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Thank You!

Due to the coronavirus and in response to recommendations from the Laurel County Health Department and Governor Beshear, the March Chamber Membership Luncheon has been cancelled.

Instead, please support one of our local restaurants with a carry-out or delivery order!

2020 Business of the Year Recipients

Each year at the Chamber's Annual Banquet, we recognize three outstanding businesses for their contributions to our business community. Awards are given in three categories - Large Business, Small Business and Non-Profit. Here are this year's recipients:

LARGE BUSINESS



Flowers Bakery of London

SMALL BUSINESS



Kentucky Sign Center

NON-PROFIT



Backpack Program of Laurel County

Another Annual Banquet is in the Books!

The Chamber held it's Annual Banquet on Tuesday, March 3rd at the London Community Center with a huge crowd in attendance. The Community Center was beautifully decorated by Uptown Florist and the delicious meal was provided by the Somerset Community College Culinary Arts Program. And, thanks to some very generous Chamber members, there was a great selection of items to bid on during the silent auction.

In addition to the Business of the Year awards (see page 1), the 2019 Teachers of the Year were also recognized. They are: Kailyn Smith—East Bernstadt Elementary School; Tim Thompson—South Laurel Middle School and Dustin Estridge—North Laurel High School. In celebration of their accomplishment, each teacher was presented a \$1000 check from **Laurel County Farm Bureau**. And thanks to the efforts of Michael Sliter, the Chamber also unveiled a new promotional video which highlights the Chamber's many accomplishments in 2019.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by comedian Mark Klein compliments of **L&N Federal Credit Union**, our entertainment sponsor. Mark had the crowd in stitches and provided some much needed comic relief.

The evening would not have been possible without our sponsors and we would like to extend our appreciation to them for their unwavering support of the Chamber. 2019 was a great year and we look forward to 2020 being even better!

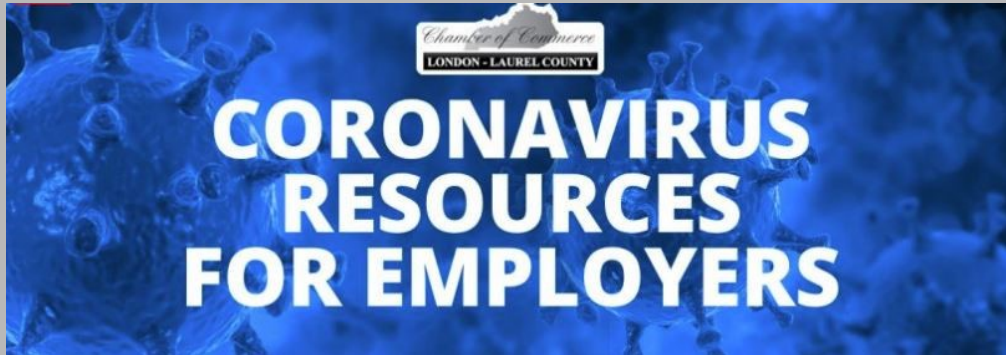
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Annual Banquet Photos



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The Kentucky Chamber is dedicated to ensuring that Kentucky has a pro-business climate. As the coronavirus has reached Kentucky, it is important that we are prepared to handle the issue.

They are committed to heeding the guidance of public health officials and will continue to monitor the situation and assist businesses in being as prepared as possible to protect the health of their workers and the public.

Here is a link to a page on their website to help educate employers on the coronavirus: <https://www.kychamber.com/coronavirus>

For the latest information on the coronavirus in Kentucky, please visit www.kycovid19.ky.gov

Or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-722-5725



Due to the current threat of the Coronavirus, and other illnesses, Servpro is trying to help the community by offering a discounted NEW service, to assist in being proactive regarding these sicknesses. We have had several businesses (hospitals, clinics, schools, nursing homes, etc.) already contact us about this service.

We recently acquired an Electric Static Sprayer, that we accompany with a special hospital-standard cleaning product (which the CDC is recommending). This approach is used to provide proactive cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting for a specific area, or building. We follow an industry-standard procedure, that reaches areas/crevices that cannot be seen or touched by human, thereby, prohibiting human error (whereby, a person is wiping down a surface/missing spots).

A lot of businesses are publicizing that that are taking preemptive measures to help control the spread of these viruses, in an effort to be safer for the public, and to calm their minds as well. This is very beneficial for any building that has public traffic. There is no down-time for the buildings that we service, and it can be done on any day of the week/weekends, and at any hour you request (preferably after hours). This service is in extreme high demand, and there is only limited equipment so it's basically a first come, first serve type of situation.

For more information contact:

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SAUCED

CRAFT pizza. pasta. salad.

Sauced Craft: Pizza. Pasta. Salad is delighted to have joined the London Downtown community in January 2020. We have already experienced such a warm welcome from our London guests and are blessed to have so many regulars, we just can't say thank you enough!

A little about Sauced. After living 20+ years in Lexington, KY, the Wilson family felt a tug from above, so we packed up and moved south to open our first restaurant in Pineville, KY; Sauced #1 was born August 2017. Earlier this year we expanded the Sauced restaurant family to include Sauced #2, in the heart of London Downtown. We are located at 202 S. Broad Street, London, KY 40741 (across from the Sheriff's office) and are open Monday – Saturday from 11:00 am – 9:00 pm (closed Sundays).

We pride ourselves on being a fast-casual restaurant that offers fresh food, daily house-made sauces, fresh cut veggies, and a fun atmosphere! We serve pizza, pasta & salad (plus a killer cookie!) and our guests get to craft their dishes and watch it being made right in front of them. Our wonderful customers are the secret to our sauce and the reason we love doing what we do!

We are looking forward to spring, and will be welcoming the warmer weather by opening our garage doors and offering cold drinks inside and out in our patio seating!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Renewing Chamber Members

As of March 13, 2020

- Aisin Automotive Casting, LLC
 - American Red Cross
 - AT&T
 - BB&T
 - Country Inn & Suites
 - Enterprise Rent a Car
- Finley's Fun Center of London
- H.T. Warehousing & Cold Storage, LLC
 - Hamm, Milby & Ridings, PLLC
 - JBK, Inc. Roofing Division
 - Jones Petroleum Services
- Laurel County Water District #2
 - Laurel Grocery Company
- Lexington Bluegrass Assoc. of Realtors
 - LGC Storage & Logistics
 - London-Corbin Airport
 - Parrett's Pies & Pastries
 - Patton Insurance Group
 - RE/MAX On Main
 - Saint Joseph London
 - Sonny's BBQ
 - The Loft of London LLC
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February Luncheon Photos

Special Thanks to our February Luncheon Sponsor:



New Members



Blush Beauty Lounge
Madison Johnson



Motto Mortgage Authority
Rusty Ray



Pictures Left:
Our luncheon speaker was Steve May from Chad's Hope.

Pictures Right:
Dr. David Worthy, Medical Director of Baptist Health Corbin, our luncheon sponsor.



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

- ◆ Baptist Health Corbin
- ◆ Home Helpers Home Care
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
- ◆ Jackson Energy Cooperative
- ◆ L&N Federal Credit Union
- ◆ Martin's Insurance Group
- ◆ Regency Cinema 8
- ◆ The Job Shop Staffing Services



Congratulations to our 2019 Teachers of the Year!

London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce

Teacher



of the Year Award

Kailyn Smith

East Bernstadt Elementary School

Tim Thompson

South Laurel Middle School

Dustin Estridge

North Laurel High School

Special Thanks to



LAUREL COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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.

We will post these on the Chamber's website as another service of your London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce and our effort to help grow our Workforce Community.



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WYMT-TV



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

Ambassadors Day Out

The Ambassadors traveled to Frankfort on February 13th to attend Small Business Day at the Capitol. They had a great day meeting with leaders to talk about small business priorities and to advocate for our members. Your Chamber is working for you!

For all the latest updates from Frankfort, check out the Chamber's Facebook page.





Here is a list of Cancellations that we know about so far:

March Chamber Luncheon - March 19

Leadership Tri-County Leader of the Year Banquet - March 24

Rotary International Dinner - March 28

Baptist Health Noontime Knowledge - April 1

Baptist Health Volunteer Fair - April 23

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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