



Next Chamber Luncheon

**Thursday,
December 14**

11:45 am

London Community Center

\$13.00 per person

Make plans to join us!



*Come celebrate with us at the
Chamber's annual Christmas luncheon.*

Along side our festive feast, business networking is most definitely at the top of the menu. The Chamber Christmas Luncheon always creates an ideal atmosphere for forging fresh business contacts and renewing contacts you have made over the course of the year. Enjoy games, contests and Christmas-related activities with a chance to win great prizes donated by our Chamber and its members. There may even be a surprise or two!

Be sure to bring plenty of festive cheer and invite your co-workers to join us on Thursday at the London Community Center for the Chamber's Annual Christmas Luncheon.

Ho Ho Hope to see you there!!

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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FOR OUR LUNCHEON

Contact the Chamber office or simply bring your donation to the luncheon.



Randy Smith's Christmas on Main



World Class Sponsorship

We are now enlisting Sponsors for 2024

As a World Class Sponsor you will receive:

- ◆ Annual Banquet Sponsorship - \$750 value
- ◆ Monthly Lunches (2 per month) - \$312 value
- ◆ Golf Sponsorship including team - \$700 value
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- ◆ Advertising at all lunches and events - \$1000 value

Total Value of Package is \$3962

Total Cost to become a World Class Sponsor is only \$2500



To sign up, contact the Chamber office today at 606-864-4789.



The deadline is December 31, 2023.



Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings



Structure House Recovery LLC
Friday, December 15th 11:30 am
Located at 318 W. Dixie St.

Parkinson's In Motion / I Got Communities
Tru Health Choice Cafe
Monday, December 18th 3:30 pm
Located at 202 W. 7th Street

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Working for you

Here is some great tax advice from Donnie Cox, with Abner & Cox, PLLC on giving to charity or loved ones this holiday season. Please consider donating to the London - Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Foundation to support our partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This program provides free books each month for Laurel County children ages 0 - 5.

Year-End Giving to Charity or Loved Ones

The holiday season is here and many people plan to donate to their favorite charities or give money or assets to their loved ones before the end of the year. Here are the basic tax rules involved in these transactions.

Donating to Charity

In 2023, in order to receive a charitable donation write-off, you must itemize deductions on your tax return. What if you want to give gifts of investments to your favorite charities? There are a couple of points to keep in mind.

First, don't give away investments in taxable brokerage accounts that are currently worth less than what you paid for them. Instead, sell the shares and claim the resulting capital loss on your tax return. Then, give the cash proceeds from the sale to charity. In addition, if you itemize, you can claim a full tax-saving charitable deduction.

The second point applies to securities that have appreciated in value. These should be donated directly to charity. The reason: If you itemize, donations of publicly traded shares that you've owned for over a year result in charitable deductions equal to the full current market value of the shares at the time the gift is made. In addition, if you donate appreciated stock, you escape any capital gains tax on those shares. Meanwhile, the tax-exempt charity can sell the donated shares without owing any federal income tax.

Giving to Loved Ones

The principles for tax-smart gifts to charities also apply to gifts to family members and loved ones. That is, you should sell investments that are currently worth less than what you paid for them and claim the resulting tax-saving capital losses. Then, give the cash proceeds from the sale to your children, grandchildren or other loved ones.

Likewise, you should give appreciated stock directly to those to whom you want to give gifts. When they sell the shares, they'll pay a lower tax rate than you would if they're in a lower tax bracket.

In 2023, the amount you can give to one person without gift tax implications is \$17,000 per recipient. The annual gift exclusion is available to each taxpayer. So if you're married and make a joint gift with your spouse, the exclusion amount is doubled to \$34,000 per recipient.

Tax-Smart Gifts

Whether you're giving to charity or loved ones (or both) this holiday season, it's important to understand the tax consequences of gifts. Contact **Abner & Cox, PLLC** if you have questions about taxes and any gifts you want to make.



JA Miss BUSINESS

Helping young women design their career & life path!

Last month, our Women In Business group hosted the JA Miss Business event at the London Community Center. The event was attended by approximately 50 high school juniors and seniors in our region. The event aimed to empower and inspire these young ladies to help them reach their full potential.

Several sponsors participated, including CHI Saint Joseph Health-Saint Joseph London, Forcht Bank, Windstream, Judge Tracey Wise, Jordyne Carmack—Communication Coach, Embrase Med Spa, Class 101—Eastern Kentucky, London Downtown, Jackson Energy, Esteem Aesthetics & Wellness, Sauced Craft Pizza, Pasta & Salad, Walmart Transportation #6097, and Century 21 Advantage Realty, sharing everything from business tips to life advice.





The Women In Business Initiative of London-Laurel Co. invites you to enjoy a FREE festive networking event at The Make Space on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 8:30-9:30am. Refreshments will be provided and attendees are encouraged to take part in a holiday watercolor tutorial by a local artist!

Women in Business is a collaborative group of women who work or own a business in London-Laurel County, Ky. The London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce spearheads this group. Our mission is to encourage, support local women to achieve their full potential; to encourage, empower and guide their active involvement in business, employment, learning and community life. We seek to achieve this by emboldening the economic power of women in our community, promoting social inclusion, and influencing policy.

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With Your London - Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Membership



Small Group Health Coverage

Small business plans designed to serve employers with 2-50 employees. Members receive competitive, medically underwritten rates with fixed, predictable monthly payments.



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*London Vendor's Market
Located at 845B S. Main Street*



*Relax Salt Studio
Located at 409 South Main St. Suite C*



*Kamryn Baker Photography
Located at 1022 N. Mill Street Suite 4*

November Luncheon

Special Thanks to our Sponsor:



New Member



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Keyla Stubblefield,
Marketing Representative
with The Job Shop
speaks to the luncheon
attendees.

Skyler Jones &
Liz Michael with the
Millstone Community
Theatre Guild
presented our
program.



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

- ◆ Donna Gregorich
- ◆ Hotwire Productions.net
- ◆ Jackson Energy
- ◆ Martin's Insurance Group
- ◆ Old Town Grill
- ◆ The Job Shop
- ◆ Slim Chickens
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- ◆ Truist

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- Mink's Lawn & Landscape Contractors
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Sponsor a Chamber Luncheon in 2024

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**Spaces fill up quickly so if you want to
sponsor a luncheon, call the Chamber
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Cost to sponsor a luncheon is only \$350.



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