



Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Monthly Newsletter  
March 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!

**2-SESSION WORKSHOP:**  
**"THE FIVE DYSFUNCTIONS OF A TEAM"**



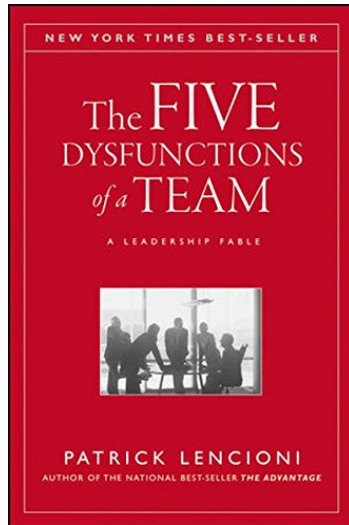
**TUE. MARCH 7TH & THU. MARCH 14TH**  
**DR. PHILLIP MCCLURE**  
**8 AM - NOON BOTH DAYS**

The "Five Dysfunctions of a Team" by Patrick Lencioni, outlines the root causes of politics and dysfunction on the teams where you work, and the key to overcome them. Counter to conventional wisdom, the causes of dysfunction are both identifiable and curable.

Please join us for a 2-session workshop on Thursday, March 7 and Thursday, March 14. This workshop will provide an in-depth look at dysfunctions within teams and how to best overcome those challenges. "5 Dysfunctions of a Team" is a book that has been a practical tool in getting teams aligned, breaking down the "silos" within companies/organizations and getting the teams within your organization to move in the same direction.

This workshop will be led by Phillip McClure. Many may be familiar with Phillip as a class facilitator in our Leadership Fort Smith program. Phillip is a dynamic facilitator and has worked with a number of companies and organizations in our

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region.  
<http://www.phillipmcclure.net/>

What will you gain from this workshop series?

- \* Team members will not only reach a common understanding of what it means to be a team, because the workshop is so practical, will also make substantial progress toward becoming a more cohesive team.
- \* Team leaders will improve the cohesion and functioning of their teams by applying the Five Dysfunctions Model.
- \* Improving teamwork reduces the stress and dissatisfaction of the people in your organization, which has a profound impact on the lives of their friends and family members as well.

## Upcoming Events!

GUEST SPEAKER:



Thomas Emerick  
President Edison Healthcare



### First Friday BREAKFAST

"Understanding Healthcare Economics & The Epidemic of Misdiagnosis"

What companies need to do to prevent their employees from being misdiagnosed to help crack health care costs.

Presenting Sponsor:



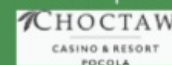
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### First Friday Breakfast

Friday, March 1st

7:30 - 9:00 AM

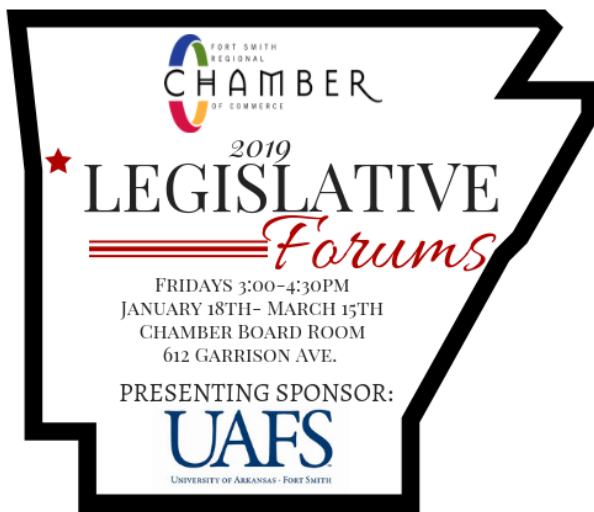
UAFS Smith-Pendergraft Center Reynolds Room

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## 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.



**Monday, March 11, 2019**  
**Capitol Hill Building**  
**1524 West 4th Street Little Rock, AR**  
**5:00p.m. to 6:30p.m.**

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The Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce & the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce would like to say **THANK YOU** to our 92nd General Assembly for all that you have done this Session.

[Email us](#) to register.

# Fort Smith Chamber Breakfast Club



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, March 26, 2019  
8:00 - 9:00 AM

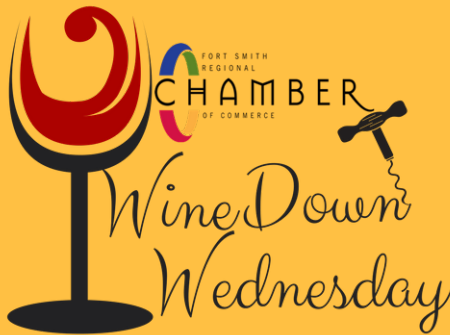


Fort Smith Chamber of  
Commerce Boardroom

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## SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, March 27th  
4:00 - 6:00 PM



Please join us on Wednesday, March 27 for "Wine Down Wednesday"! This is an excellent opportunity to network and socialize with Chamber Members and Guests. Do you own or operate a small business? We would like to invite you to display your items or services. Limited space is available, so please reserve your

spot in advance by emailing Tonya Sarlls. There is no additional cost. We simply ask that your reservation be secured in advance.

**Don't Miss Out!**  
**Register for**  
**these other**  
**special events**





**by clicking on  
our website's  
event listings  
Here!**

## Education News & Events!



### Class of 2019 Commencement

March 7, 2019  
The Blue Lion  
5:30 PM  
Tickets \$25 each

[Register Now!](#)

#### EVENT SPONSORS



**Thursday, March 14**

**ARE YOU READY TO LEAD?**

# LEADERSHIP FORT SMITH CLASS OF 2020

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN AT  
[HTTP://WWW.FORTSMITHCHAMBER.ORG/LEADERSHIP-FORT-SMITH-CLASS-OF-2020-APPLICATIONS/](http://www.fortsmithchamber.org/leadership-fort-smith-class-of-2020-applications/)



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## Member Spotlight!

**We Welcome Our  
February  
Chamber Member  
Additions!**

**4 Star General**

**B & B Security Assessment**

**Laura White, Realtor with  
Warnock Real Estate**

**Ocean Impact Dive Shop**

**Poultry Direct**

**Rheem Arkansas Federal  
Credit Union**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**The Gutter Guy**

**Will & Powers - Massage  
Therapy & Hypnosis**

## News & Events from our Chamber Members



In support of:



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- When: **Saturday, March 9th, 2019**  
Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Bowl at 1:00 p.m.
- Where: Bowling World, Fort Smith, AR
- Cost: \$140 per team includes three games, shoe rental, t-shirt, prize payouts for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams.
- Deadline for entry: Thursday, Feb 28th, 2019
- Make checks payable to Commissary Kiwanis or complete credit card details and return this form:  
Kiwanis Bowling Tournament  
c/o William Ricks Treasurer  
PO Box 8228, Fort Smith AR 72902-8228  
(or email to: [williamricks@fnbfs.com](mailto:williamricks@fnbfs.com))

2018 sponsors:



Team Name:		Contact details:
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4:		Card #: _____
		Expiry Date : _____
		CVV #: (found on back of card) Zip Code: _____

For more information call William Ricks (479-462-8542) or Ashley Fitzhugh (479-651-4305)

Have a news item or event  
you would like us to share in  
March? Email us at



*You're Invited*

info@fortsmithchamber.com  
and let us know!

## Scheduled Ribbon Cuttings!

Rheem Arkansas Federal Credit  
Union

Wednesday February 27, 2019  
1:00 - 1:30 pm

Girl's Inc. (Tiles Elementary)

Thursday, March 7, 2019  
11:30 am - 12:00 pm

The Barber Room

Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
11:00 - 11:30 am

The Gutter Guy

Wednesday, March 15, 2019  
11:00 - 11:30 am

Community Rescue Mission  
(Ground Breaking)

Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
2:00 - 2:30 pm

Please checkout our website listing of  
events for additional information and any  
additions to our planned Ribbon Cuttings:  
<http://public.fortsmithchamber.com/events/>



## Ambassador of the Month

Mitzy Little is Marketing Director for United Way of Fort Smith Area. She is responsible for marketing United Way to the community through various mediums and promoting year round awareness of United Way and its Community Partner Agencies. She began her career in public service in 1996 and came to United Way in 2010 after her retirement from the Sebastian County Sheriff's Department. For the majority of her career at the Sheriff's Department she worked in communications where she coordinated the 911 Emergency Services Dispatch Center, and at the time of her retirement was in Administration serving as the Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff. She was awarded a Certificate of



# LIVE UNITED



**United Way of  
Fort Smith Area**

Congressional Recognition in 2006 for her work in emergency service communications during Hurricane Katrina. She has a heart for public service and upon retiring wanted to continue her work in that field. She saw United Way as the organization where she felt she could continue to make a direct impact with helping people in need.

Mitzzy enjoys serving and being involved in the community and is an ambassador for the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce. She was named Ambassador of the Year in 2017. She resides in Mansfield with her husband Charlie. They have two children, Ashley and Chris and three grandchildren, Jacob, Kristen and Leena.

## Sneak Preview for April 2019



**57TH ANNUAL HONORS BANQUET**

**HELP CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESSES!**

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019 @ 6:00 PM**

**The Honors Banquet is held each year in partnership with the Fort Smith Public School District to celebrate high school seniors who are graduating with honors. The students and their parents are invited to a dinner to acknowledge this wonderful accomplishment!**

Students can attend at no charge, parents and other guests are \$25 per person.

Event Sponsorship levels are available!

**Send an Email** to Susan Krafft to learn more.





# VIP2 UNIVERSITY

## DYNAMIC, IN-DEPTH, 2-DAY COURSE!

SUITED FOR LEADERS AND FUTURE LEADERS THAT WORK IN THE REAL WORLD.

April 2, 2019 - April 3, 2019  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Both Days)  
Fort Smith Chamber Boardroom

The Chamber is pleased to partner with VIP2 University in offering this degree of quality leadership training to our Chamber Members. Given that this will be a very in-depth course with personal attention given to each industry represented, this 2-day session will be limited to **12 people**.

VIP2 University is a two-day leadership training suitable for executives, front-line leaders and emerging leaders. The scope of the session is looking at leadership, front-line people and your work environment through a different lens with a focus on the connections between work environment, leadership and bottom-line results. Registration open to Chamber members and guests.

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## Advertise, be seen, get noticed!

Monthly, the Chamber sends its e-newsletter to more than 3,000 subscribers. The e-newsletter is filled with the latest updates on Chamber events, programs and business-related issues that impact your business and your community. As there are only a few advertising spots available in each e-newsletter, your ad will be highly visible and can contain a click-through to your Web site. Advertising space is reserved exclusively for Chamber members.

All ads will be purchased in one-month intervals. Advertisements can be e-mailed to the Chamber staff. No more than three ads will be placed per e-newsletter, so this is an exclusive opportunity!

### More Information:

Sponsor: Ad and company logo will appear in the header location. \$400 per month

General Ad: Ad will have a prominent location within the newsletter. \$200 per month

Deadline: Ads must be paid for in advance of placement. Ads must be received by the Chamber staff by no later than 4:30 pm on the third Friday in each month to run the following Tuesday each month. Ads should be emailed to [info@fortsmithchamber.com](mailto:info@fortsmithchamber.com)

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