our guests.

For more information, contact Bill Powell at the Hoover Chamber office at (205) 988-5672 or by email at bill@hooverchamber.org.

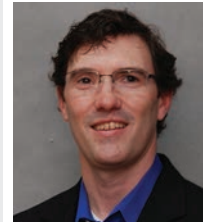
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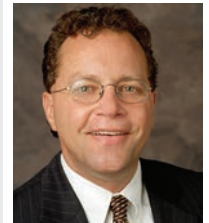
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Upcoming Events

December 2017-January 2018

NOVEMBER

November 30: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Open House and Coffee & Contacts at Whole Foods , 3780 Riverchase Village/Whole Foods Market Plaza, Hoover 35244. Contact Alex Colar at Alexandria.colar@wholefoods.com or (205) 912-8400. Or call the chamber office at 988-5672.

DECEMBER

December 5: 8:30 a.m. Minority Business Council Meeting at Chamber Office. Visitors welcome!

December 7: 8:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee at Chamber Office. Visitors welcome!

December 7: 5:30-7:00 p.m. SPECIAL Business After Hours, hosted by the Minority Business Council at Perfect Note, 1845 Montgomery Highway, Suite 201, Hoover 35244. Contact Karen or Tremayne Thompson 205-986-7280 or tkproductionsandevents@gmail.com or Chamber Office 205-988-5672 for information.

December 11: 11:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting at Somerby at St. Vincent's One Nineteen, 200 One Nineteen Boulevard, Hoover (Greystone) 35242. Contact Lee Ellen Haskins at (601) 248-1053 or lhaskins@somerbyliving.com for information.

December 14: 7:30-9:00 a.m. Coffee & Contacts at Vestavia Reserve

December 20: 4:30 p.m. Monthly Ambassadors Meeting at Chamber Office. Visitors Welcome!

December 21: Hoover Chamber Luncheon at Hoover Country Club. 11:15 a.m. Networking, Noon Luncheon. Please make reservations by Monday, December 18. Those who make reservations requesting a meal be prepared for them, and do not attend will be invoiced, unless canceled prior to the event. \$20.00 or \$25.00 for non-members or for those without reservations. Lisa@hooverchamber.org

December 22-25: Chamber Office closed for Christmas Holidays. No Business after Hours in December - Merry Christmas!

JANUARY

January 2: NO Minority Business Council Meeting at Chamber Office.

January 4: 8:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee at Chamber Office. Visitors welcome!

January 11: 7:30-9:00 a.m. Coffee & Contacts at Stewart of Alabama, hosted by Business Resource Group, 4000 Colonnade Parkway, Birmingham 35243. Contact Jim Brance at jim.branche@stewartal.com or (205) 969-3000.

January 17: 4:30 p.m. Monthly Ambassadors Meeting at Chamber Office. Visitors Welcome!

January 18: Hoover Chamber Luncheon at Hoover Country Club. 11:15 a.m. Networking, Noon Luncheon. Please make reservations by Monday, January 15. Those who make reservations requesting a meal be prepared for them, and do not attend will be invoiced, unless canceled prior to the event. \$20.00 or \$25.00 for non-members or for those without reservations. Lisa@hooverchamber.org

January 25: 5:30 -7:00 p.m. Business after Hours at Morningside of Vestavia Hills (formerly Chateau Vestavia), 2401 Columbiana Road, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216. Contact Jeremy Simmons at jsimmons@5ssl.com or (205) 822=4773.

FEBRUARY

February 1: 8:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee at Chamber Office. Visitors welcome!

First Commercial Bank to Sponsor January 18 Luncheon

Hoover Mayor Frank Brocato To Install 2018 Officers

First Commercial Bank will sponsor the January 18 Chamber Luncheon, and has scheduled Hoover Frank Brocato to install the new officers and board of directors for the Hoover Chamber.

Elected at the December Luncheon to serve as president for the Chamber in 2018 was Jerome Morgan, Jr. Jerome has been active in the Hoover Chamber for several years, has served on the Board of Directors for the past six years, as second vice president in 2016. Jerome Morgan has served as chamber president in 2017, and because of changes in the structure of the board, will repeat as chamber president in 2018.

Chris Schmidt, our 2016 Chamber President, will remain on the board as Immediate Past President. Terry Turner of Gentle, Turner & Sexton Law Firm will move up to serve as First Vice President. Joe Thomas will continue as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Kathleen Spencer of Spencer Consulting Group will continue as secretary to the board of directors, and Adam West, CPA of Warren Averett CPAs and Advisors, as treasurer. April DeLuca of Magic City Law Firm has been appointed to serve as Legal Advisor



Jerome Morgan, Jr.,
2017-18 Chamber President

to the Board, since Turner has now been elected as second vice president.

Continuing to serve on the board for the 2016-2018 term are Paul Dangel of the Hyatt Regency-Wynfrey Hotel; Ira Levine of Levine & Associates; and Tynette Lynch of Aldridge Gardens.

Continuing to serve on the Board of Directors for 2017-2019 are Paul Huckeba of CB&S Bank; Jeff McDowell of McDowell Securities; and Lynn Ray of Business Telephones, Inc.

At this writing, the new board members for 2018-2020 have not yet been nominated or elected, but are to be

nominated at the November 2017 luncheon, and elected at the December 21 luncheon.

The Chamber will also recognize outstanding volunteers for the 2017 year including the Member of the Year, Ambassadors of the Year and Fourth Quarter, and Board Member of the Year at this luncheon. Mayor Brocato will be installing the officers and board members as well.

To attend this January 18 Chamber Luncheon, please make your reservations no later than Tuesday, January 16, by calling 988-5672, or emailing Lisa Dunbar at admin@hooverchamber.org.

The Luncheon is still \$20.00 for those with reservations, or \$25.00 for non-members or those who come without reservations, if space is available. Payment can be made by cash, check, or major credit cards. Cancellations are accepted until the morning of the luncheon. Those who make reservations and simple do not show will be invoiced for the luncheon, as the chamber makes guarantees to the Hoover Country Club based on the number of reservations. Hoover Country Club is located at 3140 Club Drive, Hoover 35216.



Mission Statement

Amended January 1998. The Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce promotes economic growth of business through a strong support system which provides business and community partnerships.

Hoover Chamber Officers and Board of Directors



Jerome Morgan, Jr., Oncort Professional Services
2017 President



Chris Schmidt, J.D., Daniel Corporation,
2016 President



Joel Smith, Hendrick Hoover Auto Mall,
1st Vice President



Terry Turner Gentle, Turner & Sexton
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Tynette Lynch Aldridge Gardens



Jeff McDowell McDowell Security Services, LLC



Stephen Preston, Brookwood Baptist Medical Center



Lynn Ray Business Telephones, Inc.



Terry Shea, Wrapsody



A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Davenport's Alteration & Repair, located at 3734 Lorna Road in the River Oaks Village Shopping Center in Hoover. Shown cutting the ribbon is Owner Landon Davenport, with Seamstress Tyjuana Pierce, as Hoover Mayor Frank Brocato holds the bow. They are joined by several friends and Hoover Chamber ambassadors. Davenport's Alteration & Repair can be reached at (205) 240-6243 or Contact@DavenportsAlteration.com. www.DavenportsAlteration.com



A special Halloween Coffee & Contacts was held October 31, 2017 at the location of T. Fox Salon, 2080 Valleydale Road in Hoover, 35244 (next to Rag Time Café). The owner and staff dressed as characters from Alice in Wonderland, and many attendees dressed as other characters for the Halloween morning event. Characters included Marie Antoinette, Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts (Traci Fox), crazy drummer, and other characters.



At the October Monthly Luncheon of the chamber, Lynn Ray of Business Telephones, Inc., was recognized as the Ambassador of the Third Quarter. Lynn, who has won the Ambassador of the Year Award for 2015 and 2016, earned more points for her volunteer activities with the chamber during the July-August-September period, with extra points as volunteer coordinator for the 22nd Annual Chamber Golf Tournament. We have some 40 chamber ambassadors who attend and participate at our many events throughout the year.