

CHAMBER CONNECT

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2025

MAR 4 | South Hall Business Coalition
MAR 5 | Health & Wellness Seminar
MAR 6 | Business After Hours
MAR 11 | Small Business Seminar
MAR 13 | Healthy Hall Awards
MAR 27 | Chamber Chase 5K

Business After Hours



Thank you **Brenau University** for sponsoring Business After Hours in February (Above, L-R) **Edie Rogers, Claudia George** and **Dr. David Barnett**, Brenau. (Below, L-R) **Matt Thomas**, Brenau; **Zach Davis** and **Greg Hutson**, All Outdoor Lawn Services. Don't miss Business After Hours on Thursday, March 6 with all our furry friends at the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia in Gainesville. [LEARN MORE](#)



Chamber Chase
Thursday, March 27
6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Riverside Preparatory Academy
Riverside Drive in Gainesville



Sign up a team for the 5K or 2 Mile Walk and promote employee spirit and wellness.

Scan below or
link to [REGISTER](#)



- Individual and Team Awards
- Electronic Finish Line Results
- T-Shirt Design Contest
- \$30 (\$35 after March 20)

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Greater Hall Chamber Membership



Brandi Humphrey
Pinnacle Bank
Membership Team Captain



Debbie Pruitt
Lanier Technical College
Membership Team Captain



Jason Guillorn Peach
State Bank Membership
Team Captain



Kay Cochran
Cochran Brothers Electric
Membership Team Captain

Team Captains are leading the Greater Hall Chamber's Annual Membership Drive along with over 20 volunteer recruiters working to net 100 new members. The drive features great incentives to join including a 15-minute phone marketing consultation with Sawyer Media Group; \$50 discount off a booth rental at an upcoming Greater Hall Chamber event; On site consultation with Signs By Tomorrow along with sign and graphic discounts; Featured listing in the Chamber's online Membership Directory; Discounts and giveaways on cleaning services from Turnkey Facility Maintenance; Complimentary Ribbon Cutting, and more. **The drive concludes March 21.**

Reach out to one of the captains above if you know of a prospective Chamber member, or call Christen or Marissa at the Chamber, 770-532-6206.



T. Sloane Guy, MD
Keynote Speaker
Healthy Hall Awards Luncheon

Healthy Hall Awards Luncheon Thursday, March 13

11:30 am - 1:00 pm | Lanier Technical College
Recognizing Outstanding Medical Professionals

Join us as we spotlight those in the healthcare industry making significant impact on our quality of life through excellence in health and wellness. We will recognize outstanding medical professionals, and the keynote speaker is T. Sloane Guy, MD. A North Carolina native, Dr. Guy played football at Wake Forest University, earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and completed his residency and fellowship at Penn Med. He specializes in robotic heart surgery, specifically robotic mitral valve repairs. He worked at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and served three tours as an active duty U.S. Army trauma surgeon. He received a Bronze Star Medal and many other combat awards during his service. An award-winning physician, Dr. Guy has been named a "Top Doc" by Philadelphia magazine, New York Magazine, and U.S. News & World Report.

Small Business Luncheon: \$25 per person | \$500 Table Sponsor (seats 8)
Reservations Required. Space Limited. [Make Your Reservation](#)

South Hall Council

South Hall Business Coalition Tuesday, March 4

9:00 -10:00 am
Hall County Sheriff's Office
South Hall Precinct



Hall County native Sheriff Gerald Couch has served his community since 1981 and is now serving his 4th term as Sheriff of Hall County. Join us as he provides an update on the state of the department and how he plans to lead Georgia's 4th largest Sheriff's Office into the next era of law enforcement, while ensuring the highest level of public service to our citizens.

[CLICK HERE to register.](#)

Sheriff Gerald Couch

\$8 Chamber Member | \$15 Non-Member | Light Breakfast
Ellie Cardin, 770-532-6206 x 115. [Email Ellie](#)

The South Hall Business Coalition is sponsored by AccessWDUN, King's Hawaiian, Milton Martin Honda, Northeast Georgia Medical Center Braselton, Signs by Tomorrow and South Hall Rotary.



Please join **NextGen Hall Co** for the next Meet & Mingle event, Tuesday, March 11th, 5:00-6:30 pm at Jekyll Brewing! This is a FREE networking event for the next generation of leaders in Gainesville-Hall County. Join us for drinks, light bites, and networking at this great location! [CLICK HERE to register.](#)



The Spring Job Fair on April 3 (10am-2pm) will draw an estimated 1,000 job seekers. Some 70+ employers will be on hand with hiring managers and job applications onsite. Exhibit space limited. Employers, scan below to register.



(L-R) **Steve Naughton**, **Enterprising Solutions**, program presenter **Melinda Coker**, **Small Business Access Partners**, and **Tim Evans**, **Chamber**, at the recent Small Business Seminar covering non traditional lending options for small business.



Anna Hester presented an update on the Vision 2030 Healthcare Consortium at the recent Health & Wellness Seminar. (L-R) **Dr. Philip Kimsey**, *Foothills Functional Medicine*; **Dr. Jotrineesha Walton**, *Graduate Medical Education, Family Medical Resident*; **Dr. Gale Starich**, *Brenau University*; **Anna Hester**, *Executive Director of Vision 2030*. Kara Coates and Vicki Schulte of the Children's Center for Hope and Healing will provide an overview at the March 5 seminar on the nonprofit's dedication to supporting children and families impacted by abuse, trauma, and mental health challenges. [CLICK HERE to register.](#)

Meetings & Events



Dr. Michael Shannon, president of the **University of North Georgia**, presented an update on the college at the February South Hall Business Coalition meeting.



Arbor Day Student Art and Essay Contest Winners (Front, L-R) **Mayrin Rivas**, Centennial Arts Academy; **Ava Burnette**, Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy; **Grace Beasley**, Sandra Deal Elementary. (Back, L-R) **Ragon Stump**, Enota; **Cora Gaines**, Sardis Enrichment School; **Carol Sowers**, Hall County Master Gardeners (sponsor); **Leeah Garrett**, Sandra Deal Elementary; **Shanda Sexton**, Keep Hall Beautiful (sponsor).



Network Over Coffee at McAlister's in Gainesville (L-R) **Dianne Hicks**, Norton Real Estate; **Karin Mc-Ginn**, Goodwill Career Center; **Kat Yee**, Procare Ottobock Prosthetics & Orthotics; **Kelsey Krier**, The Movement Lab Chiropractic; **Gina and Darin Workman**, Spherion; **Arely Carrillo**, Jackson EMC. Join networking and lead development with Chamber members at Network Over Coffee on Friday, March 14 (9am) at Break Water Grill and Wednesday, March 26 at Papa Jack's Country Kitchen.

MARCH

Tuesday, March 4

South Hall Business Coalition

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Hall County Sheriff's Office

South Hall Precinct | Flowery Branch

Wednesday, March 5

Healthcare & Wellness Seminar

9:00 - 10:00 am | Chamber or via Zoom

Thursday, March 6

Business After Hours

Humane Society of Northeast Georgia

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

845 W Ridge Road | Gainesville

Tuesday, March 11

Small Business Seminar

8:30 am - 9:30 am | Chamber or via Zoom

Wednesday, March 12

Human Resource Council

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday, March 13

Healthy Hall Awards Luncheon

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Lanier Technical College

Friday, March 14

Economic Development Council

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Tuesday, March 18

Vision 2030 Board

11:30 am - 1:00 pm | Chamber

Wednesday, March 19

Issues Committee

9:00 am - 10:00 am | Chamber

Thursday, March 20

Chamber Executive Committee

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Chamber

Thursday, March 27

Chamber Board of Directors

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Gainesville Civic Center

Thursday, March 27

Chamber Chase 5K & 2 Mile Wellness Walk

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Riverside Preparatory Academy



Scan for the
Chamber Events
Calendar

New Members

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7brew.com

Ace Handyman Services Lanier
Ken Washington
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acehandymanservices.com

Avenues of Life Counseling & Coaching
Nate Lajoie
(770) 612-1160
avenuesoflife.org

Black Jack Coffee
Julie Gosssett
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British Swim School of Jackson/Hall County
Val Jones
(404) 777-9562
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Crawlspace Medic
Cody Lovin
(706) 540-1535
crawlspacemedic.com

Disaster Response Specialists
Rafael Guevara
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Elite Dentistry of Georgia / Gainesville
Sydney Arnold
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Alethea Tucker
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Wellroot Family Services
Janet Walden
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MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Chamber Chairman **Glennis Barnes**, Georgia Power, recipient of the **Rotary Club of Gainesville's Guardian of Ethics Award**, presented annually to a member who exemplifies a strong passion for ethics in their personal and professional life. The 2024 Woman of the Year was **Carole Anne Daniel** and Man of the Year was **Jim Syfan**.

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia named **Carol Burrell**, Northeast Georgia Health System, as the **2025 Gainesville Woman of Distinction**, recognized for her leadership and contributions to the community. Burrell will be honored at a luncheon on Tuesday, March 11 at the Chattahoochee Country Club. gshg.org.

Wisdom Project 2030 presents a community symposium, "Living Your Best Life After 55" on March 27 (9:30am-4pm) at the Boathouse with Riley E. Moynes, best selling author and TEDx speaker, and Christopher Green, innovator and educator. CLICK HERE to register.

Windsor Wealth, Planners & Strategists announced that financial advisor **Deven Patel** earned his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® certification, recognizing professionals meeting rigorous education, training, and ethical standards. windsorwealth.management

Gateway to Hope, an evening of food, fun and friends will benefit **Gateway Domestic Violence Center** on March 28 (6:30) at the Chattahoochee Country Club. Tickets: gatewaydvcenter.org/hope

Winter Chautauqua 2025 is March 9-10 at The Boathouse at Lake Lanier Olympic Park and brings together speakers, marketers and tourism professionals, including Jay Markwalter, Tourism Director, GA Department of Economic Development. winterchautauqua.com

Partners are needed for Career Path Fairs for 7th & 8th graders at Lanier Technical College (3/10 & 3/11) and UNG Gainesville (3/13 & 3/14) where students hear from professionals, helping them choose a career path to focus on in high school. Email Shelley Logan to volunteer: shelley@workforcestrategiesgroup.com



A Chamber delegation visited the State Capitol with Leadership Hall. (L-R) State Senator **Drew Echols**; **Tim Evans**, President & CEO, Greater Hall Chamber; Lt. Governor **Burt Jones**; Greater Hall Chamber Chairman **Glennis Barnes**, Georgia Power; **Zach Propes**, Administrator, Hall County Government.

Ribbon Cuttings

Material Handling Inc.



Kyle Forrester, Fran Ogle, Barry Forrester, Jennifer Bingham, Nick Sain, David Long, Chris Sain, Jerry Whitehead, Colty Wells, Patrick Sain, Mike Sain, Steve McGuire, Kiran Patterson and John Patterson cut a ribbon at the new **Material Handling Inc.** (MHI) building on Hilton Drive in Gainesville. Founded in 1975 in Dalton, family-owned MHI has grown into a leading provider of forklifts and material handling solutions across the Southeast offering forklift sales, rentals, parts, service, and fleet management. The new facility strengthens its ability to serve manufacturers and distribution centers in the region. mhiusa.net

Elite Dentistry of Georgia



Merlinda Benefield (Dental Assistant), **Ashley Ellis** (Regional Manager), **Dr. Alec Feliciano** (Dentist, cutting ribbon), **Sydney Arnold** (Office Manager) and **Valerie Howe** (Hygienist) cut a ribbon at **Elite Dentistry of Georgia**. Located at 592 Medical Park Drive in Gainesville, the practice is excited to announce the grand opening of its Gainesville location. Dr. Feliciano is committed to providing exceptional care for patients of all ages. elitedentistryga.com

Sully's Steamers

Gainesville Mayor **Sam Couvillon**; Milton **Robson**; property owner, **Amy and Chris Williams**, owners/franchisees; **Robert "Sully" Sullivan**, franchiser, and **Isaac Jones**, assistant manager, cut ribbon at **Sully's Steamers** on Jesse Jewell Parkway in Gainesville. Sully's steams their famous bagel sandwiches until they're hot, melty, delicious and stuffed with fresh, flavorful ingredients. Sandwiches range from the classics, like Phillies, Reubens, Italians, to healthier options like egg and cheese, vegan hummus, and veggies. Want to skip the line? Order online and pick up your Sully's Steamer to go. sullysseamers.com



Business Expo



Most Engaging Booth: **Ryan Kyranakis, Abby and Zack Loggins, Big Peach Running Co-Braselton.**



Most Educational Booth: **Matt Waters, United Community Bank.**



Most Creative Booth: **Justin Nevarez and Kyle Berjeski, Solis Gainesville.**

Annual Small Business Luncheon at the Business Expo (L-R) **Tim McDonald, Lanier Technical College; Zack Loggins, Big Peach Running Co. Braselton** (event sponsor); **Ellie Cardin, Chamber**; Guest Speaker **Abigail Guzman, Consuelo/Centro GVL Eatery**; **Layna Weldon, State Farm Insurance** (sponsor); **Tim Evans, Greater Hall Chamber**.



UPCOMING

Thursday, MARCH 6
[Business After Hours](#)
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Humane Society of NEGA

Thursday, MARCH 13
[Healthy Hall Awards](#)
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Lanier Technical College

Thursday, MARCH 27
[Chamber Chase 5K & 2 mile Wellness Walk](#)
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Riverside Preparatory Academy
[Register Now!](#)

Thursday, APRIL 3
[Spring Job Fair](#)
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Gainesville Civic Center

Tuesday, APRIL 15
[Marketing Workshop](#)
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Brenau Downtown Center

Thursday, APRIL 17
[Business After Hours](#)
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
JT Stratford Wealth Management

Friday, APRIL 25
[Hackers Holiday Golf Tournament](#)
10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Lanier Islands

For Event Sponsor Opportunities:
Ellie Cardin, VP Events
770-532-6206 x 115
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Small Business

Upcoming Seminar

Tuesday, March 11

8:15 - 8:30 am: Networking

8:30 - 9:30 am: Program

In Person at the Chamber or via Zoom



"Fractional and Contract Employment"

Don't miss this seminar with Phil Bonelli, CEO of Roundtable Advisors, a consulting firm focused on helping small businesses – from strategic planning to implementation and ongoing management. Phil will cover fractional and contract employment in recent years. Learn more about this trend in hiring and how it may benefit your business.

roundtable-advisors.com

Phil Bonelli
Roundtable Advisors

Sponsored by AccessWDUN, Caldwell Electrical Contractors, Delta Community Credit Union, Gainesville Mechanical, Small Business Access Partners and The Times.

No Charge for Chamber Members
INFO: Sarah Nolan, 770-532-6206 x 111. [Email Sarah](mailto:sarah.nolan@ghcc.com)

Become a Chamber CERTIFIED Small Business Partner by participating in six (6) Small Business Seminars in a year.

CERTIFIED Partners Receive

- Certificate of Completion
- Certified Small Business Door Decal
- Recognition at a Chamber Board Meeting
- Feature in the Business Link magazine

To learn more, contact Sarah Nolan
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Nothing Bundt Cakes

Small Business of the Month



Flowery Branch residents **Simon** and **Kristi Janman** opened **Nothing Bundt Cakes** in 2022 at City Mill Market on Jesse Jewell Parkway. The business, founded by two women who baked out of their kitchens almost 30 years ago, carries strong values, and the Janmans have the privilege of carrying on this legacy today as a family-run business. They enjoy engaging with guests every day, and they give back generously to the community. The cakes are baked in-house daily from fresh ingredients with four sizes and 10 flavors. They specialize in all celebrations and love being an easy solution for corporate gift giving for your teams and clients. nothingbundtcakes.com

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