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Next Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, Mar 17

12:00 noon

London Community Center

\$10.00 per person

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**TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORMS
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Do you know a Laurel County teacher who deserves special recognition for his/her dedication, enthusiasm, and innovation? Does the teacher inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn? Does he/she have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues? Does the teacher play an active role in the community as well as the school?

Tell us who you think should be named "Teacher of the Year", an award sponsored by the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce! This award is open to classroom teachers currently employed in any Laurel County school (a Laurel County, East Bernstadt or private school). **NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022.** To download your nomination form, visit:

<https://londonlaurelchamber.com/teacher-of-the-year-nomination-forms-now-available/>

Coming Soon . . .

London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce

ANNUAL BANQUET

Tuesday, May 10th

Sponsors are needed for this event. Sponsorships are \$750 and include a table for 8 at the banquet.

Can we add your business to this prestigious list of sponsors?

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Donna Sue Baker | Field Representative U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell



For the past 17 years, Donna Sue Baker has been the Eastern Kentucky Field Representative for United State Senator Mitch McConnell. Donna represents Senator McConnell in the 24 Eastern Kentucky counties including Laurel County. According to Senator McConnell, "As my field representative, Donna is responsible for keeping track of local issues. In a sense, she serves as my eyes and ears when I am unable to be in Kentucky." Donna is the longest serving Eastern Kentucky Field Representative. She interned under Senator McConnell in his London office during the summer of 1987. She has worked under McConnell while he served as the WHIP, Minority Leader and Majority Leader.

Donna has lived and been an active community member in Laurel County since the late 80s. Donna had completed her Bachelor's Degree from Berea College and worked at Laurel Grocery Company while earning her Master's Degree from Eastern Kentucky University. She has also worked for Laurel Heights Home for the Elderly and McKnight Properties prior to working for Senator McConnell. In 1998, Donna was named Laurel County's Woman of the Year.

Donna has served in various capacities as a volunteer for the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce including the President's Club from 1990-1998 and then most recently as a Chamber Ambassador. In 2011, Donna was named the Laurel County Chamber Volunteer of the Year. She is currently on the Leadership Tri County Board of Directors, the World Chicken Festival Trustees, a member of the Laurel County Rhubarb Pie Ladies' Group, and represents the Senator on the Cumberland Valley Area Development District Board and the Daniel Boone Community Action Board. She is a member of the Laurel County Republican Women's Forum where she was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2019. Donna has been named a Kentucky Colonel by several administrations and holds similar titles in her 24 counties.

"Donna plays a key role on my staff, keeping me in close contact with my Eastern Kentucky constituents and providing me with vital insights on her region of the state. Throughout her long career in my office, she has developed deep connections with the leaders she works alongside, fostering positive, productive relationships. I am incredibly grateful for her public service and am proud to have her on my team," said Senator McConnell.

In 1998, when recommending Donna for the Leadership Tri-County class, the late Chamber of Commerce Director Randy Smith wrote "Donna is naturally gifted with a terrific personality and one that offers her the ability to communicate with anyone she meets...She is career-oriented and self-motivated and not intimidated to set lofty goals that she will work diligently to reach."

Donna has three children Johnathon (wife Jordan), Donavon and Martina Faith McClure



The Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet on May 10th.

The following categories will be presented:

Small Business Award (< 100 Employees)

Large Business Award (> 100 Employees)

Non-Profit/Civic Club Award

To nominate a business, simply send an email to info@londonlaurelchamber.com and tell us the name of the business, which category they would fall under, and why you think they should be named "Business of the Year".

All Chamber member businesses are eligible to win and nominations must be submitted by March 31.



Nominate a well-deserving business today!



Sponsor a Chamber Luncheon

We are now enlisting our 2022 Chamber Luncheon Sponsors.

Cost to sponsor a luncheon is only \$350.

ONLY 3 MONTHS LEFT!

Months available are July, August and September.

Interested?

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Small Business Day at the Capitol

Chamber CEO Deanna Herrmann and Chamber Board President Michael Sliter attended Small Business Day at the Capitol on March 9th along with Chamber Ambassador Butch Sizemore and Donna Sue Baker, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell.

The Chamber would like to thank the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for hosting us at Small Business Day at the Capitol. It was great to gather with other chambers and small business owners from across the state to meet with legislators and learn about pending legislation.

We also want to thank Brandon Jackson Storm, Kentucky State Senator-R, 21st District for inviting us onto the floor of the Senate as his guests!



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February Luncheon

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Tracy Bruck
STEMI Coordinator

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

- ◆ American Scrub Company
- ◆ Center Target Firearms & Range
- ◆ Edward Jones—Jonathon Hibbard
 - ◆ Forcht Broadcasting
 - ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
 - ◆ Kinetic by Windstream
 - ◆ Old Town Grill
- ◆ The Job Shop Staffing Services





Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings...



Groups Recover Together

Wednesday, April 6th

11:00 am

Located at 1501 South Main Street Suite H

Esteem Aesthetics

Wednesday, April 13th

10:00 am

Located at 103 Chera-Lyn Street



LONDON-LAUREL-OPOLY

This local twist on a board game classic is perfect for family game night! It also makes a great gift!

*\$25 each
or
2 for \$40*



THE REAL VALUE OF CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

In a study commissioned by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives with support from Small Business Network Inc., Market Street (A part of The [Schapiro](#) Group Inc.) was able to determine the real value to companies – in terms of consumer outcomes – of joining and being active in their local chamber of commerce.

WHAT A LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP SHOWS CONSUMERS:

- 63% of consumers say that you're showing you are involved in the community
- 64% of consumers say that you're showing that you care about consumers
- 69% of consumers say that you're showing that you have a good reputation
- 70% of consumers say that you're showing that you use good business practices

BEING A CHAMBER MEMBER HAS VALUE!!

The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:

- Jordyne Carmack - Communications Coach
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY)

Welcome!

Renewing Chamber Members

- ◆ Aisin Automotive Casting, LLC
 - ◆ AT&T
 - ◆ Benchmark Mortgage
 - ◆ Bimbo Bakeries USA, Inc.
 - ◆ Bluegrass Care Navigators
 - ◆ C2G Environmental
- ◆ CASA of Knox & Laurel Counties
 - ◆ Country Inn & Suites
- ◆ Eastern Kentucky University - Corbin/Manchester
 - ◆ Finley's Fun Center of London
 - ◆ Grace Health
- ◆ H.T. Warehousing & Cold Storage, LLC
 - ◆ Hamm, Milby & Ridings, PLLC
 - ◆ Herren Family Dentistry
 - ◆ JBK, Inc. Roofing Division
- ◆ Koi Express Hibachi & Sushi Restaurant
 - ◆ Laurel Senior Living Communities
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 - ◆ London Lighting
 - ◆ Motto Mortgage Authority
- ◆ New Dairy Opco, LLC DBA Borden Dairy
 - ◆ Patton Chesnut Binder Insurance
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 - ◆ Safelite Auto Glass Corp.
 - ◆ Serco Inc.
- ◆ Smith Properties of Corbin LLC
 - ◆ Southeast Banking Systems
- ◆ University of the Cumberlands
 - ◆ Wal-Mart DC 6097
- ◆ Windstream Communications



Your Chamber Membership can Save you Money

As a member of the Chamber, you have access to several discount programs that you may not be aware of. Keep reading and find out how we can help you save!



◆ Worker's Compensation Insurance Discount

Members will receive a total of 10% discount off their estimated annual premium on Workers' Compensation Insurance through ClearPath Mutual.



◆ Health Insurance Benefits/Discounts

The Kentucky Chamber has teamed up with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to offer groups with 2 to 50 employees an opportunity to participate in a larger, self-funded pool that gives you financial protection backed by Anthem's stop loss coverage. This health care solution is called the ChamberAdvantage plan.

Office DEPOT

◆ Office Depot Discount Program

This program is set up for our local Chamber by the Kentucky State Chamber and its contractual agreement with Office Depot. This offer brings exclusive savings to Chamber members with special pricing on hundreds of office depot products that you use every day! The product list is available to members upon request.



◆ Constant Contact Discount Program

As a benefit of your Chamber membership, you can grow your business with Constant Contact's industry-leading online marketing tools: newsletters and announcements; offers and promotions; events and registration; and feedback and surveys. Best of all, you'll enjoy exclusive savings of up to 25%, with plans starting as low as \$20 per month.

Reserve your seat today!

London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce
Annual ★ Banquet

6:00 PM
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022
LONDON COMMUNITY CENTER

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BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS · ENTERTAINMENT

***Tickets are \$50 each.
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