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North Carolina Football Club at the Eye Opener in March
Steve Malik, with the North Carolina Football Club, will be our Eye Opener Speaker on March 22nd. A few of their players will be there, along with an offer to get tickets to the home opener game on March 25th. Regular eye opener tickets will still be $10, but $20 includes 2 tickets to the home opener against Miami Football Club.
For more information about the NWSL, log on to the league’s official website at www.NWSLsoccer.com. For more information, please visit www.NCCourage.com or follow them on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.
For more information, please visit www.NorthCarolinaFC.com.

Excellence Award Nominations are Open!
Do you know a company who deserves to be awarded for their contributions in the non-profit sector, who is innovative, or just all around a great company?! Members are encouraged to nominate their company or another member company for these awards. The ceremony will be held on May 18th at Embassy Suites from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is presented by PNC Bank, along with Burns & Bynum CPA PA, Carolina Hurricanes, Duke Energy, Huntington Learning Center, Town of Cary, and Wake Tech Small Business Industry Center. Find out more about the award criteria here>

Business of Women in March!
Join us in March “For Women – Safety First” presented by Toni Y. Dezomits, Assistant Chief Professional Standards Bureau, Cary Police Department. We hope you’ll join us! Sponsored by: Fourle Group, along with Carolina Hurricanes, Hall & Burns Wealth Management, Nirveili Day Spa, WakeMed Cary Hospital, and Waltonwood, a Singh Senior Living Community. Register today!

Big Thanks for a Successfull Reverse Car Raffle & Auction
This year’s raffle and auction was a huge success thanks to you - our members! A great time was had by all - and most attendees walked away with a great purchase - whether it was a restaurant gift certificate, professional service, or broadway show tickets. Our live and silent auction items were donated by our area businesses and collected by our ambassadors. Ambassador Alison Guthrie, with AFLAC, brought in the most auction items, and Claire Smith, HairWaves Salon, sold the most raffle tickets. Our reverse raffle ended with Chuck Norman winning a 2016 Buick
The Annual Excellence Awards recognizes local companies who through creativity, innovation and a drive for success make an impact on our business community and the people that they work with.

May 18th
Click here to register.

The Excellence Awards luncheon will be held on May 18th at the Embassy Suites in Cary.

This celebration is the perfect place to take your colleagues for a fast paced awards ceremony, a delicious lunch and the opportunity to show your support for the area’s small businesses. Be the first to know the winners!

If you haven’t already, make your reservation to attend this event!
Some table sponsorships remain and there is still room for individuals.
$35 per person
$450 for a table sponsorship (includes a table of 10)

Presented by:

Silver sponsors:
Burns & Bynum CPA, Small Business Center Wake Technical Community College, Carolina Hurricanes, Duke Energy, Town of Cary and our Education Award sponsor, Huntington Learning Center.
Encore - Congratulations Chuck!

Honor a Teacher will Celebrate 30 Teachers

The Cary Chamber’s Honor a Teacher Program is set to take place on May 15th. Each year, we are honored to provide a $1,000 check to local teachers in the Western Wake area schools for their dedication, passion, and excellence in teaching our children. Through the generosity of our sponsors we are able to recognize our educators at a ceremony at Booth Amphitheatre. This program strives to help our school system in meeting the challenge of recognizing and retaining some of the best classroom teachers. Please contact Allison Wrenn at the Chamber if you would like additional information – awrenn@carychamber.com.

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Youth Leadership Cary finishes last 2 Sessions

High school juniors from Athens Drive, Cary, Green Hope, Panther Creek, and Middle Creek high schools have completed their last sessions before graduating the Youth Leadership Cary program. These sessions included business and economic development; and town government. This program is sponsored by: AT&T, Siemens, Town of Cary, and WakeMed Cary Hospital.

Cary Young Professionals

Join us on March 9th for a Young Professionals event at Tazza Kitchen in Cary from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will offer a beverage and some appetizers at this social event. Bring your business cards for a chance to win door prizes!

Sign up today at http://web.carychamber.com/events/Cary-Young-Professionals-1175/details

If your company is interested in sponsoring this event - please email Christie at cmoser@carychamber.com #CaryYPN

Intercity Visit 2017

On March 22nd 58 elected, business and community leaders will leave for the Valley of the Sun for the Cary Chamber’s 15th Intercity Visit. Over three packed days we will tour redevelopment projects, meet with elected officials and learn from our peers about best practices as Cary embarks on our next chapter of infill & redevelopment. We will learn how Tempe is re-branding their community and how Scottsdale has worked with the private sector on numerous successful public/private partnerships. We will also find a little time to take in a spring training baseball game and build some relationships among our group! If you’re not able to join us for the trip, make sure you attend the economic development committee meeting in May where we will debrief on all that we learned.

Presenting Sponsors: Highwoods Properties, Cary Economic Development

A Day of Service is Back!

On March 28th, our member businesses will go out into the community and volunteer their help for our non-profit members.

This day is sponsored by: Duke Raleigh Hospital, The Kelly Cobb Home Team for Fonville Morisey, Siemens, S&A Communications, Travinla Italian Kitchen and Wine Bar, and Community Partner Duke Energy.
Leadership Cary is Going Strong Halfway through Program

Leadership Cary has completed half of their sessions with the most recent being Cultural Arts & Entertainment and Economic Development. These sessions were hosted by the PNC Arena, the Town of Cary’s arts and entertainment facilities; and MetLife, SAS, and The Umstead Hotel & Spa. They also recently completed their Education Session with the Wake County Public School System, Wake Tech Community College, and NC State.

Thank you to MetLife and WakeMed Cary Hospital for Presenting Sponsorships, and to Siemens, Duke Energy, S&A Communications, and Town of Cary for silver sponsorships. Contact Christie for information at cmoser@cary-chamber.com.
CARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

After Hours with Wake County Leadership

April 26th
MacGregor Downs Country Club
5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Cary Chamber of Commerce is pleased to invite you to an After Hours with our Wake County Elected Leaders.

Click here to register

Presented by:

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AT&T  Duke Raleigh Hospital  PSNC Energy  Siemens  Town of Cary
**March**

7. Leadership Cary – Education Session, **Sponsored by MetLife and WakeMed Cary Hospital, along with Duke Energy, Siemens, S&A Communications & Town of Cary**

7. Notary Public Class – Chamber Offices, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. Education Meeting – Chamber Offices, 12 p.m. – **Sponsored by Huntington Learning Center**

9. Cary Young Professionals - Tazza Kitchen, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

14. Chamber 101 – Chamber Offices, 12 p.m.

15. Board of Directors – Chamber Offices, 8 a.m.

16. Business of Women – Prestonwood Country Club, 12 p.m., **Sponsored by Fourie Group, along with Carolina Hurricanes, Hall & Burns Wealth Management, Nirvelli Day Spa, WakeMed Cary Hospital, and Waltonwood, a Singh Senior Living Community**

22. Eye Opener Breakfast – Prestonwood Country Club, 8 a.m.

28. Day of Service

30. Education Golf Tournament - MacGregor Downs Country Club, 12 p.m. **Sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina**

**April**

5. Economic Development – Chamber Offices, 8 a.m. – **Sponsored by Highwoods Properties and S&A Communications**

6. Parent Chat with Bill Fletcher – Chamber Offices, 1 to 2 p.m.

6. Business After Hours - M/I Homes - 6405 Holly Springs Road, Raleigh, NC 27606, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

11. Notary Public Class – Chamber Offices, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

12. Education Meeting – Chamber Offices, 12 p.m. – **Sponsored by Huntington Learning Center**

13. Ambassador Meeting – Chamber Offices, 8:30 a.m.

19. Board of Directors – Chamber Offices, 8 a.m.

20. Business of Women – Prestonwood Country Club, 12 p.m., **Sponsored by Fourie Group, along with Carolina Hurricanes, Hall & Burns Wealth Management, Nirvelli Day Spa, WakeMed Cary Hospital, and Waltonwood, a Singh Senior Living Community**

26. Eye Opener Breakfast – Prestonwood Country Club, 8 a.m.

26. Elected Officials Reception - MacGregor Downs Country Club, 5:30 - 7 p.m. **Sponsored by: UNC Rex Healthcare, AT&T, Duke Raleigh Hospital, PSNC Energy, Siemens, and Town of Cary**
Zaniac, a STEM-based learning center, just opened its first Triangle location in Cary’s Parkside Town Commons shopping center. Zaniac specializes in making learning feel like play with programs for students kindergarten through eighth grade, such as Zane Math, Robotics: LEGO™, Game-Based Learning: Minecraft, 3D Printing and Computer Programming. Interested individuals can contact the Zaniac at (919) 342-8536 to learn more. Zaniac Parkside is located at 1206 Parkside Main St., Cary, NC 27519. To learn more, visit www.zaniaclearning.com/parkside.

Chuck Norman, APR, owner/principal of S&A Communications, a full-service communications agency based in Cary, was recently elected secretary of the Executive Committee of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Counselors Academy. Norman was accepted into Counselors Academy in 2008 and has served on the Executive Committee since 2013. Counselors Academy is a national professional interest section of PRSA that focuses on the business of agency PR. Its entrepreneurial members are owners or senior managers of leading independent firms in the United States and Canada. Counselors Academy’s programs foster networking, mentoring and learning. For more information on Counselors Academy, visit www.caprsa.com. For more information about S&A Communications, call 919-674-6020 or visit www.sacommunications.com.

Artisans and craftspeople who can provide a unique shopping experience for thousands of National Folk Festival attendees are invited to submit applications to participate in the North Carolina Arts Marketplace at the 2017 Festival. In 2016, the 76th National Folk Festival attracted more than 138,000 attendees to downtown Greensboro for the FREE, three-day weekend. Organizers expect attendance to increase by as much as 30% or more in 2017. The North Carolina Arts Marketplace, which was a tremendous success in 2016, will be located again on North Elm Street, between Lindsay and Bellmeade. An anticipated 50 to 60 artists will participate in the Marketplace in 2017. Online applications are available at nationalfolkfestival.com/marketplace/ and must be submitted by 11:55 pm on Friday, March 24, 2017. A panel comprised of North Carolina artists and arts leaders will evaluate all applications.

HOWARD, STALLINGS, FROM, HUTSON, ATKINS, ANGELL & DAVIS P.A. announces with pleasure that

Nicholas c. Brown: a business bankruptcy specialist concentrating in commercial and consumer bankruptcy; creditor rights; business litigation and environmental law.

Robert h. Jessup: concentrating in wrongful death; personal injury; and business law.

Douglas d. Noreen: concentrating in trust and estate litigation; guardianship litigation; condemnation and civil litigation. Have been admitted as owners of the firm.

The Friends of Page-Walker offers a variety of presentations as part of its Historic Preservation Series. Each presentation is held at the historic Page-Walker Arts & History Center, located at 119 Ambassador Loop in downtown Cary. Refreshments follow each program.

“Why Do They Call It That?” The History Behind Cary’s Street Names

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 7:30 pm

Ever wonder how Harrison or Dry Avenues got their names? Join the Friends of the Page-Walker as they reveal the name origins of some of Cary’s prominent thoroughfares.

“What Have We Got to Lose?” An Annual Inventory on Cary’s Historic Properties

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 7:30 pm

Join the Friends of the Page-Walker to learn the status and architectural significance of properties in Cary’s three National Register historic districts. Hear interesting tidbits about the former owners of these local treasures.

Ticket Info: These events are free and open to the public as part of the Friends of Page-Walker’s Historic Preservation Series. For More Info: www.friendsofpagewalker.org or 919-460-4963
The Town of Cary has awarded 33 non-profit organizations $40,000 in grant funding from the 2016 Lazy Daze Arts & Crafts Festival; the grant committee awarded $40,000 as a tribute to the fortieth Lazy Daze’s in 2016. The grant program is funded through festival proceeds and supports projects from which the Cary community benefits. Since its inception, the Lazy Daze Arts & Crafts Festival has awarded more than $700,000 to the community.

This year’s recipients include:
- American Turkish Association of NC
- Asian Focus Corporation
- Carolina Youth Ballet
- Cary/Apex Piano Teachers Association
- Cary Art Loop
- Cary Ballet Company
- Cary Community Choir
- Cary Family YMCA
- Cary Music & Arts Festival
- Cary Players, Inc.
- Cary Playwrights’ Forum
- Cary Town Band
- Cary Visual Art, Inc
- Cary Youth Voices
- The Carying Place, Inc
- The Center for Volunteer Caregiving
- The Concert Singers of Cary
- CORRAL Riding Academy
- Diamante, Inc.
- Fine Arts League of Cary
- Friends of Hemlock Bluffs
- Friends of Page-Walker Hotel, Inc.
- General Assembly Chorus
- Heart of Cary Association, Inc.
- Hum Sub, Inc
- International Ballet Company
- Lebanese Education Center
- Lucy Daniels Center for Early Childhood
- Philharmonic Association, Inc.
- Sister Cities Association of Cary
- Triangle British Brass Band, Ltd.
- Triangle Wind Ensemble
- West Regional Library

To qualify for a grant, an applicant must be a Cary-based non-profit with a federal tax identification number. Each organization may submit one application describing a single project it wishes to have funded; a subcommittee evaluates grant applications and provides final approval.

The Center for Volunteer Caregiving is excited to have VocalMotion select our organization as their 2017 charity. VocalMotion, the SAS show choir, is celebrating its 25th season of entertaining the Triangle area and supporting local charities. “We’d love for you to help us celebrate by attending one of our performances of Measures of Love.”

Event Details
VocalMotion’s Broadway-Style Concert
March 10-12, 2017; The Berger Hall Theater on the campus of Cary Academy, 1500 Harrison Ave in Cary, right next door to the SAS campus.
Showtimes:
Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m.
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