



2017 Annual BANQUET

The Madison-Rivergate Area Chamber of Commerce (MRACC) held its Annual Banquet on January 19, an event which recognized the accomplishments from 2016. The night was sponsored by Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, the Madison Suburban Utility District, and Tristar Skyline Medical Center.

The Chamber's 'Women In Business' began the evening by hosting a Wine Bar and a Silent Auction with a variety of themed baskets. The proceeds raised, totaling almost \$1,000, will go towards their service project, "Dress for Success," which helps graduates of the Christian Women's Job Corp Program.



CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Ray Tate,
FirstBank
(receiving his award from
David McMurry)

2016 CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

honoring new President Ron Smith with their hats

The presentation of awards recognized people and businesses who went the extra mile for MRACC over the past year. First, President's Club Members, those companies who provide financial sponsorship throughout the year, were given plaques commemorating their 2016 membership. They were: **Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery; Wm. Massey Electric; Bailey's Wrecker Service, Madison Suburban Utility District, ABRA Auto Body & Glass, ESCU, Miller's Florist, Pinnacle Financial Partners, Regions Bank, RN'B Parts, Skyline Medical Center, C. David Pitzer, PC, FirstBank, Cole & Garrett Funeral Home, CSSI, Goodpasture Christian School, Schultz Monument Co., St. Joseph Catholic Church, SunTrust.**

Member Luncheon February 16

We'll hold our first Chamber luncheon of the year on Thursday, February 16. Luncheons are your best opportunity to network with the largest amount of fellow members! Don't miss it at 11:45 am at St. Joseph Parish Life Center (1217 Gallatin Rd. S).

Susan D. Williams, CFRE, Sr. Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Andrew Jackson Foundation at the Hermitage will be our guest speaker. Some of you will remember Susan was the 2nd of the 3 full time Executive Directors of this Chamber who steered us through an MDHA Community Improvement Project

CRAVE will be catering a delicious lunch. Cost is \$13.00. (Add .50 for credit cards). [RSVP HERE](#).

Please see page 3 for a listing of the night's winners.

Executive Director Debbie Massey also gave away "fun" awards, including a Perfect Attendance certificate to Richard Schultz for

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Message From Our New President...

I am honored and privileged to be able to serve as President of the Madison Rivergate Chamber for 2017. As a business member of this community, I know how valuable the Chamber is to our Membership and our Community. Since joining the Board as a Director in 2012, I have learned that the Chamber does so much more than most people realize. The events that they organize and the support that they give, help our community to thrive and make it a better place to live and work.

In 2017 we are looking forward to bringing even more benefits to our Membership. Along with benefits, I am also looking forward to seeing and meeting with our community members at all of our scheduled events like The Taste of Madison, the incredibly successful golf tournament and the widely attended carnival! The directors and I are excited about this; we know good things happen when people work together.

With that being said, I would like to thank our outgoing board and their spouses, significant others, children and friends for all their time and dedication. It truly does take a village to accomplish all that the Chamber does.

"We respect and value our Membership's opinion and input..."

Thank you to our outgoing president, David McMurry and to our outgoing directors. I would also like to welcome the new directors, new officers and returning directors for 2017: *Cathy Hoormann, Richard Schultz, Peggy Shoaf, Jay Nelson, Nathan Massey, Tara Bessling, Mark Cain, James Cobb, Brian Johnson, Ricky Perry, Phil Ryan, Kathy Sager, Josie Scott Larry, and Lisa Tidwell*. Thanks to all of you all for your volunteerism.

I would also like to thank our Executive Director, Debbie Massey. She does an amazing job of taking care of the Chamber on a daily basis and helping to organize us and all of the great events that the Chamber puts on - we could not do it without her.

As always we respect and value our Membership's opinion and input and look forward to hearing from all of you this year and for many more to come.

In the upcoming year let's all strive to, Believe, Achieve and Prosper. Together we can accomplish anything.

Sincerely,

Ron Smith
2017 Board President



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never missing a Board Meeting; a "Happy Bag" to Happy Birdsong for the disposition she always shows; Batteries to Millie Grammer, Madison's resident "Energiizer Bunny", and Mayor Karl Dean's tie and the scissors that cut it in half to Sid Durham, who came up with the impromptu fundraiser idea for Amqui Station a few years ago at the Chamber Community breakfast.

Following the awards, Kent Cochran, a Chamber Past Board Past President, installed the new incoming members that will serve a three-year term on the MRACC Board: **Deputy Chief Brian Johnson, MNP**; **James Cobb, Cobb & Waites Law Firm**; **Josie Scott Larry, A Divine Miracle Adult Day Care**; and **Lisa Tidwell, Party City**. These new officers were installed to a one-year term: **President Elect: Cathy Hoormann, Kickin' Coffee & Tea, Sidekicks Café**; **Vice President: Richard Schultz, Schultz Monument, Co.**; **President: Ron Smith, ESCU**.



Richard Schultz with his Perfect Attendance award presented by Debbie Massey.

Award Winners

The MRACC Annual Banquet honored many individuals and businesses for their outstanding representation of our community in 2016. Outgoing 2016 Chamber Board President David McMurry, and Chamber Executive Director presented the following awards. *Photographs by David Kincaid*



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD**

Peggy Shoaf, MSUD



**ANN CHAPMAN
BEAUTIFICATION AWARD**

Recovery Community, Inc.
Lyn Noland

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Experimac
Les Clendenin
(not available for photo)



**CHAIRMAN'S
GAVEL AWARD**
David McMurry



**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE
AWARD**
Ricky Perry
Goodpasture Christian School



DIRECTOR AWARD
David Kincaid

New Board Members
(pictured with Nathan Massey
left to right: Deputy Chief
Brian Johnson, James Cobb,
Josie Scott Larry, and Lisa
Tidwell, Party City.



Sid Durham was presented with Mayor Karl Dean's tie and the scissors used to cut it a few years ago at the impromptu Amqui Station fundraiser Sid came up with at a Chamber community breakfast.



Millie Grammer, Madison's resident "Energizer Bunny" was given some batteries to help fuel her many projects.

**Thank You
to our
Banquet Sponsors**

SPRING HILL
FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY

**THE
MADISON**
Suburban Utility District

TriStar Skyline
MEDICAL CENTER

Community Stands Together Amidst Tragic Loss of Madison Officer

Not only did the Madison Police Precinct lose one of its own on Thursday, February 2 when Officer Eric Mumaw died while trying to save someone's life, but so did our Madison community. It was ever so apparent when so many came out to support Officer Mumaw's family, friends and co-workers the day after his death.

The Madison-Rivergate Area Chamber of Commerce partnered with Jarvis Signs in support of our Friends in Civil Service to raise funds for the Mumaw family. Nathan Massey and Rodney Jarvis envisioned these signs and Jarvis originally agreed to create up to 100 18 x 24 yard signs (*smaller than the one hanging at right*) that say "We Support Those Risking Their Lives to Protect Others" with the logos of our Police and Fire Departments. But after word got out via TV and social media, people were waiting at the Chamber doors first thing Friday morning to buy them. Jarvis had to reprint * more batches. By the end of the day, over \$1,000 had been raised for the Mumaw family.

If you are interested in having a sign, go directly to Jarvis Signs (310 Madison St. in Madison). Cost is a minimum donation of \$10.00. All proceeds go directly to the Eric Mumaw family.

Women in Business

Attention all ladies in the Chamber!! Go ahead NOW and mark your calendars for the FIRST Tuesday of every month at NOON! You've got a date with the **Women in Business!** This group exists not only as a networking tool for our respective businesses but also as a service to our community. (And we also have fun!) Our main location for meeting is usually the location but we also meet at restaurants or at member's locations—so stay alert!

For example, February 7th at Noon we'll meet at Cole & Garrett Funeral Home in their beautiful community room and their caterer will have a delicious lunch. Cost is \$10.00. Teresa Gann will give us organizational tips.

March 7th our location is to be announced so read your emails!!



Thank you to Jarvis Award and Sign for donating their time and efforts for these community signs .

Mark Your Calendars!

Madison-Rivergate Area Chamber of Commerce's



April 18, 2017

Please join us for another great day of golf AND support your Chamber! Play we'll be at the beautiful President's Reserve at the Hermitage Golf Course. Cost is \$600 for a team of 4 until March 10, then \$650; \$175 for an individual player.

Click [here](#) for a registration form or call the Chamber office at 865-5400 for more information.

**Don't play? Sponsors and volunteers are needed!
WE NEED YOU!**



Battle for 'Conductor of the Year' Heating Up in Madison

FiftyForward Madison Station's Annual Whistlestop Fundraiser is coming **March 9**, promising over 100 Silent Auction items and a wonderful dinner from CRAVE Catering. One of the highlights of the evening is the revealing of the "Conductor of the Year". It's going to be an exciting race this year between our **Chamber's President Ron Smith**, and the **Kiwanis Club candidate Ben Middleton**, and a candidate from the **Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club**, unnamed at press time.

How do you vote? \$1.00 equals one vote. You can give your candidate your dollar, bring or mail it to FiftyForward (301 Madison St. Madison 37115), or call FiftyForward at 615-860-7180 with a credit card.

You're all invited to Whistlestop on March 9 to see the results. It will be a great event that includes a wine bar, photo booth, and jazz quartet! Chamber Members get the discounted price of \$70 per ticket. Call 615-860-7180 to make your reservation or for more information.



**Hallmark Volkswagen
Cool Springs**

**MADISON
RIVERGATE**
area chamber of commerce



present the...

**Cedar Hill
Criterium
April 2, 2017**

THE CEDAR HILL CRITERIUM takes place in the heart of Madison within Cedar Hill Park. What is it? A cycling race around the 1.5 mile lap in the park. Last year over 400 racers from all over the Southeast and beyond came to Madison to participate—bringing with them families and spectators! See More on this [Video!](#)



This exciting day of racing and family activities presents a unique promotional opportunity for your business to a very attractive demographic through the growing sport of cycling while demonstrating your support for a healthier community.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, having a booth, or volunteering on Sunday, April 2, contact the Chamber at 615-865-5400.

Coming In



and Beyond...

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Tuesday, February 7
Noon

Cole & Garrett Funeral Home
127 N. Main St.
Goodlettsville

FEBRUARY MEMBER LUNCHEON

Thurs., February 16 11:45 am
St. Joseph Parish Life Center

CHAMBER MORNING CREW

Wednesday, March 1 8:00 am
Sidekicks Café

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Tuesday, March 7 Noon
Location TBA

WHISTLESTOP

Thursday, March 9
5:30 pm
FiftyForward Madison
Station

MADISON CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, March 11
9:00 to Noon
Cornerstone Nashville

CEDAR HILL CRITERIUM

Sunday, April 2
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Cedar Hill Park

CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, April 18
11:00 am
Hermitage Golf Course



Meets First Wednesday of every month
from 8:00-9:00am
at Sidekicks Café,
1202 Graycroft Ave
in Madison.

NEW!

Come to the initial meet-
ing to help define what
YOU want the

Introducing Our 2017...



Every year, we offer our members
the opportunity to join "The Presi-
dent's Club", which presents four
levels of sponsorship packages. This
year, Members so far are:

THE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE:

Spring Hill Funeral Home
& Cemetery

ELITE: Madison Suburban Utility District

Wm. Massey Electric
Schultz Monument Co.

SUPERIOR:

CSSI
Bailey's Wrecker Service
Miller's Florist
RN'B Parts
Tristar Skyline Medical
Center

EXCELLENCE:

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Goodpasture Christian School
Pinnacle Bank
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Welcome to the Club and Thank You!

*In addition to helping streamline their spending budgets while
supporting the chamber, members get the benefit of 'free'
promotion on our traveling banner, website and more.*

*If you too would be interested in joining the Club,
please contact the Chamber office.*

Madison

*Mark Your
Calendars!*

CLEAN UP DAY

**Saturday
March 11**

9:00 am until Noon



*The Chamber will be working again in conjunction
with **Cornerstone Nashville** so we may cover more
ground together! Metro Beautification will provide
water, gloves, t-shirts, and trash bags as well as the
roll-off bin for bulk-item drop-off. Meet at
**Cornerstone Church (726 Old Hickory Blvd in
Madison) on the 11th to help clean up our streets!***

*We'll also have the **prescription disposal unit** and
KnightHorst Shredding available for free!*