

# CHAMBER LINK



**R**elationships  
**I**nspiration  
**S**upport  
**E**ducation


**OUR MISSION  
 IS TO HELP  
 OUR MEMBERS  
 R.I.S.E.**

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## From The Desk Of

Laura Wright  
 Executive Director

This being the Valentine month of February seems like the perfect time to let you know how GREAT it is to work with members like you! Our members are the  of our Chamber. We LOVE what we do because of YOU!

The world today is a much different place than it was even just a few years ago. For Valentine's month, let's let kindness and compassion take a front row seat! We can make this world a better place, one smile, one kind word, one small act at a time. Perhaps it's time to make that charitable donation you've been thinking about, or maybe just taking time to converse in a meaningful way with the next customer who walks through your door. Whatever it is, it can make a positive difference in our world... one person, one customer, one business at a time.

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support. Let's keep growing together!

 **HAPPY FEBRUARY!** 



# Introducing



A  
**NEW**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GAME!



**WHERE'S  
THE CHAMBER CHICK?**



**CAN YOU FIND  
A CHAMBER CHICK?**

Be the 1st person to spot a "CHAMBER CHICK" on one of the pages in every issue of our ChamberLink monthly newsletter and win a free Lunch at our next Leads At Lunch Networking Event!

When you spot her, email Laura at [Laura@MiddletownChamberKy.com](mailto:Laura@MiddletownChamberKy.com) as soon as possible with her exact location and you may just be a **WINNER!**

**READY, SET, GOOOOOOOO!**

# BE OUR GUEST AT BREAKFAST



The Middletown  
Chamber

L♥VES  
it's MEMBERS  
& GUESTS!



*You Are Invited To:*

**“Be Our Guest” At The  
Middletown Chamber’s  
Next Networking Breakfast**

**Thursday, 2/8/24  
7:30-9:00 a.m.  
at Celebration Hall**

**11711 Main Street, Louisville, KY 40243**

**Please RSVP @ (502) 245-0404 or**

**[LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM](mailto:LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM)**

Please join us for a free  
“Be Our Guest  
at Breakfast”!



(502) 245-7734  
**Ladyfingers**  
CATERING



**Feel free to bring a guest (s). Guests who join the Chamber during breakfast, as well as their host member, will be entered into a drawing for a door prize.**



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## **BBB February Hot Topics**

1. As Valentine's Day approaches, BBB warns consumers to beware of romance scams. When trying out online dating sites and apps, don't give out your personal or financial information to anyone you haven't met in person, and be wary of any requests for money, gift cards, or wire transfers.
2. BBB received a report from a consumer regarding a wage garnishment scam. The consumer received a debt collection mail in the letter and upon contacting the alleged company, was instructed to pay the debt with a prepaid gift card. BBB reminds consumers that any time you are pressured to pay a bill with a gift card, it is likely a scam.
3. A consumer reported a scam to BBB regarding an alleged company called KRM Classic Auto. The consumer drove to Paducah in order to purchase a car from KRM Classic Auto, only to find the business didn't exist and scammers were using a fake address. BBB reminds consumers to always check a company's profile on [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) before making any purchases.
4. A consumer received a call from a scammer posing as a Deputy Sheriff, claiming the consumer had missed a court appearance as an expert witness. The consumer was instructed to pay fines over the phone. BBB reminds consumers that law enforcement agencies will never contact you by phone to demand payment.
5. A consumer reported a fake AutoZone survey to BBB. After completing the survey in order to receive a prize, the consumer realized their credit card had been charged multiple times for various amounts. BBB warns consumers to beware of unsolicited text messages and emails containing surveys. These are often phishing scams.
6. Multiple consumers have reported reshipping employment scams to BBB involving a scam company called Milladi Express. BBB reminds consumers that any job listing offering a position "examining packages" or "reshipping packages," or any job that involves receiving other people's mail at your home address, is a scam.
7. BBB has received reports of scam Medicaid and Medicare phone calls. BBB warns consumers to not give out personally identifiable information or government-issued numbers over the phone. Medicare will never contact you via email or phone to verify personal information.
8. BBB continues to see reports of Facebook Messenger scams. These scams involve Facebook users receiving a message that their profile or account will be deactivated unless they click on a link to confirm their account. This is a scam. Do not click on any links you received in unsolicited messages!
9. BBB has received reports of solar panel scams affecting our consumers. BBB warns consumers to be wary of phony sales reps offering solar panel installations for free or very low costs. Always verify a company first at [bbb.org](http://bbb.org), and don't fall for high-pressure sales tactics.
10. BBB received a report of a government grant scam from a local consumer. Any grant or scholarship that requires you to pay money upfront in order to receive a large payout is a scam.

## CONTACT THE CHAMBER

<https://middletownchamberky.com/contact/>

## MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

<https://middletownchamberky.com/member-to-member-discounts/>

## MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

<https://middletownchamberky.com/member-incentive-program/>

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

<https://middletownchamberky.com/business-directory/>

## JOB BOARD

<https://middletownchamberky.com/category/news/>

## PHOTOS & VIDEOS

<https://middletownchamberky.com/photos/>

## EVENTS CALENDAR

<https://middletownchamberky.com/events-calendar/>

## WEEKLY CHAMBER CHATTER

<https://middletownchamberky.com/chamber-chatter/>

## MONTHLY CHAMBERLINK NEWSLETTER

<https://middletownchamberky.com/newsletter/>

# CHAMBER RESOURCE LINKS

## WEBSITE HOME

<https://middletownchamberky.com/>



# Welcome

## NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Jefferson Waters, Vanguard Mortgage  
Myra Ryan, Triple Crown Advisors  
Scott Neill, Core Health Centers of Forest Springs  
Joseph Schmidt, Joseph F. Schmidt DDS  
Izak Cirillo, Heine Brothers Coffee  
Kristie Rambo, U.S. Bank  
Brandi Hall, Kawaii Candy Cart  
Meghan Tinker, House of Colour

## CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



We help people in Kentucky who value their legacy carry out their wishes through estate planning and probate.



Click the QR code to the left to sign up for your Free on-demand webinar:

**"How to Protect Your Family, Assets and Legacy Through Estate Planning"**



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Since 1984, our vision has been to help our clients protect themselves while they are living and leave a legacy upon their passing. Our collective knowledge and attention to detail helps us provide customized estate planning for each individual client based on their specific needs and goals. For those who have not created a comprehensive estate plan and require probate administration upon their passing, we are here to assist their family and loved ones during a difficult time through the probate process.

**CHAMBER MEMBER  
AWARD  
SPOTLIGHT**

**ENCORE**  
*WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP*

**Forbes**

**2024 BEST-IN-STATE  
WEALTH MANAGEMENT TEAMS**



**WooHoo!!**



# RIBBON CUTTINGS



ASSOCIATES  
IN ACCOUNTING CPA

<https://associatesinaccountingcpa.com/>



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2 BAGEL**

<https://born2bagel.com/>



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NETWORKING



THANK YOU TO OUR  
WBN COFFEE HOST:  
CHERYL WESTRAY SMITH,  
WEICHERT REALTORS



THANK YOU TO OUR HOST:  
KENYA WHITFIELD,  
HOSPARUS HEALTH



THANK YOU TO OUR  
SPEAKER: ???



# COFFEE CHIT CHAT WITH THE CHAMBER

A great big **THANK YOU** to our **JANUARY** Coffee host:  
**ROBERT SILVERTHORN, ENCORE WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP**



**BUFFALO  
WILD  
WINGS**

# CHAMBER LUNCHEON

# JANUARY



**SPEAKER:  
KEN SCHREINER**

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**R.I.S.E.**  
Relationships | Inspiration | Support | Education

- Networking
- Professional Development
- Monthly Luncheons With Guest Speakers
- Meet and Greets
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Vendor Events
- Visibility on Chamber Website & Social Media
- Advocacy with Government Agencies



**THE ART OF  
SUCCESSFUL  
NETWORKING  
PART II**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
2/6/24	2:00PM	RIBBON CUTTING	XIAN'S KITCHEN
2/8/24	7:30AM	NETWORKING	BE OUR GUEST AT BREAKFAST, CELEBRATION HALL
2/8/24	6:00PM	MONTHLY	CITY MEETING, CITY OF MIDDLETOWN OFFICE
2/13/24	12:00PM	NETWORKING	NON-PROFIT AFFINITY GROUP MEETING, MIDDLETOWN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH, 11721 MAIN ST, MIDDLETOWN, KY 40243
2/15/24	9:00AM	MONTHLY	CHAMBER BOARD MEETING, NEW YORK LIFE OFFICE 9300 SHELBYVILLE RD, SUITE 1250, LOUISVILLE, KY 40222
2/15/24	1:00PM	MONTHLY	CHAMBER MEMBER ORIENTATION, CHAMBER OFFICE
2/19/24	HOLIDAY	PRESIDENT'S DAY	CHAMBER & CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED
2/20/24	9:00AM	NETWORKING	WBN COFFEE MEETING, PEOPLES BANK 4304 SHELBYVILLE RD, LOUISVILLE, KY 40207
2/21/24	8:30AM	NETWORKING	MYP COFFEE MEETING, ZEGGS AMAZING EGGS 11615 SHELBYVILLE RD, LOUISIVLLE, KY 40243
2/22/24	11:30AM	NETWORKING	LEADS AT LUNCH, LOCATION TBD
2/27/24	11:45AM	NETWORKING	SENIOR SYNERGY, RIGHT AT HOME 500 EXECUTIVE PARK, LOUISVILLE, KY 40207
2/28/24	4:30PM	NETWORKING	CHAMBER HAPPY HOUR, DAVE & BUSTER'S 5000 SHELBYVILLE RD, LOUISVILLE, KY 40207
3/12/24	12:00PM	NETWORKING	NON-PROFIT AFFINITY GROUP MEETING, MIDDLETOWN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH, 11721 MAIN ST, MIDDLETOWN, KY 40243
3/14/24	11:30AM	NETWORKING	CHAMBER LUNCHEON, CELEBRATION HALL
3/14/24	6:00PM	MONTHLY	CITY MEETING, CITY OF MIDDLETOWN OFFICE

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS,  
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT**

**<https://middletownchamberky.com/events-calendar/>**



# NON-PROFIT AFFINITY GROUP



## PLEASE JOIN US!

**WHAT:** NETWORKING WITH OTHER NON-PROFITS  
**WHERE:** MIDDLETOWN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH  
 11721 MAIN ST, MIDDLETOWN KY  
**WHEN:** TUESDAY, 2/13/24, NOON - 1:00PM  
 \*BRING YOUR LUNCH, DRINKS & DESSERT PROVIDED

QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL LAURA: 502-245-0404, LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM

# CHAMBER MEMBER ORIENTATION

THURSDAY  
 FEBRUARY 15, 2024  
 1-2PM



Held on the 3rd  
 Thursday of  
 every month!  
 \*PLEASE RSVP\*

MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OFFICE  
 11803 OLD SHELBYVILLE RD, MIDDLETOWN, KY 40243



...not just for new members!

Join fellow chamber members and Chamber Staff as we highlight everything our Chamber of Commerce has to offer you! Come get acquainted with our offices, benefits, events, and communications. Oh, and don't forget to bring your business cards for the networking opportunity too!

To participate, you **MUST** register in advance: Registration is not available online.  
 Please call Laura Wright at (502) 245-0404 or e-mail her at [laura@middletownchamberky.com](mailto:laura@middletownchamberky.com)



## MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



### MIDDLETOWN WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT:

To connect women from all different departments within a business, to share experiences, brainstorm new initiatives, and increase connections that support, enrich, and inspire women to advance professionally and personally.

**PEOPLES BANK COFFEE NETWORKING**  
 Tuesday, 2/20/24, 9:00-10:00AM

GENEROUSLY HOSTED BY:  
 STACEY CROWDER, PEOPLES BANK  
 4304 SHELBYVILLE RD, LOUISVILLE, KY 40207

TO RSVP:  
 CALL LAURA AT 502-245-0404 OR  
 EMAIL LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM

## CALLING ALL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



### Middletown Young Professionals Mission Statement:

To provide young professionals (ages 21-35) in the Louisville area fun opportunities to connect, collaborate, and develop professionally. Whether you are a young professional looking for social events, volunteer opportunities, or career enrichment, the Middletown Chamber Young Professionals group can help you grow professionally while providing you with exciting ways to deepen your connection with the Louisville community!



WEDNESDAY, 2/21/24  
 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
 ZEGGS AMAZING EGGS  
 11615 SHELBYVILLE RD MIDDLETOWN, KY 40243

PLEASE RSVP TO LAURA AT 502-245-0404 OR EMAIL LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM

**WHEN:**  
TUESDAY  
2/27/24  
11:45AM-12:45PM

# SENIOR SYNERGY



**A SMALL GROUP WHOSE SUM IS > ITS PARTS**

**JOIN US FOR OUR  
FEBRUARY MEETING**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Tara Schneider, Owner  
Middletown Pharmacy and Wellness**

**IF YOUR BUSINESS HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH SERVING SENIOR CITIZENS...**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**WHERE:**

**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION  
6100 DUTCHMAN'S LN #401  
Louisville, KY 40205**

**\*\*RIGHT AT HOME has generously agreed to provide  
lunch for those in attendance. Please RSVP by to  
[laura@middletownchamberky.com](mailto:laura@middletownchamberky.com).**



**JOIN US!**



## CHAMBER HAPPY HOUR

**Wednesday, February 28th**

**4:30pm-6:30pm**



**CASH BAR & FREE APPETIZERS!  
BRING LOTS OF BUSINESS CARDS FOR NETWORKING.  
GUESTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

**RSVP TO LAURA AT 502-245-0404 OR [LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM](mailto:LAURA@MIDDLETOWNCHAMBERKY.COM)**



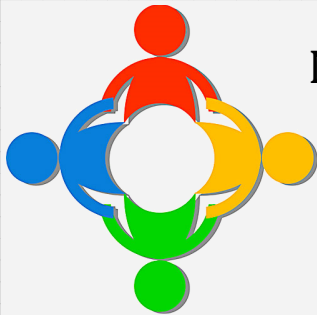


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for our most up-to-date information!**

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Facebook: Middletown Chamber of Commerce



## MIDDLETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mayor J. Byron Chapman (non-voting)  
Executive Director, Laura Wright (non-voting)  
Assistant Executive Director, Debbie Walthall (non-voting)

President: Thomas Stone, Stone Legal Group, PLLC  
Vice President: Tyra Anderson, Stockton Mortgage  
Treasurer: Dr. Warren Lesser, MAGNA Pharmaceuticals  
Secretary: TBD

Tom Abbott, Abbott Rentals  
Andy Balderson, Unified Technologies  
Luke Edds, New York Life Insurance  
Carrie Gerard, Eastern Area Community Ministries  
Lauren Stroud, The Grand Senior Living  
Wayne Turchetta, HMC Service Company  
Eric Vorseth, Republic Bank  
Cliff Whalin, Christian Care Communities