



Morristimes

February 2022 E-Newsletter

Over a Century of Service!

2021 Leadership Morrystown Class Graduates

The twenty members of the 2021 Leadership Morrystown class celebrated their graduation with a reception at The Country Club, Inc. on Tuesday, January 25. Participants, their guests and employers/sponsors were invited to attend. Guest speaker for the event was Morrystown native John Quillen, an experienced climber, public speaker and writer who has climbed some of the world's most coveted peaks including Mt. Everest. Following John's presentation, Dr. Tony Miksa, Chairman of the Chamber Board of Directors congratulated the graduates and presented their certificates.

Completing the program in 2021 were Lisia Amburn (Lakeway Association of Realtors), Tabatha Bacon & Rachel Vazquez (Morrystown Utilities), Laura Barker (Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority), Clinton Biggs (Executive Wealth & Risk Management), Candace Blair, Daniel Bowlin (HealthStar Physicians), Dr. Erin Dean (Walters State), Tonya Hall (College Park Pharmacy), Deputy Chief Michelle Jones (City of Morrystown Police Dept.), Bobby Lassiter (Farm Bureau), John McClellan (Commercial Bank), Laura Moore (Stepping Out, Inc.), Jimmy Mosier (Purkey Carter Compton Swann & Carter), Tonya Polidoro & Aletha Purkey (MATS), Kelli Rosenbalm (Morrystown Hamblen HealthCare System Foundation), Jan Slack (City of Morrystown), Sylvia Tharp (McNeilus Steel) and John Wallace (Wallace Hardware)

Anyone interested in learning more about the 2022 Leadership Morrystown class should contact Debra Williams at the Chamber.

There's Still Time to Take the Survey!

2022 Morrystown Citizen Survey

It only takes a few moments to make a big difference!

Find online survey here:

bit.ly/Morrystown2022

Participate in the annual online survey to voice your opinions about your community. Results from the survey help your local government make decisions for the future of Morrystown.

Deadline to take online survey is February 4, 2022



TN Secretary of State Warns: Scam Alert!

The Tennessee Secretary of State's office is warning Tennessee businesses about a misleading mailer trying to scam business owners into paying for a Certificate of Existence from our Division of Business and Charitable Organizations that they probably don't need.

*For more information [click here](#) or watch a brief video to learn more [here](#).



From the President's Desk

--Marshall Ramsey

Acceptance of Diversity and Inclusion

As a young child attending elementary school down highway 160 just one county over, once a year, many of our friends would return. At the time, we didn't know or care that their parents were migrant farm workers, we just knew it was time to see our friends again. Although the Southeast US is widely regarded as one of the least diverse and open places in the world, I see this very differently. Our little area of the country and state was, has been and always will be open and accepting of everyone. We don't talk about it much, because our area has been doing this before it was "cool". Not accepting and welcoming diverse populations is the exception rather than the rule.

Morristown is home to manufacturing companies from 7 different countries and you would be hard pressed to find a more diverse population in all of Tennessee. The wonderful part of this is that we all embrace this and are so accepting of this notion that going out of our way to promote this seems foreign. Why? Because we have always done it. The national culture is promoting this now, but like many things, Hamblen County was doing this well 25 years ago.

We all have areas in which we can improve. As I look at the chamber wall of chairmen in the board room, I can see the shift in gender roles on that wall. As a chamber board, almost yearly now, we elect more female than male board members. The interesting thing is, this was beginning to happen in Morristown while I was still in diapers; we just never made a big deal about it. Our community and business success is attributed to strong diverse acceptance of both nationality and gender, and our chamber has embraced this shift for years and looks forward to continuing our contribution to a community who not only accepts this notion but embraces it as our norm.

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TN Dept of Revenue

MONTHLY TAX WEBINARS

TN Department of Revenue

The TN Department of Revenue offers a free monthly tax webinar series. The next one coming up is **February 22**.

Here is the link - <https://www.tn.gov/revenue/taxpayer-education/tax-webinars.html>.

This link also provides a video library of all the previous webinars.

"Save the Date"!

Small Business Awards of Excellence

April 26 – 11:30 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal School

We encourage you to nominate your favorite small businesses.



20th Annual Small Business Awards Sponsorships



Each year the Chamber shines a camera on small businesses in our area by awarding 8 of them for their business excellence and support of our community. The awards will be presented at a catered luncheon on April 26, 2022 along with a short video highlighting the competing businesses. The winners are announced after the videos. The event is open to the public and tickets will be available through the Chamber.

Media Sponsorship	\$1500
Event Sponsor	\$ 750
Theme Sponsor	\$ 400
Award Sponsor	\$ 350

**If you would like to show your support to our local small businesses,
sponsorships are available.**

For more information on sponsorships contact Pat Seaver at 423-586-6382 or

at: membership@morristownchamber.com

Nominate your favorite member businesses today!



2022 SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATION FORM



Do you know of a business or organization with less than 50 employees that deserves to be recognized for their excellence? Nominations are now being accepted for the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce's 20th Annual Small Business Awards of Excellence.

Eight Awards will be given to small businesses (50 employees or less) for the following categories:

- *Retail-Based Business Award*
- *Service-Based Business Award*
- *Healthcare-Based Business Award*
- *FIRE - Finance, Insurance, Real Estate*
- *Hospitality/Leisure-Based Business Award*
- *Non-profit business/organization*
- *Horizon Award (business less than 5 years old)*
- *Small Business of the Year Award*

All nominees must be current members in good standing with the Chamber of Commerce. Nominees will be given an application to complete. Criteria used to select winners includes staying power, innovation of product or service, response to adversity, growth, Chamber and community involvement.

Winners within the past 5 years are not eligible in the same category.

Nomination #1

Nomination #2

You are welcome to submit additional nominees.

*Return by either fax, mail, **OR REPLY** to this email:*

Fax: 423-586-6576

Email: membership@morristownchamber.com

Mail: Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 9

Morristown, TN 37815

Winners from 2021

Healthcare Based Business Award:
Crescent Center Drugs

FIRE - Finance, Insurance, Real Estate Award:
Citizens National Bank

Non-Profit Based Business Award
Tennessee Community Assistance Corporation

Retail Based Business Award:
The Girls and Me Boutique

Service Based Business Award:
Advanced Landscape Services

Hospitality/Leisure Based Business Award
Family Fun Zone

Horizon Award:
U.S. Diabetes Care LLC

Small Business of the Year Award:
ReVIDA Recovery Center

AWARDS LUNCHEON WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 at All Saints Episcopal School

Future Ready Expo Goes Back to the Future



After pausing the Future Ready Expo in 2021, a Back to the Future theme seemed very fitting for the 2022 event held on January 12 at the Walters State Expo Center. Nearly 1,400 8th grade students from Hamblen and Jefferson Counties enjoyed a day of interactive networking with local businesses, industries, organizations and school programs of study in Advanced Manufacturing, Health & Public Safety, Trade & Industry and IT & Business Services. The students were given approximately 30 minutes in each cluster to participate in hands-on activities provided by 80 exhibitors to learn more about careers and job opportunities in Morristown and the Lakeway Area.

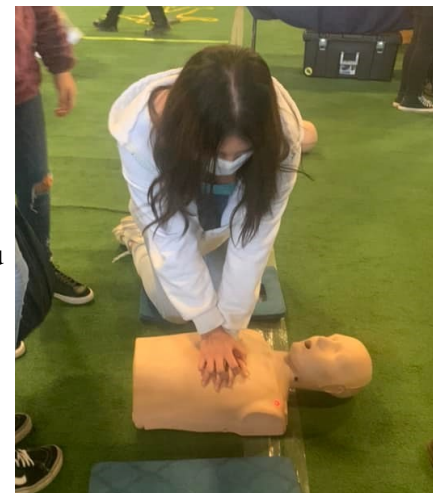
As the day concluded, an exhibitor in each sector was recognized for their booth set-up and hands-on activity. Rich Products Corporations was recognized in Advanced Manufacturing, Elite Realty in IT & Business Services, the East High Agriculture Program in Trade & Industry, and the Jeff County Criminal Justice Program in Health & Public Safety.

This is the 3rd year of the event being held and it is a great example of a collaborative effort that benefits many stakeholders in our area. Committee members who organized this year's Expo included Chuck Carter, Daniel Aldridge, Missy Hayes, Nick Darnell and Angel Fowler with Hamblen County Schools, Stan Harville with HC*Excell, Chris Bell with Hamblen County Emergency Management, Andy Hall with Walters State Community College, Wendy Harbin with MAHLE, Keith Andrews with Tuff Torq Corporation, Mattea McCann with Team Technologies, Rebecca Campbell with Jefferson County Schools, and Jodi Barnard with the Chamber. In addition to the committee members, over 40 other volunteers helped throughout the day in various ways.



The day was also made possible by the following: HC*Excell, Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce, MAHLE Engine Components, Walters State Community College, Performance Foodservice – Hale, and Subway.

Plans will be starting soon for the 2023 Expo. If you are interested in having your business participate with a booth, sponsoring the event or volunteering on the planning committee, please contact Jodi Barnard at the Chamber office.



Welcome New Members!

Century 21 Legacy—Eugene Jeffers

93 North Ruff Taylor Road
Greeneville, TN 37745
Phone: 423-639-6781

eugenejeffersc21@gmail.com

Eugene Jeffers, Realtor

Real Estate

Cornhole Solutions

6940 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy.
Talbott, TN 37877

Phone: 423-839-0555

www.cornholesolutions.com

Steve Miles, Owner

Cornhole Boards

Cornhole Bags

Cornhole Accessories

Benjamin F. Edwards Company

2640 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy.
Morristown, TN 37814

Phone: 423-353-9526

www.benjaminfedwards.com

Crampton Helms, Vice President

Aimee Helms, Vice President

Joyce Taylor, Financial Advisor

Investments and Brokerage

Financial Planning

Friday Night Trucks N Wings

1758 Holdway Street
Morristown, TN 37813

Phone: 423-277-1947

buff1362@gmail.com

Derrick Jones, President

Amusement/Entertainment/Recreation

Fundraiser Nights

Clubs & Organizations

Lakeside Wealth Management, Inc.

2339 Boat Dock Road
Talbott, TN 37877

Phone: 423-839-0808

bradford.smith@lpl.com

Bradford Smith, President

Wealth Management

Investing

Life Insurance

Financial Planning

Quality Plumbing, Heating & Cooling

4807 Ray Street
Morristown, TN 37814

Phone: 865-932-6800

www.quality-pm.com

Rick Pittser, General Manager

Justin Wood, Operations Manager

Hannah Lane, Marketing Coordinator

*Plumbing Service—Residential &
Commercial*

*HVAC—Residential, Commercial &
Industrial*

Water Heater Installation

WJDT 106.5/WBGQ “The Q100.7”

448 Highway 25-E

P. O. Box 519

Morristown, TN 37815

Phone: 423-235-4640

www.wjdtfm.com/www.wbgqfm.com

Clark Quillen, Owner

Todd Quillen, General Manager

Steve Wallen, Program Director “Q”

Radio Stations

Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations

Amusement/Entertainment/Recreation

Media

Event Planning & Management

*When you are Looking for a
product or service*

Don't forget to use our on line

Membership Directory at

www.morristownchamber.com

*To support the businesses who
support our community through
their Chamber investment.*

YOUR NAME COULD BE LISTED

HERE ! If you know of someone who should be a member of the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce, please contact Pat Seaver, Director of Sales and Marketing at:

membership@morristownchamber.com

or call 423-586-6382.

February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day



**Congratulations!
January & February
Ambassadors of the Month**



Kelly Vittatoo
First Bank & Trust Co.



Gregg Harrell
Harrell Business Consulting

**Congratulations!
4th Qtr.
Ambassador of the Quarter!**



Lisa Grooms
Morristown Lions Club



Featured Gold Star Members



The Chamber boasts over 85 member businesses designated as Gold Star Members. Each month we are proud to feature, on a rotating basis, six of these special investors.



www.mbicompanies.com



www.suntrust.com



www.usdiabetescare.com



www.iconex.com



www.revidarecovery.com



www.harrisoncc.com

The Gold Star designation is for members who support the mission and program of work of the Chamber through increased financial investment. Gold Star members receive special recognitions and benefits throughout the year in return for this increased investment. If your company would like more information on becoming a Gold Star member, please contact Pat Seaver, 423.586.6382 or membership@morristownchamber.com

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, February 9

Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting—Groups Recover Together

11:00 a.m.

3606 West Andrew Johnson Hwy., Ste 19 & 20 (Western Willow S/C)

Thursday, February 10

4:00 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting -- South Marketing Group

1817 W. Morris Blvd. Suite B

Open House 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Friday, February 11

2:00 p.m.

Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting — Servpro of Hamblen County

204 Shaver Drive, Talbott

Friday, March 4

8:30 a.m

New Member Orientation

825 W. First North St. (Board Room Downstairs)

Monday, February 28

12 Noon

Lunch & Learn — Employment Law Update presented by Wimberly Lawson

825 W. First North St. (Board Room Downstairs)

Tuesday, March 1

12 Noon

10th Anniversary Celebration and Open House — Kelley Marie Chic Boutique

Open House until 6:00 p.m.

2412 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy, In The Gardens

We encourage you to reach out to us here at the Chamber if you

need assistance 423-586-6382.

www.morristownchamber.com



Times Available for Counseling Sessions
at the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce
For appointment times call (423) 392-8825

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KOSBE Executive Director