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Next Chamber Luncheon  
**Thursday, Feb. 16th**

12:00 noon

London Community Center

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**NOW ACCEPTING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

The London – Laurel County Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for Business of the Year! Awards will be presented at the Chamber’s Annual Banquet on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Awards will be presented for the following categories: Small Business of the Year Award (for businesses that have less than 100 employees), Large Business of the Year Award (for businesses that have more than 100 employees), and Non-Profit / Civic Club of the Year Award.

To nominate a business, simply send an email to [info@londonlaurelchamber.com](mailto:info@londonlaurelchamber.com) and tell us the name of the business, the category, and why you think they should be named “Business of the Year.” Be sure to provide details and give examples. The more detailed your nomination, the more information the selection committee will have when making their decisions.

All Chamber member businesses are eligible to win and nominations must be submitted by March 3, 2023.

**Nominate a well-deserving business today!**

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We are now seeking SPONSORS for the Chamber's Annual Banquet.

Are you interested?

Your \$750 Sponsorship will include:

- \* Eight (8) tickets to the event
- \* Corporate Signage at the event
- \* Mentions of your company in the event program, local media, Chamber website and other promotional materials sent out from the Chamber office.
- \* Post-banquet mentions in local media and Chamber publications.

To sign on as a sponsor or for more information, contact the Chamber office at 606-864-4789, or simply respond to this e-mail.



Thank you for supporting Your Chamber!

## Chamber Elects New President for 2023



The Chamber has elected Ward Stokes as Board President for 2023. Ward is Senior Vice President and London Market President for Cumberland Valley National Bank. Ward has worked for CVNB for 25 years and says the best part of his job is the relationships and friendships he has formed with customers over the years! Ward has served on the Chamber's Board of Directors since 2018.

Ward and his wife of 20 years, Brandi, have 3 children. His son, Camden Allen, is 15 and identical twin daughters, Anna Claire and Lila Rose, are 11. In his free time, Ward enjoys playing golf and relaxing by spending time on his tractor bush hogging.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Michael Sliter has served as the Chamber Board President for the past 6 years. Michael is the owner & creative director at Hotwire Productions. For over 20 years, Hotwire Productions has helped hundreds of businesses, both large and small, develop high-quality websites, social media content, and online marketing strategies to grow their business and online presence. They specialize in website design/development, web/email hosting, social media management, graphic design, and consulting services.

Michael has the creative vision and technical skills necessary to take your online branding and marketing efforts to the next level. Hotwire Productions was voted Best of the Best in Web Design by readers of The Sentinel-Echo & Times-Tribune for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

When he isn't busy creating websites and managing social media accounts, Michael volunteers his time to many local civic organizations and events. Michael is the Immediate Past President of the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce, after recently completing a 6-year term as President. He also serves as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club.

The Chamber would like to express appreciation to both of these men for their leadership and dedication to the Chamber of Commerce and the business community of London and Laurel County.



**Thank you!**



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 Co. school (a Laurel County, East Bernstadt or private school).  
NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023.

To download a nomination form, visit:

<https://londonlaurelchamber.com/teacher-of-the-year-nomination-forms-now-available-2023/>

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**Davis & Hessel Tax Services**  
Located at 322 North Main Street



**Fantasy Workshop Escape Rooms**  
Located at 1501 South Main Street

# Ribbon Cutting



**Slim Chickens**  
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## AUCTION ITEMS FOR THE CHAMBER'S ANNUAL BANQUET

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## Dolly Parton Imagination Library UPDATE

**Total Enrollment - 906**

**Currently Active - 863**

**Graduated - 43**

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) sends a book each month to every registered child in Laurel County up to age 5, when they enter kindergarten. In Laurel County, of the children beginning kindergarten, 48.6% do not demonstrate school readiness. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library has been proven effective in helping families instill a love of reading in young children, a precursor to school readiness. Early exposure to books outranks income, the education level of the parents, and nationality in determining future academic success. Imagine the thrill of a small child getting a package in the mail every month with a new book!

The **London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Foundation** is the driving force behind our local **DPIL** but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The Foundation's goal is to create a sustained fundraising effort for the purpose of providing books to every eligible child in Laurel County. Your business can help ensure that this opportunity will remain available in the days ahead. If you or your business would like to partner with us in this worthy endeavor or if you would like more information, please contact us at 606-864-4789.

***Opening a new business, a second location  
or moving to a new location?***



**Contact the Chamber office to schedule  
a ribbon cutting and let us help  
you celebrate!**

## Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings...

**McAlister's Deli**  
**Monday, February 20th**  
**9:30 am**  
**Located at 2020 KY-192**



**The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:**



- Davis & Hessel Tax Services
  - JBN Sales LLC
- Love is Real Wellness, LLC
- Parkinson's In Motion

## Renewing Chamber Members

- Brown & Breeding, P.S.C.
  - Classic Hair Designs
  - Commercial Bank
- Condo Association of Sheffield Place
- Cumberland Valley Insurance Mgmt., Inc.
- Cumberland Valley National Bank & Trust
  - Cumberland Valley Surgical Center
    - Delta Natural Gas Co. Inc.
    - E.C. Porter Store, Inc.
  - Edward Jones – Robyn Armstrong
    - Fairfield Inn & Suites
  - First Baptist Church East Bernstadt
  - Flowers Bakery of London, LLC
  - Forcht Broadcasting 103.9 / 96.7 / 1400
    - Gypsy & James Boutique
    - Hamm, Milby & Ridings, PLLC
      - House Oil Company
  - House-Rawlings Funeral Home, Inc.
    - Jackson Energy Cooperative
      - Kentucky Outdoorsman
        - Larry Jamieson
        - London Lighting
        - London Rotary Club
      - Mountain Valley Insurance
    - Occupational Therapy Solutions
      - Patterson Chip Company
        - Paul Claiborne
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# January Luncheon

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## New Members



**Parkinson's in Motion**  
Jane Williams & Company



**Fantasy Workshop Escape Rooms**  
Tim & Natalie Waggoner



**Homes of Laurel County**  
Andi Sutton



**Git'R Done Moving**  
Elainea Cruz

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

**Baptist Health**  
**Donna Gregorich**  
**Edward Jones—Jonathon Hibbard**  
**Heads Up Digital TV**  
**Home Helpers Home Care**  
**Hotwire Productions.net**  
**Kinetic by Windstream**

**Monticello Banking Company**  
**Old Town Grill**  
**Slim Chickens**  
**Somerset Community College**  
**The Job Shop**



More Photos from the  
**January Luncheon**



Kristin Lehman & April Goodin spoke on behalf of our sponsor, the Alzheimer's Association of Greater KY & Southern IN



Garry Conley presented information on our Work Ready Seal program through Junior Achievement.



Levi Alley, Kandalisha Gilbert and Brad King presented a check for \$8974 from the PNC Foundation to the Chamber Foundation in support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.



Kelly Craft, Republican candidate for Governor spoke to the crowd about the future of Kentucky.



## *Ambassador Patrol Is Back!!*

After a hiatus of almost three years, Chamber Ambassadors are back on patrol! This was our 2nd month back and it was great to surprise a few of our members with a visit and gifts from our Ambassadors. It's always fun to meet with fellow Chamber members and learn more about their business. *Be on the lookout. . . next month they might be visiting you!*



**Creekside Gardens**  
1303 South Main Street



**Nesco Resource**  
108 South Plaza



**Ford Brothers Auctioneers-Realtors**  
64 Keavy Road Suite 1



**Benqueil's Jewelry**  
301 Madison Square



**London Lighting**  
303 Madison Square

## 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!*



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



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 Chamber-Advantage plan.

## Office DEPOT

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.



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, APRIL 18, 2023

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BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS · ENTERTAINMENT

*Tickets are \$50 each.*

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