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Next Chamber Luncheon  
**Thursday, Feb. 15th**

12:00 noon

London Community Center

\$13.00 per person

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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 16, 2024.

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 8, 2024.

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

## WORLD CLASS SPONSORS



*London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce*

# Annual Banquet

6:00 PM  
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024  
LONDON COMMUNITY CENTER



**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 2024

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The Chamber has elected Scott Webster as Board President for 2024.

Scott is a partner at Tooms, Dunaway & Webster, where his practice is primarily devoted to business and commercial law matters and complicated estates. Scott has been an attorney in London since 1995 and says he really enjoys helping people make money.

Scott has served on the Chamber Board of Directors since 2016 and has relished serving as the Christmas on Main Santa for many years.

Scott and his wife, Rebecca, are originally from eastern Kentucky, and for almost 30 years have made London their home with their son, Lincoln, who is a sophomore at UK. Scott devotes most of his free time to trail running (slowly) and hunting.

Thank you Scott for your dedication to the Chamber and to the London-Laurel community!



## London-Laurel Co. Chamber presents . . . London & Paris

The Chamber has partnered with Collette Travel to offer a 9 day trip to London and Paris. Patrick KinSELLA, the local representative covering TN/KY for Collette, will be speaking at the February Chamber luncheon to give more details about this exciting travel opportunity.

Collette is the nation's oldest tour operator and Patrick has sent thousands of travelers from chambers all across the world to experience a once in a lifetime journey. The London Laurel Chamber is hosting a tour to two of the most iconic cities in the world: London & Paris! From cosmopolitan London to romantic Paris, cross the English Channel via train and take in the best of these iconic cities. Take a walking tour to Westminster to see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, and witness the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Personalize your stay in Paris by choosing to savor a thrilling dinner and cabaret show at the Paradis Latin theatre or indulge in a traditional brasserie dinner before sliding into the backseat of a retro Citroën classic car for a drive through the city's chic boulevards. Dine at the Eiffel Tower and cruise the River Seine at night."

Collette handles everything from airport transfers, flights, 4+ star accommodations, guided touring, and most meals. Let this be your trip of a lifetime!

Join us February 15th at Noon to hear Patrick discuss all the details of the trip as well as answer any questions you may have.

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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 Co. school (a Laurel County, East Bernstadt or private school).

To download a nomination form, visit:

<https://londonlaurelchamber.com/teacher-of-the-year-nomination-forms-now-available-2024/>



**WANTED!**

**AUCTION ITEMS FOR THE  
CHAMBER’S ANNUAL BANQUET**

The Chamber’s Annual Banquet is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Please consider a donation for our **SILENT AUCTION**. To donate, contact the Chamber office, or any Chamber Ambassador **TODAY!**

# CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

FEB.  
2024



## WOMEN IN BUSINESS EXPO

Presented by TRUIST

LONDON COMMUNITY CENTER  
529 S MAIN STREET, LONDON, KY

MARCH 26

9:00 AM  
to  
2:00 PM



**Women's Power Hour**  
TUESDAY, FEB. 13 AT 8:30AM

Located at:  
CENTURY 21  
ADVANTAGE  
REALTY OFFICE  
AT 911 N. MAIN ST.,  
LONDON, KY

**ADVERTISING & MARKETING  
YOUR BUSINESS**

with Amy Stroud & Misty Phillips of Forcht Broadcasting

Featuring: The Backpack Program of Laurel County

SPONSORED BY:

Join us for **Women's Power Hour** next Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 8:30am at **Century 21 Advantage Realty- London, KY** with **Forcht Broadcasting Radio & Digital** for helpful advertising & marketing tips! We will also be featuring **The Backpack Program of Laurel County**, to learn more about how to help our local children in need. See you soon!



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Located at 1370 S. Laurel Road, Ste. 1 in London



**Laurel Medical Services**

Located at 615 Meyers Baker Road

***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!**

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

- A total of over 226,964,860 Million books have been gifted since inception.
- The number of books gifted in 2023 was 29,504,545. This was an overall 19.4% increase over 2022 and equals 4,796,537 additional books gifted. (This equates to a book mailed every 1.07 seconds)



JANUARY

Dolly receives the Martin Luther King Center's Christine King Farris Legacy Service in Education Award



UK Celebrates 15th Year Anniversary and 5 Millionth Book Gifted Milestone!

FEBRUARY

The Imagination Library Reaches its

**200 MILLIONTH BOOK MILESTONE**



DWF welcomes 4 new Regional Directors: Rachel King, Lauren Wirt, Michelle Anthony and Kahla Williams

APRIL

DWF welcomes Justin Young as new Marketing Manager, Danielle Velez as new Senior Customer Support Manager, and Brooke Davis as new Training Support Manager



JUNE

Montana launches Statewide Expansion



California launches Statewide Expansion with new Bilingual Book Program!

Parliamentary Reception, Houses of Parliament, UK



JULY

Canada reaches 3 Millionth Book Gifted Milestone!



200 Million Reasons to Celebrate Milestone Campaign launches!

AUGUST

Alabama & Indiana launch Statewide Expansions

Washington & Kansas celebrate Statewide Coverage

50,000 Children Enrolled Milestone in Canada!

SEPTEMBER

Louisiana launches Statewide Expansion



Canada's Northwest Territories Reaches Full Coverage

NOVEMBER

Missouri launches Statewide Expansion



Dolly is honored with American Public Health (APHA) Presidential Citation



Welcomes Misty Leatherwood as new Finance Manager



DECEMBER

Illinois & Maine launch Statewide Expansions



Welcomes Melinda Browns as new IN State Director and Katie Mullins as new IN Community Engagement Coordinator



Welcomes JC Morgan as new KY State Director and Libby Suttles as new KY Community Engagement Director

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

- Daylight to Dark LLC
- Energy Insurance Agency
- Hampton Monument Services
- Kentucky 811
- Keshia Amburgey Photography
- Reliance One Realty
- SK Lee CPAs, P.S.C.
- Texas Roadhouse
- Wash Kleen Pressure Washing



**Renewing Chamber Members**

- 84 Lumber Company
- Bluegrass Senior Living
  - Brown & Breeding, P.S.C.
  - Business Connections, LLC
    - Classic Hair Designs
- Condo Association of Sheffield Place
- Cumberland Valley Insurance Mgmt., Inc.
  - Cumberland Valley Surgical Center
    - E.C. Porter Store, Inc.
- Edward Jones – Robyn Armstrong, Financial Advisor
  - Fairfield Inn & Suites
    - Flowers Bakery of London, LLC
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  - Hamm, Milby & Ridings, PLLC
    - Hoskins Medical Center
- IGOT Communities Resources Inc.
  - J & J Enterprises
  - Larry Jamieson
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  - London Rotary Club
  - McKnight & Associates, Inc.
- Modern Distributors, Inc.
  - Mountain Valley Insurance
    - Nancy Vaughn
    - Nesco Resource
- Occupational Therapy Solutions
- Patton Chesnut Binder Insurance
  - Paul Claiborne
- Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company
  - PNC Bank
    - Ryser’s Flooring, Inc.
- Saint Joseph London, part of CHI Saint Joseph Health
  - Second Mile Behavioral Health LLC
    - Seven Earthmovers, LLC
      - Shiloh Roadhouse
      - Storm Law Office
- The Job Shop Staffing Services
  - The Sentinel-Echo
  - Ulrich Medical Clinic





***Ambassador Patrol Is Back!!***

After a hiatus of almost three years, Chamber Ambassadors are back on patrol! This was our 3rd 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!*



**London Corbin Airport**  
556 Hal Rogers Drive



**WB Transport**  
77 Spring Lake Blvd.



**Legacy Nissan Golf Cart Sales**  
468 South Laurel Road



**HT Warehousing & Cold Storage**  
227 Air Park Drive



**Hampton Monument Services**  
1482 S. Laurel Road



**Front Line Public Safety Equipment**  
1280 South Laurel Rd., Ste. 3

Reserve your seat today!

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DINNER • SILENT AUCTION • TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS  
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS • ENTERTAINMENT

*Tickets are \$50 each.*

*Contact the Chamber office at 606-864-4789.*

*This event is usually a sell out . . . Get your tickets today!*



Your Chamber

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