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THE CHAMBER

Darien-McIntosh Chamber of Commerce's Monthly Newsletter

President | CEO NOTE

by Kat Hoyt

Welcome to March! It feels like we packed three months into February with everything happening at the Chamber. We kicked off with the Altie Awards and what a wonderful night that was! Thank you to all our sponsors, guests and award winners for a fantastic evening celebrating our community. It was such a joy to share the Chamber update and to see so many of our partners enjoying an evening out. As we approach the Blessing, we also hosted the annual Fisherman's Breakfast at Altman's. Many incredible fishermen were nominated, and Darrell Gale was selected and accepted the title of the 2024 Grand Marshal. Our theme this year will be "McIntosh Shrimp, Ain't nothin' like the real thing!" And how fitting that is. At least to me, there are no better shrimp in the world! Amy Spinks, Board Chairwoman, and I were invited to attend the Brunswick-Golden Isles Capital Day. This was an opportunity to network with our legislators, meet department commissioners and talk with staff. We also showed a united front for the Coastal on critical issues such as workforce, import shrimp, and infrastructure. It was a wonderful experience, and we look forward to working closely with everyone we met. We will also be discussing the possibility of coordinating a larger group from McIntosh to visit next year.

Now we look forward to March! We have two networking events this month and we hope to see many of you there. We are also in the final planning stages for Blessing of the Fleet. It's lining up to be an incredible event! We are still seeking sponsors, craft and goods vendors and volunteers, so if you would like to participate, please let us know! This event is a cornerstone for our community and it's our

privilege to host.

















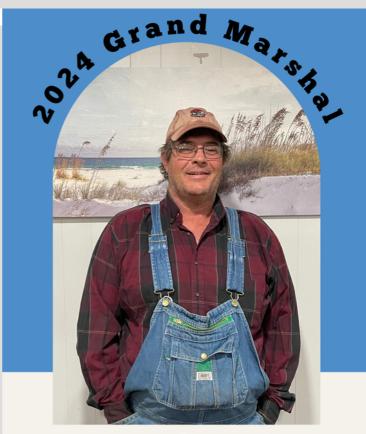
The brown thrasher is a local resident of Georgia, and is the only thrasher species found east of Texas. They camouflage well in the thicket, contrary to how boldly-patterned they appear in the open; you can identify one by their vibrant yellow eyes and speckled chest. Most notably, this bird is an accomplished vocalist, and can sing over 1,100 different songs as well as mimicking other bird's calls such as wood thrushes and northern flickers. To attract thrashers, plant bushes with berries, and make sure they have ample brush cover near feeders so that they feel safe to visit and retreat easily.



FISHERMANS BREAKFAST 2024



KAT & LISA AT THE ALTIE AWARDS



Darrell Gale

Captain and Owner of Shadow Walker 2024 GRAND MARSHAL DARRELL GALE



CAPITOL VISIT









STAR LUNCHEON











BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: ABC NUTRITION

MARCH FITNESS TIP OF THE MONTH



Embrace the unfamiliar and explore the wide world of exercise, from a new piece of equipment at the gym, a new walking route, or gathering a few friends to try a new sport like pickleball or disc golf.



APRIL 6TH

FRIDAY

4:00 PM | GATES OPEN 6:00 PM | DERRECK FLOWERS 8:00 PM | PINE BOX DWELLERS 10:30 PM | GATES CLOSE

SATURDAY

7:30 AM | 5K RACE

8:00 AM | PANCAKE BREAKFAST

9:00 AM | GATES OPEN

9:30 AM | PARADE LINEUP

10:00 AM | PARADE

10: 00 AM - 12:00 PM | JIM MORGAN

12:20 - 2:30 PM | SHADFAX

12:00 - 1:00 PM | SHRIMP HEADING COMPETITION

11 AM - 3 PM | CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SUNDAY

10:00 AM | GATES OPEN

10:30 AM | WORSHIP SERVICES

12:00 PM | VENDORS OPEN

12:30 - 2:00 PM | TOUCH OF GREY

2:00 | BOAT PARADE

3:00 - 5:00 PM | MICHAEL HULLETT

4:30 PM | AWARDS AND FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:00 PM | GATES CLOSE



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 8, 2024 / 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

CCH 10th Anniversary Gala

MARCH 21, 2024 / 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Coffee & Connect hosted by Atlantic Area CASA & Harris Ace Hardware

MARCH 22, 2024 / 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting: Coastal Corner

MARCH 26, 2024 / 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch & Learn with Child Care Resource & Referral

APRIL 4, 2024 / 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Fisherman's Dinner

APRIL 5-7, 2024

56th Annual Blessing of the Fleet - Vendor & Sponsor Application

APRIL 5-7, 2024

VOLUNTEERS - 56th Annual Blessing of the Fleet

APRIL 6, 2024 / 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

56th Blessing Parade and Pancake Breakfast: Lions Club Events

APRIL 6, 2024 / 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Family Fishing Event - 56th Annual Blessing of the Fleet

APRIL 12, 2024 / 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Entrepreneur Boot Camp

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 13, 2024 / 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Nautical Flea Market

APRIL 18, 2024 / 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Business After Hours At Oaks on the River





You can nominate a local business to be next month's winner by clicking on the nomination form on the front page of our website DarienMcIntoshChamber.com

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

- The Salvation Army of the Golden Isles
- Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority, INC. Head Start
- · Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation
- Woodstork Productions/Bill Lewis Visual Technician
- · Savannah Scottish Games
- Roslyn Newkirk
- Nancy Newkirk
- Elect for Sheriff Chris Mitchell





- Teacher
- Marketing & Communications
 Admin Assistant
- Electronics Technician Apprentice

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- <u>Teacher Aide</u>
- Finance and Utility Technician
- Drivers Needed



FEBRUARY CHAMBER SOCIAL WAVE



FACEBOOK REACH

269,481

FACEBOOK PAGE VISITS

5,236

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE LIKES

73



INSTAGRAM REACH

4,299

INSTAGRAM PROFILE VISITS

133

NEW INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

31

