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Next Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, Mar. 16

12:00 noon

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*There was Magic in the Air . . .*

A huge crowd was on hand for the Chamber's Annual Banquet, held on March 7th at the London Community Center. The Community Center was beautifully decorated by Uptown Florist and the delicious meal was provided by Treasure Bites Catering. And, thanks to some very generous Chamber members, there was a great selection of items to bid on during the silent auction.

The Chamber recognized and honored local businesses that were selected in three categories for Business of the Year: Large Business—Senture, LLC; Small Business—Bundy Maytag Home Appliance Center; and Non-Profit Business—God's Pantry Food Bank. Also recognized were the 2016 Teachers of the Year: Brooke Hammonds from Hunter Hills Elementary School, Michael Wooley from South Laurel Middle School and Brandon Fawbush from North Laurel High School. Outgoing Director Willie Sawyers was honored for his years of service on the Chamber's Board of Directors and Haskew Hayes was recognized for his service as last year's Chamber Board President.

The highlight of the evening was the entertainment presented by magician and mentalist Dennis Watkins. He performed several tricks that were absolutely mind-boggling and had everyone amazed by his performance!

The evening would not have been possible without our sponsors and we would like to extend out appreciation to them for their unwavering support of the Chamber. (sponsors listed on page 4)



# CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

## CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS



### Large Business - Senture, LLC

Bill Deaton had a vision of creating a company where employees were valued and where Christian and family values could be instilled; a company that would be a lighthouse to help make the community a safer and better place to live and work. In 2003, the Deaton family formed this company and named it Senture. Senture, LLC is headquartered in London, with 4 satellite offices located in Kentucky and New Hampshire, employing over 1450 people. Senture is a trusted provider of contact center and data management solutions for federal agencies and commercial organizations. Senture's leadership team strives to show their employees that the company cares and is committed to them. They have company picnics, Trunk or Treat, Santa's workshop, contests and incentives to motivate their employees and they also help employees who have faced tragedies. Senture wants their legacy to be far reaching and longstanding—like a lighthouse.



### Small Business - Bundy Maytag Home Appliance Center



Formed in 1982 as Bundy Appliance Service, they began as a service company selling parts and doing repair service for 9 years. In 1991, they were approached by a Maytag representative and asked to become a Maytag Home Appliance Center. Other prospective Maytag dealers from surrounding states have been taken to their store as an example of how a store should look and operate. The company has now been in business for 35 years and has been at their current location at 1605 South Main Street for 17

years. The customers they serve today are the children and grandchildren of their previous customers, proving that you can build relationships in your community that will last for generations to come.

### Non-Profit Business - God's Pantry Food Bank

God's Pantry Food Bank began as a small pantry in Lexington, Kentucky started by one woman, Mim Hunt in 1955. Sixty-two years later the Food Bank has grown to cover 50 counties in Central and Eastern Kentucky, employing 56 and utilizing 17,000 volunteers including a Board of Directors and Regional Advisory Boards. Being the state's largest Food Bank, they feed more than 200,000 Kentuckians annually and cooperate with more than 400 partner agencies and programs. The mission is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources.


In 2010, the Food Bank decided to establish the Southeast Regional Distribution Center in London and after a successful fundraising campaign, the center opened in December 2013. In less than 4 years there has been a 500% increase over what the Food Bank was able to provide prior to having the facility. In Fiscal Year 2016 more than 4 million pounds left the Southeast Regional Distribution Center that equals enough food for 3,353,780 meals! This year it is on target to distribute 5 million pounds. Feeding people. . . that is their mission and objective.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT





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The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:

- ◆ First Baptist Church East Bernstadt
- ◆ Vibe 5 Race Management

## Welcome!

### Renewing Chamber Members

As of March 10, 2017

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ageless Medical Weight Loss &amp; Med Spa</li> <li>• Aisin Automotive Casting, LLC</li> <li>• American Red Cross</li> <li>• Cloyd &amp; Associates, PSC</li> <li>• Cumberland Valley National Bank &amp; Trust</li> <li>• Cumberland Valley RC&amp;D Council</li> <li>• Cumberland Valley Surgical Center</li> <li>• Eastern Kentucky University - Corbin</li> <li>• First National Bank and Trust</li> <li>• First National Bank of Manchester</li> <li>• H.T. Warehousing &amp; Cold Storage</li> <li>• JBK, Inc. Roofing Division</li> <li>• Laurel Co. Republican Women's Club</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laurel County Water District #2</li> <li>• Laurel Senior Living Communities</li> <li>• Lexington-Bluegrass Association of Realtors</li> <li>• March of Dimes Foundation</li> <li>• Old Blue dba Sonic – South</li> <li>• Paperdolls</li> <li>• PNC Bank</li> <li>• Precision Duplicating Solutions, Inc.</li> <li>• Premier Caregiver Services</li> <li>• Rock Bottom Soap Company</li> <li>• Smith Properties of Corbin LLC</li> <li>• Stop Gap</li> <li>• The White Lily Florals &amp; Gifts, Inc.</li> <li>• Wal-Mart DC 6097</li> </ul> |
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### 2017 Annual Banquet Sponsors



Ladies of Vision Spring Activities

Morning Meet-Up

JOIN THE LADIES OF VISION FOR A MORNING MEET-UP!

TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST • 8:30AM
DOGPATCH PARTY PAD

We're focusing on human rights this month and strengthening women!

Who: All Ladies of Vision and friends of L.O.V.!

What: Join us for a light breakfast and Mollie Harris, Violence Prevention Coordinator for KentuckyOne Health Saint Joseph London who will open our eyes to the world of labor and human trafficking around us! As Ladies of Vision and area business owners - you DO NOT want to miss this!

When: Tuesday, March 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Where: At the Dog Patch Party Pad, 270 Dog Patch Trading Center

SAVE THE DATE!

The following are upcoming L.O.V. meeting dates/times, we have some exciting events coming up for you!

Evening Meet & Greets:

April 18th @ 5:30 p.m. at the Good Samaritan House

Morning Meet-Ups:

May 16th at 8:30 a.m.

Locations and activities will be announced on the L.O.V. Facebook Page - be sure to "Like" our page for notifications!

Service Project Day!

We'll be meeting at The Good Samaritan House on Tuesday, April 18th at 5 pm to cook and serve a meal for 14-25 residents. Residents include men, women and children. A Facebook event will be posted soon on the Ladies of Vision page to further plan our evening meal event.



The London - Laurel County Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize our

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**Come to the Chamber Luncheon  
Thursday and fill out your  
NCAA brackets for a chance  
to win \$150, \$100 or \$50  
in Chamber Bucks!**



March Chamber Luncheon to Feature Warren Beeler



Warren Beeler lives on a 250 acre livestock farm in Caneyville, Kentucky. Warren graduated in 1977 from Western Kentucky University with a degree in animal science. He has recently been appointed as the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy. Previously, Warren worked for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture as the Director of Agriculture Policy and Director of Animal Marketing division. Warren has been awarded the Kentucky Pork Producers Hall of Fame, WKU Agriculture Alumnus of the year and University of Kentucky Animal and Food Science Hall of Fame. He has judged livestock shows for 36 years in 43 states. Warren has been the Public Address announcer for Grayson County Cougar football and basketball for 20 years.





# February Luncheon Photos

Special Thanks to our February Luncheon Sponsor:



Pictured Left: Chris Sanders with London Auto Truck Center addresses the luncheon attendees.



A plaque is presented to **Patton Insurance Group**  
Joseph Patton & Ronnie Patton



A plaque is presented to **1 Better LLC**  
Teresa Woodrum



A plaque is presented to **First Baptist Church East Bernstadt**  
Ward Stokes & Norm Brock



Garry Conley with Minuteman Press draws the winners of the many door prizes that our members gave away.

The Chamber would like to thank the following businesses that donated prizes at our February luncheon. . .

- ◆ Cheddar's
- ◆ Edward Jones –J. Hibbard
- ◆ EKV—Corbin
- ◆ Forcht Bank
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- ◆ WYMT-TV



*Congratulations to our 2016 Teachers of the Year!*

London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce

Teacher



of the Year Award

**Brooke Hammonds**

*Hunter Hills Elementary School*

**Michael Wooley**

*South Laurel Middle School*

**Brandon Fawbush**

*North Laurel High School*

*Special Thanks to*



*For sponsoring our Teacher of the Year Awards*

**Are you hiring?**

**The Chamber wants to help!**

Send us your job openings and job fair announcements.

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*Thanks to these businesses and their generous donations, our Silent Auction was a huge success!*



***THE AMBASSADOR PATROL STRIKES AGAIN!***

The Chamber Ambassadors continued their “patrol” last month and surprised six of our members with balloons and cookies in hand. Each business was also presented a “free lunch” certificate to our February general membership luncheon. The purpose of the Ambassador Patrol is to let members know that we appreciate their commitment and support of our Chamber and to encourage participation in Chamber events.

***Be on the lookout. . . next month they might be visiting you!***



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**Club Store Select**



**Shiloh Roadhouse**



**Furniture Owlet**



**Universal Linen Service**

## Chamber Calendar

**Mar. 16 – March Chamber Membership Luncheon**

12 noon at Jackson Energy

**Mar. 20 & 27 – Diabetes Education Classes**

5–6:30 pm at the Laurel Co. Public Library

**Mar. 21 – Ladies of Vision Morning Meet-up**

8:30 am at Dog Patch Party Pad

**Mar. 21 – KentuckyOne Health Job Fair**

3–8 pm at Saint Joseph East in Lexington

**Apr. 11, 13 & 14 - The Passion Play**

7 pm nightly at First Baptist Church

**Apr. 14 – Carolyn Marcum Larkey Rotary/CCC Golf Scramble**

8:30 am at the London Country Club

**Apr. 29 – Laurel County Life Center 5K/Walk for Life**

at Souls' Harbor Church 8:30 am Run; 10 am Walk



*For more information on any of these events,  
contact the Chamber office at 864-4789 or  
[info@londonlaurelchamber.com](mailto:info@londonlaurelchamber.com)*

## Did you know?

According to a research study by The Shapiro Group and Market Street Services, when consumers know that a small business is a member of their local Chamber of Commerce, they are 44% more likely to think favorably of it and 63% more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future.



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