



**This week we had our first in-person Business After Hours in five months! It was wonderful to see familiar faces after so long. Although I am still not keen on the elbow bump in place of a good hug, we all managed to have a lovely time reconnecting with each other - good food, wine and company has a way of making everyone happy! But truthfully I heard stories of hardship and success, of loneliness and of incredible community support. I came away with "my cup filled up" knowing that this is indeed a resilient business community - one where we continue to just show up for each other. The road ahead is getting brighter. Let's travel it together.**

**Liz Holt**  
**Executive Director**



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*Stay Resilient and Strong Together.*

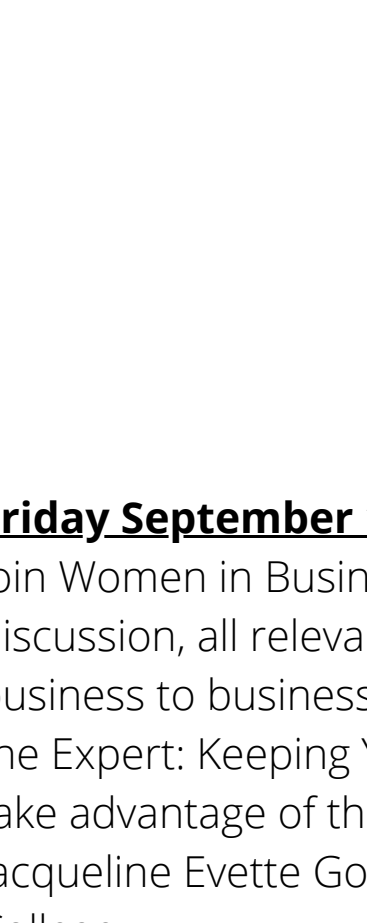
**OPRF Chamber of Commerce 2020 Appeal**

The OPRF Chamber of Commerce has always been about shared experiences, and learning from that shared wisdom. We still provide a platform for just that, and more. Now more than ever, some of our members – those most in need of Chamber resources and this shared wisdom – are barely hanging on and may not be able to pay their membership renewal.

As part of this business community, we ask you to [consider a gift of a full or partial membership to another member TODAY.](#)

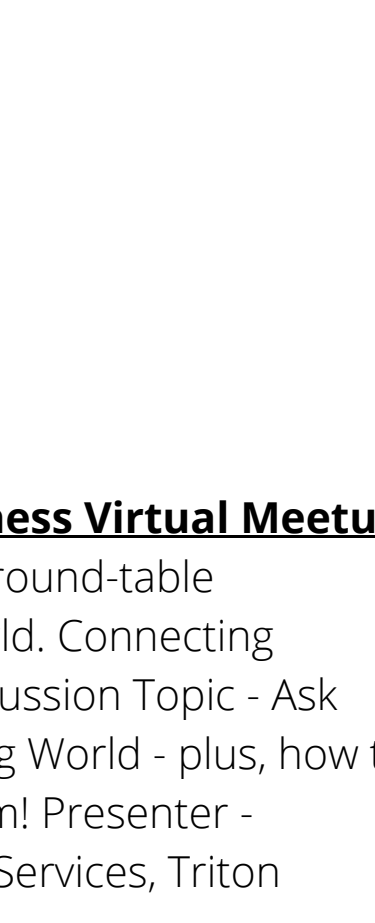
The Chamber not only advocates and informs, but it also provides a critical network to help support small business. **We are dedicated to placing community above all else and working together for a more resilient business community.**

**We need each other now more than ever!**



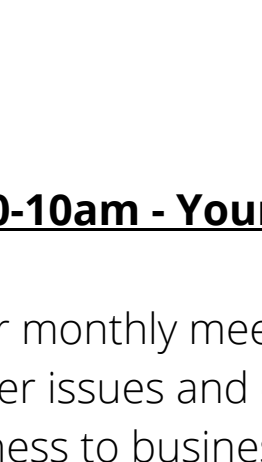
Chamber Board, President

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Chamber Board, VP Membership Chair

**[Gift to a Member Today.](#)**



**Friday September 18, 9-10:30am - Women in Business Virtual Meetup**

Join Women in Business for a casual presentation and round-table discussion, all relevant to doing business in today's world. Connecting business to business, and business to community. Discussion Topic - Ask the Expert: Keeping Your Skills Up-to-date in a Changing World - plus, how to take advantage of the Triton College internship program! Presenter - Jacqueline Evette Gordon, Assistant Director of Career Services, Triton College  
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**Friday September 18, 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout at Oak Park Brewing**

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our next Takeout Stakeout, this time at Oak Park Brewing! In this event, we convene at a designated restaurant to pick up our takeout lunch choices, and get to see each other for a bit while we're at it in a socially-distanced meet-up. Like our Tuesday Tasting lunch series, lunch is a flat \$15 including tax and tip. **You can see the menu here.** Email us with your menu choice, or include it in your registration form. For this event, Oak Park Brewing is offering your choice of any burger and side, sandwich and side, flatbread, or entree-size salad. If you're ready, come out of hiding for a few minutes and join us at Oak Park Brewing for our next Takeout Stakeout!  
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**Thursday September 24, 8:30-10am - Young Professionals Coffee in the Park**

Join Young Professionals for our monthly meet-up to share experiences, meet people facing similar career issues and discuss areas of professional development. Connecting business to business, and business to community. This month: Join us for a casual, socially-distanced gathering, sipping coffee together in Scoville Park! Pick up a cup of your favorite coffee and meet us at the southeast corner of the park, and we'll enjoy fresh air and good company. We recommend Mulata Kitchen or LIVE Cafe as a source of your coffee - both Chamber member businesses, people-of-color-owned, and conveniently located on Oak Park Avenue south of the park.  
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**Friday September 25, 9:30-11am - Chamber Virtual Office Hours**

**Coronavirus UPDATE:** As our office is temporarily closed, our Open Office Hours will be held virtually. Email [mwalden@oprchamber.org](mailto:mwalden@oprchamber.org) to set up a consultation via phone, Facetime, Messenger or....? Thanks! Held twice monthly at the Chamber HQ, "Office Hours" is a drop-in help center for all Chamber Members looking to beef up their member ePage, better understand Chamber benefits or just talk business. RSVP to make an appointment with us, or just come on in! A must for new members and a great opportunity for veteran members to refresh your Chamber profiles or find out what's new and exciting!  
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**Join us as we tackle timely topics head-on and fearlessly ask the hard questions.**

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**[LISTEN HERE](#) to our new episode 13 with Julie Thompson - Cash. Bosses. Dirty Details.**

Who's scared to talk the real-talk with their accountant? Or do you only share the good news with your bookkeeper? We at the Chamber know that cash is king, but talking about cash can be like wallowing in your own dirty laundry - nobody wants to deal with it, but it has to be done! BOSS Lady Julie Thompson knows what small business owners need and she's with us this week handing out free advice for her favorite clients - entrepreneurs. Join us and learn how going to confession with your accountant is a must for every business owner, how financial statements are like learning a whole new language. Cash is king baby and we want you to rule the roost. Listen to the BOSS and learn now!

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