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THE Chamber

AUGUSTA METRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Chamber Volunteer Spotlight

This month's volunteer spotlight is on **Sherri Ingle**, from SCANA Energy.

Sherri serves as **Secretary** on our **Women In Business Steering Committee**.

Thank you for all that you do for the Chamber, Sherri!

Our Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings:

Wednesday, February 3rd
10:30 am
Kroc Center
1763 Broad Street
Augusta, GA 30904

Friday, February 5th
4:00 pm
MCG Cancer Center
1411 Laney Walker Blvd.
Augusta, Georgia

Members 4 Members is designed to focus on information that you, our members, would like to share with other members of the Chamber. Newsletter sections feature upcoming events sponsored by member organizations, scheduled ribbon cuts, special recognitions, volunteer profiles, member anniversaries and a section called Buy Close By which features member-to-member savings and the promotion of local commerce.

We encourage all of our members to think about what they would like to share. Perhaps you want to offer a discount to fellow members or maybe you want to toot your own horn about a recent award. Whatever it is, we want to hear from you!

Member Recognition, Awards and Honors

Jan-Pro Cleaning Systems of Southeast Georgia won the most improved office out of over 90 Regional offices at a national conference in October.

Hull, Towill, Norman, Barrett & Salley, P.C. is pleased to announce that the name of the firm has changed to Hull Barrett, PC. Hull Barrett is a full-service law firm with a long successful history in Georgia and South Carolina.

The Augusta office of **Bartlett Tree Experts** was awarded the 2009 company Safety Award for thier outstanding safety program and low accident frequency among over 100 offices in 4 countries. Bartlett Tree Experts has been around since 1907 and strives to be the leader in the industry in leading safety and scientific tree care.

Sloane Wiggins and Audrey Snuggs of **Cudos!** were awarded the Small Business of the Year Award by the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce.

The Partridge Inn celebrated its 100th anniversary on January

Thursday, February 11th
12:00 noon
Hargrove & Associates
Management Consultants
4141 Columbia Road Suite
B
Martinez, GA 30907

Thursday, March 11th
11:30 am
Brandon Technology
Consultants
1030 Jimmy Dyess Parkway
Ste 5
Augusta, GA



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**Member
Anniversaries**

40th
Wachovia

25th
The Family Y of the
CSRA

20th
The Partridge Inn

10th
AT&T

5th
Finnchem USA, Inc.

8th.
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At the **Historic Augusta Annual Meeting**, the preservation organization was presented with two 2009 Roger K. Warlick Local History Achievement Awards from the Georgia Historical Society. The Warlick awards recognize the efforts of historical organizations across the state to collect, preserve, and share the history of Georgia with the general public in six categories: Affiliate of the Year, Archival Excellence, Exhibits, Media Project, Programs, and Preservation Project. Dr. Todd Groce, Georgia Historical Society President, presented awards to Historic Augusta in the Programs category for "Walk with the Spirits" and in the Preservation Project category for the restoration of Union Baptist Church.

Upcoming Events & Seminars

The Dale Carnegie Course in Effective Speaking and Human Relations begins on Tuesday, February 2nd at the Family YMCA on Wheeler Rd.

Class is taught every Tuesday from 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Conquer your fear of public speaking, improve your communication skills one-on-one, in small groups and before large crowds. Learn to remember names, handle stress and better engage your employees to be more productive.

For information call Keith Edmondson at 706-664-8726, keith.edmondson@dalecarnegie, or www.sc.dalecarnegie.com.

University Hospital has the following events in February:

Sleep Apnea and Its Effect on the Heart
Bashir Chaudhary, M.D., Pulmonologist
Thursday, Feb. 4 · 6-7:30 p.m.
Belair Conference Center
4083 Singh Lane, Augusta
Free. Dinner will be served, and reservations are required.

What You Should Know About Aneurysms
Bobby Mendes, M.D., Vascular Surgeon
Tuesday, Feb. 16 · 6-7:30 p.m.
Aiken Municipal Building Conference Center
215 The Alley, Aiken
Free. Dinner will be served, and reservations are required.

University Hospital's Heart Attack & Stroke Survivor Dinner
Guest Speaker: Zonya Foco, America's Nutrition Leader
Friday, Feb. 12 · 6 p.m.
Belair Conference Center
4083 Singh Lane, Augusta
For anyone who has survived a heart attack or stroke and one guest.
Reservations are required. Space is limited.

University Hospital's Smart Heart Expo

Saturday, Feb. 27

9 a.m. -2 p.m.

North Augusta Community Center
495 Brookside Ave.

Heart disease and stroke are the leading causes of death and disability in the United States. Fortunately, lifestyle changes and early detection can reduce your risk, and the University Smart Heart Expo is the perfect place to begin. We'll provide the education, encouragement and support to help you embark on a healthier lifestyle - and all of it is absolutely free. Sponsored by the Augusta Chronicle.

Free activities include:

- Blood sugar testing
- Blood pressure screening
- Total cholesterol
- Body fat and BMI testing
- Heart-healthy cooking demonstration
- Healthy heart information
- One-on-one heart counseling
- Special gifts and door prizes

Educational breakout sessions:

- Understanding Your Lipids
- Benefits of Exercise
- Reading Food Labels and Eating Out
- Stress Management

Register for these events online at

www.universityhealth.org/calendar or call 706/828-2502.

Golden Harvest Food Bank annual Souper Bowl of Caring set for Sunday, February 7th

The Souper Bowl of Caring will celebrate its twentieth year of service around the country. The Souper Bowl has become an annual tradition for many congregations, schools and service clubs. During the week and hours leading to the Super Bowl football game, these groups collect money and canned goods at the various Souper Bowl of Caring events they have planned. The funds and food collected at these events are donated to local charities. These donations make a big difference for charities like Golden Harvest, who serve the community's most vulnerable.

If your organization is interested in participating, it's easy to get involved! You can visit www.souperbowl.org to register and learn more about the event.

Savannah River Site Recovery Act Small Business LUNCH & LEARN, organized by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC

Learn about upcoming Recovery Act Requests For Proposals planned for small businesses. Gain insight on how to do

business at SRS and the requirements for businesses that are awarded Recovery Act contracts.

Thursday, Feb. 18th
City Club
724 Broad Street
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

To register, small businesses should go online to www.srs.gov/recovery/lunch-and-learn.

Join the Young Professionals of Augusta for a Lunch & Learn on February 25th.

February 25th
12 p.m. at Cafe 209
Speaker: Kim Marcille
Topic: "Science Behind Improving Your Effectiveness"
Cost: \$10/lunch

Contact Sean Frantom for additional information:
SeanFrantom@spherion.com.

Buy Close By (Member to Member Discounts)

Valentine's Day Indulgence Package at the Partridge Inn

Come celebrate your Valentine's day this year at the Partridge Inn!

Delivering romance and luxury at an unbeatable value, this package includes:

- Superior Guest Room
- Chilled Champagne & Truffles
- One Dozen Red Roses
- 4-Course Dinner with Wine Pairings in the Award-Winning Verandah Grill

This package is typically offered for \$300-all inclusive, but simply identify yourself as a member of the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce and get **\$50 off** this package!

Contact Tijuana Jenkins at 706.396.2614, or tjenkins@partridgeinn.com.

Muscle Restore Therapy

is offering Augusta Metro Chamber Members **special rates for half hour massages and full hour massages.**

½ Hour Massage Refresher for \$35.00
1 hour Massage Escape session for \$50.00

To take advantage of this special offer, please call Chiquita Jones or Jacqueline Coleman at 706-814-6634. Remember to

list or mention your affiliation with the Augusta Chamber to receive the special rates!

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The Holiday Inn Augusta West is pleased to offer a **10% room discount** to Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce Members.

To take advantage of this discount, please contact:

Adrienne Jones
Sales Director
Holiday Inn Augusta West
706-396-4600

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The **Metro Spirit** City Guide 2010 will hit the streets February 24th. **Discounted advertising space** available for Chamber members. Ad deadline is February 17th.

For more details, contact Bryan Osborn at 706-738-1142.

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The **Georgia DOT 511 Sponsorship Program** (511 travel assistance program) would like to offer Chamber Members an **opportunity for sponsorship on use on state and federal route signs**. The 511 signs will be posted on interstates and state routes with a minimum of 10 miles between each sign.

There is a one-time production fee for the sponsorship sign and an annual sponsorship fee. Sponsorship cost is \$2000 for the large interstate signs and \$1500 for the smaller state route signs. When inquiring, please mention your affiliation with the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, please contact **Andy Wallace** at andyw@511sponsorship.com, or 770-654-6178.

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The Georgia Aquarium is excited to offer **Augusta Metro Chamber Members a 10% discount on General Admission tickets and the additional add-ons for your Georgia Aquarium visit**. Click on the following link to purchase your family's discounted tickets today!

www.georgiaaquarium.org/amcoc

- SPECIAL 10% DISCOUNT for Members and their family! The 10% discount is applicable on general admission tickets, Premium Day Passes, Behind the Scenes combo tickets, or the PLANET SHARK combination tickets.
- Print your tickets in advance from your computer or bring

- Order Confirmation # to Box Office to receive tickets.
- No waiting in line to purchase tickets.
 - Download our "self guided" tour right to your personal iPod.

To receive the 10% discount, all tickets **MUST** be purchased from the web link provided above and the discount will be applied at the time of checkout. You will be prompted to select a date and time that you wish to visit the Aquarium. You must arrive at the time you have reserved; no late entry will be permitted. This discount is NOT available by phone or at the front gate/box office. If you need assistance, please contact our call center @ 404-581-4010. All Guests must still go through security checkpoint.

If you would like to submit information for the Members 4 Members Newsletter, please email your information to Mandi Keown at mkeown@augustagausa.com.

Please keep your submissions specific and concise, and remember the deadline for next month is **February 16th!**

Cornerstone Members

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