

Networking Opportunities

First Friday Breakfast-- First Friday Breakfast pairs breakfast with an in-demand speaker sure to entertain and inform all those in attendance while providing a great opportunity for networking. Sponsors will benefit from the diverse crowd that First Friday attracts. As one of our premiere marketing events, the exposure received by the sponsor can't be matched. Each month all members in attendance have a chance to win the accumulated monies from the incentive sponsor.

Regional Business Expo/Job Fair-- The Fort Smith Regional Business Expo/Job Fair is an opportunity for our members to showcase their business, products, services and employment opportunities to the community. It is the leading Expo in the Greater Fort Smith Region and offers sponsors various opportunities to gain exposure through marketing.

Jack White Legislative Golf Tournament-- This event pairs a great day of golf with a unique networking opportunity with many of Arkansas' legislators and community leaders. The Jack White Legislative Golf Tournament is one of the most visible Chamber events each year. This tournament will give you the opportunity to spotlight your business in front of not only Fort Smith regional decision makers, but some of the most influential people in the state.

Physician's & Healthcare Reception-- Healthcare is key to economic development, which is why the Chamber feels it is so important to provide practical solutions for the retention and recruitment of physicians & healthcare professionals to the region. The Physicians & Healthcare Reception offers our sponsors the opportunity to meet and say thank you for choosing Fort Smith.

Annual Meeting-- This event recaps our prior year's activities and puts focus on the goals of the Chamber for the upcoming year. Program includes A-list speakers. These meetings have featured speakers like Governor Mike Beebe; J.C. Watts, Jr.; Dr. Donald Bobbitt; Steve Forbes; and U.S. Congressman Steve Womack.

Western Arkansas Legislative Reception-- The Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce and The Van Buren Chamber will host a reception for all State Legislators, elected officials, and their staff members in Little Rock. This event is designed to help us become better acquainted with our elected officials while creating an awareness of the Greater Fort Smith Region.

Washington Fly-in-- Each year, a delegation from the Fort Smith Chamber flies to Washington D.C. to discuss topics and issues that are crucial to the success of our region. We meet with both our Congressmen and Senators to continue our good working relationship with leaders in Washington.

The Fort Smith Chamber Legislative Forum-- The Fort Smith Chamber Legislative Forum will meet every Friday (while in session). Our elected officials will discuss important legislative issues in an open Q & A round table discussion.

Business After 5-- Business After 5 is one of the best open networking opportunities provided by the Chamber. This is a great opportunity to promote to a receptive crowd in a casual environment.

Business 2 Business Luncheon-- Business2Business Luncheon offers Chamber members an opportunity to promote their product or service in a structured luncheon environment. Hundreds of Chamber members have found B2B to be a simple, yet extremely effective way to promote their businesses. B2B is a great way to boost commercial success and foster business relationships.

The Fort Smith Chamber Breakfast Club-- The Fort Smith Chamber Breakfast Club offers Chamber members an opportunity to network with other chamber members on a regular basis. This is a **NEW EVENT**. This will be a simple but extremely effective way to promote their businesses.

Member Open House-- Member Open House is a unique event that offers the opportunity to open up your business to the general membership. Sponsor will provide the venue, refreshments and any other optional items, such as food or door prizes for attendees. The Chamber will provide the marketing for the event and aid in facilitation. This event is great for new businesses or existing businesses to market themselves to over 1,500 local business owners and representatives at a relatively low cost.

Arkansas Scholars Luncheon and Honors Banquet-- These events are sponsored by the Chamber's Education & Quality of Place Division to reward and acknowledge local graduating seniors on their academic accomplishments. It is a wonderful opportunity for our members to support the efforts to raise the level of education within our community. Sponsors are acknowledged at BOTH events.

Public and Private School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast-- Each year, the Chamber and Education Division likes to express our gratitude for the hard work and dedication of area teachers. The Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts offer our sponsors an opportunity to give back to the teachers in both public and private schools. This event provides the opportunity to get your business promoted toward goodwill in the community, as well as with other business leaders within our region.

Partners in Education Luncheon-- Each year, the Fort Smith Chamber hosts the Partners in Education Luncheon in coordination with the Fort Smith Public Schools and the Partners in Education Board. Local businesses that participate in the PIE Program are invited to attend with their partner school principals and staff to celebrate their efforts with local students. The Chamber is able to support this event this year because of the generosity of our members.

National Manufacturing Day-- The Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts a Manufacturing Week in October to celebrate the many manufacturers in our region. Our events are in conjunction with National Manufacturing Day (mfgday.com) events and activities. This is an excellent way to showcase your business to the community, also, helping to bring recognition to our local manufacturers.