



Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Monthly Newsletter  
February 2019

*Moving forward into 2019 we will only produce a monthly Chamber newsletter instead of our weekly editions. We hope this makes our communication with members more efficient. For the latest information or updates on events check our website at [www.fortsmithchamber.org](http://www.fortsmithchamber.org)*

## Don't Miss This Opportunity!



People have to talk to people. But when they don't know one another, there can be an awkward silence, or worse, small talk with no purpose but to bide time. What if someone could teach you a tool that is simple, useful every single day, and could convert those cold calls, social blunders, and awkward moments into life-giving, genuinely worthwhile conversations? Our 2019 Workshop: The Conversational Tool can do that. Join us for either session Feb 5th or 7th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. \$50 for Chamber members and \$75 Guests. Must Register!

Register for Feb. 5th Session: [Click Here](#)

Register for Feb. 7th Session: [Click Here](#)

## Upcoming Events!



## 2019 Wellness Week Activities

### Wednesday, January 30: Wellness Week Lunch & Learn: Sleep Apnea

12:00 - 1:00 PM at the Chamber.  
Learn about the changes and challenges we experience as we age in regards to sleep. We will cover topics from snoring to sleep apnea and beyond.

[Register Now!](#)

### Thursday, January 31: Wellness Week Healthy Workplace Award Roundtable

9:00 - 10:00 AM at the Chamber.  
Panel led discussion regarding implementing and strengthening employee health and wellness programs for organizations of all sizes.

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Thank you to our  
Wellness Week Sponsors!



#### GUEST SPEAKER:



**Joseph W. Thompson, MD, MPH**  
President and CEO, Arkansas Center  
for Health Improvement  
Professor, University of Arkansas for  
Medical Sciences  
Vice Chair, Healthy Active Arkansas



## First Friday BREAKFAST

"Worksite Wellness"

A Healthy Workforce gets more done!  
From healthy vending guidelines and support for returning moms to the workforce, to wellness policies and tracking systems, we have tools and resources to cultivate a culture of health at your worksite.

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#### Breakfast Buffet Sponsor:



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## First Friday Breakfast

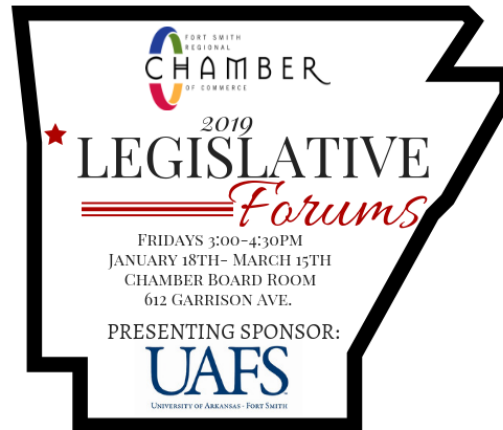
Friday, February 1st  
7:30 - 9:00 AM

UAFS Smith-Pendergraft Center Reynolds Room

[REGISTER NOW!](#)



## Legislative Forums



Space is limited for the Legislative Forums! Please register to attend any of the remaining forums by clicking [HERE](#) and selecting the date you would like attend.



**AFS Business SOLUTIONS**  
A Division of Answer Fort Smith, Inc.



The goal of this event is to allow our members the opportunity to meet other members, promote their business, and grow their network. Be sure to **BRING** your **business cards, brochures & any other information** with you.

Free for Chamber members and  
\$5 for Guests

Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
8:00 - 9:00 AM  
5808 Highway 271 South  
Fort Smith, AR 72908

[Register Now!](#)

# Education News & Events!

## Junior Leadership Academy

Now taking applications for  
the JLA Class of 2020!

[Click Here for Application](#)

(Deadline to Apply is February 8, 2019)

Want to sponsor a Junior Leadership  
Academy Student or Session?

We have opportunities available in 2019!

Contact Susan Krafft at  
skrafft@fortsmithchamber.com  
for more information!

**Closing Session:  
Saturday, February 9**



Class of 2019 Presenting Sponsor



**State Government  
Session:**

**Tuesday, February 12,  
2019**

**Class of 2020 Applications  
Will Open on Monday,  
February 18!**

Applicants who are interested  
in the program, please click  
here for more information:  
<https://www.fortsmithchamber.org/leadership-fort-smith/>

Details on how to apply or nominate  
someone will be coming soon!

## Member Spotlight!

**We Welcome Our**

**News & Events from our**



## January Chamber Member Additions!

906 Cocktail & Cigar Lounge

Ben Geren Regional Golf  
Course

Crosswalk Marketing

Direct Auto & Life Insurance  
(Grand Ave)

Direct Auto & Life Insurance  
(Hwy 71)

Hoss Transportation  
LLC/Landstar Transportation  
Agency

Manes & Miracles at Chaffee  
Crossing

Parrish Tax Service

The Barber Room

Trotter Electric

Have a news item or  
event you would like  
us to share in March?  
Email us at  
[info@fortsmthchamber.com](mailto:info@fortsmthchamber.com) and let us know!

The 25th Annual Wine &  
Roses Gala will be held  
on Saturday, May 4th at  
Hardscrabble Country  
Club. Call 479-424-1812

## Chamber Members

### SAVING LIVES NEVER GETS OLD

#### UAFS Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 29 and  
Wednesday, January 30  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Reynolds Room

Sign up with SAO by calling 479-788-7699,  
e-mailing [studentactivities@uafs.edu](mailto:studentactivities@uafs.edu),  
or in the Campus Breezeway.

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long-sleeved t-shirt!

Oklahoma Blood Institute  
Texas Blood Institute  
Arkansas Blood Institute

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### SAVING LIVES NEVER GETS OLD

#### IC Elementary Blood Drive

Thursday, January 31  
12:15 - 7 p.m.  
Parish Center

For more information, contact  
Jennifer Shelby at the school.

Walk-ins  
Welcome!

Donors will  
receive a yo-yo

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for more information. The Reynolds Cancer Support House notes that they have already sold 80% of their tickets for the event! Hurry to reserve your ticket, table, or sponsorship!



**JOIN US FOR OUR STERLING SILVER SOIRÉE!**

Fort Smith's premier fundraising event includes an evening of:

Live Wine & Experience Package Auction

Gourmet Food

Specialty Wines and Spirits

Entertainment

Art Gallery

Rolex Watch Raffle courtesy of Newton's Jewelers

**More info coming soon!!**

**Sponsorships available by calling 479.424.1812**



Proceeds from this event benefit the programs and services offered to cancer fighters and survivors and their families by the Donald W. Reynolds Cancer Support House.



**Ambassador of the Month**

**Alex Sanchez-AVP is the Business Development Officer for Arvest Bank.**

Alex has been with Arvest for ten years, and his main role is to assist Small Business Owners through the countless financial decisions and choices they face daily as business owners.

You can reach Alex at:  
Arvest's Business Resource Center  
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(479) 709-8813  
[asanchez@arvest.com](mailto:asanchez@arvest.com)

**Sneak Preview for March 2019**





## First Friday BREAKFAST

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Breakfast Sponsor



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## Guest Speaker:



**Meet The Pioneer Of Smart Medical Care**  
Tom Emerick is the President and Co-founder of Edison Healthcare. Tom is also an entrepreneur, consultant, writer, and frequent speaker on the topic of healthcare economics.

We still have opportunities for a Hosting Sponsor and Coffee Bar Sponsor!

First Friday Breakfast - March 1st

[Register Now!](#)



## 2019 WESTERN ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Monday, March 11, 2019  
Capitol Hill Building  
5:00p.m.-6:30p.m.

Presenting Sponsors:



Gold Sponsors:



Silver Sponsor:

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