

# CONNECTION

A monthly publication of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce

JANUARY CHARACTER TRAIT—*SELF-DISCIPLINE*—*Demonstrating hard work.  
Controlling your emotions, words, actions, impulses and desires.*

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## 2019 DAYTON CHAMBER COFFEE

January 8, 2019	The Grass is Greener Rhea County Welcome Center
February 12, 2019	Richland Creek Dental at 1272 Market Street
March 12, 2019	UT/TSU Extension Office at Rhea County Welcome Center
April 9, 2019	Eternal Life Support Group at Rhea County Welcome Center
May 14, 2019	Rhea Richland Senior Neighbors 241 Alabama Avenue
June 11, 2019	WDNT, Rhea County Radio at Rhea County Welcome Center

## 2019 DAYTON CHAMBER MEET & GREET

January 24, 2019	Trinity Chapel 240 First Avenue
February 28, 2019	Rc3 232 4th Avenue, Suite 6
March 28, 2019	Keener Marketing Location to be Announced
April 25, 2019	Dayton Flower Box 1548 Market Street
May 23, 2019	Farmers Insurance 1452 Market Street
June 27, 2019	Dayton Chamber Ambassadors Rhea County Welcome Center



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 DAYTON CHAMBER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

**January—Paint the Town Pottery**

**February—Dayton Lions Club**

**March—Dayton Rotary Club**

**April—Money Concepts**

**May—New Union Baptist Church**

**June—Dayton Police, Rhea County Sheriff's Department and Homeland Security**

**December—La-Z-Boy**

**July—Dayton Fire Department & EMS**

**August—Rhea County Historical Society**

**September—Keener Marketing**

**October—Amedisys Home Health**

**November—Rc3**

If you would like to nominate a Dayton Chamber of Commerce member for member of the month for 2019, please feel free to submit your nomination to the Dayton Chamber office in writing. Don't forget to let us know why you think this member should receive the member of the month award. It is not required, but it would be nice to know who has nominated them. If you have any questions, please call the DCOC office

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

### **Edward Jones, Scott Bowers Office**

**Scott Bowers**  
**7680 Rhea County Highway, Dayton**  
**423-775-2678**  
**scott.bowers@edwardjones.com**

*Edward Jones serves nearly 7 million investors from more offices than any other investment firm in America. We attribute a great deal of our success to our principles and personal, long-term approach to investing. We have consistently been ranked among the best companies to work for by Fortune magazine and our employees tend to stay with us for years. As a privately owned company, Edward Jones has a very personal feel that's almost like family and we are very proud of that.*

### **Mejia's Crazy Fruit**

**Mr. Yeimi Gomez**  
**1385 Maley Hollow Road—Dayton**  
**423-428-9669—mejiascrazyfruit@icloud.com**

*Mejia's Crazy Fruit offers a variety of unique fruit cups along with hand dipped ice-cream, desserts and Mexican tamales along with other goodies.*

### **Dayton Flower Box**

**Mr. Bill Lusk, Mr. Henry Smith, Ms Patty Tallent**  
**1548 Market Street—Dayton**  
**423-775-0677—hsmith197637@gmail.com**

*The Dayton Flower Box has served the floral needs of our community for over 45 years. We take pride in our flowers and service.*

### **City Church, Dayton**

**Mr. Bob Scott**  
**375 Main Street—Dayton**  
**423-285-5503—citychurchdayton@gmail.com**  
**www.citychurchdayton.org**

*It is our goal at City Church to love you well. We believe the Truth of God's Word is liberating, and that Truth can set you free. In order for us to have the open door to share the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ, we will love you just as you are. You will not walk into a community of people who will judge, but you will encounter a people who will demonstrate the love of Christ. We hope that this love takes away the fear of church, of Christians, or of any bad experience you have gone through. We know you might be hurting, and that you may even come with your "guard" up... that's ok. Know that you are loved!*

Please consider a Dayton Chamber of Commerce member first when making your purchasing/business decisions.

## "YESTERDAY" AT THE DAYTON CHAMBER

The following news paper article concerning the Dayton Chamber's annual banquet was published on August 26, 1954!

A few things have changed, note the phone number is 80! It also appears that only professional men were welcomed at that time. I personally find this as well as other "yesterday" information about the chamber to be quite fascinating. Please join me each month for another edition of "Yesterday" At The Dayton Chamber. If you have an article, photo or other "yesterday" news you would like to share, please do not hesitate to bring it by the chamber office.

Sincerely, Cynthia Rodriguez, Executive Secretary

*The first annual dinner sponsored by the Dayton Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Aqua Hotel on Monday evening Aug 30, at 6:30pm. All bona fide members of the group have been issued invitations as well as 85 other businesses and professional men of the community who are eligible for membership. Everyone will be a guest of the Chamber, according to William Nash, executive secretary.*

*Guest speaker for the occasion will be John H. Trimble, manager of the Birmingham district of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. And Wayne French, president of the local group will be master of ceremonies.*

*Guests and Chamber members will receive copies of two recent publications written and printed by the Dayton C-of-C to interest industrialists in other sections in opening a factory in this area. One of the publications is a booklet which outlines in detail the advantages Dayton has to offer while the other is a pamphlet which gives a quick synopsis of Dayton's outstanding advantages. A thousand copies of the detailed booklet have been printed to be supplied to firms asking for exact information about the community, while 5,000 copies of the smaller pamphlet are ready to be mailed to a select list of prospects.*

*Members of the Dayton Chamber will also receive membership certificates suitable for framing and displaying on office walls and a decal for transfer to an office window. Everyone will receive a "Program of Work", an outline of proposed work for the chamber for the balance of this fiscal year.*

*Everyone who intends to attend the dinner is urged to file his reservation with Mr. Nash, phone 80, no later than closing time, Friday, Aug 27. This deadline is necessary so that the hotel may know how many to prepare for.*

*Rhea Herald News, August 26, 1954*

### **Tennessee Strawberry Festival**

**72nd Annual TSF Parade**

**"Strawberry Cruisin"**

**will be held on**

**Saturday, May 11th.**

**Parade begins at 1:00pm in**

**Historic Downtown**

**Dayton!**

**[www.tnstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.tnstrawberryfestival.com)**

**Remember, as a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, your message can be placed in the CONNECTION (newsletter) FREE. Call the Chamber office for more details.....423-775-0361!!**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Dayton Chamber of Commerce**  
**64th Annual Member Banquet**  
**Monday, March 25th at 7:00pm**  
*Bryan College, Latimer Student Center*



<u>Services available to Dayton Chamber Members</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Advertise in Chamber CONNECTION	\$0.00
Host monthly Chamber Coffee	\$0.00
Add your information to relocation packs	\$0.00
Add your business information to website	\$0.00
Advertise your upcoming event on the website calendar	\$0.00
Leave business cards at Chamber Office	\$0.00
Leave your brochures at the Chamber Office	\$0.00
Display your business at the Annual Banquet	\$0.00
<b>NETWORKING WITH OTHER BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRICELESS</b>

*A Note from the Dayton Chamber Office...*

Have you reviewed your information in the Chamber Directory and/or on the DCOC Website? It is critical that all your information be correct. A new, current or former customer will never find you if your phone number, e-mail address, physical address and/or website address is incorrect. Why not hop over to [www.daytontnchamber.org](http://www.daytontnchamber.org) right now and check out your information. Look up a friend while you are there and let me know if there are any changes that need to be made.

*Cynthia*—chamber@volstate.net or (423) 775-0361



**NOMINATIONS NEEDED**

The Dayton Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for

**Board Members and Ambassadors** from the current Chamber membership. Submit nominations to the Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant no later than 5:00pm on Friday, February 8, 2019 for consideration by the nominating committee.

Elected Board Members and Ambassadors will be introduced at the annual Dayton Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held on Monday, March 25 at 7PM.

**Business Persons of the Year**...The Dayton Chamber of Commerce is currently taking nominations for **Business Man, Business Woman and Volunteer of the Year.**

Nominations should be current members of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. Applications can be found on the Chamber's website at [www.daytontnchamber.org](http://www.daytontnchamber.org) or by contacting the chamber office at 423-775-0361. Nominations will be accepted until 5:00pm on Friday, February 8, 2019.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

- Mon., Jan 01 **Dayton Chamber Offices Closed**
- Tues., Jan 08 **The Grass Is Greener Hosts DCOC Coffee**  
7:30am Rhea County Welcome Center
- Fri., Jan 11 **Deadline for articles for February CONNECTION**
- Mon., Jan 14 **DCOC Board Meeting**  
11:00am Rhea County Welcome Center
- Tues., Jan 15 **DCOC Ambassador**  
12:00pm Rhea County Welcome Center
- Thurs., Jan 17 **Tennessee Strawberry Festival Meeting**  
11:00am Rhea County Welcome Center
- Tues., Jan 22 **MainStreet Dayton Meeting**  
12:00pm Rhea County Welcome Center
- Thurs., Jan 24 **Trinity Chapel Hosts DCOC Meet & Greet**  
12:00pm 240 First Avenue
- Mon., Jan 28 **RETC Board Meeting**  
11:00am Rhea County Welcome Center
- Mon., Jan 28 **Rhea Fitness**  
12:00pm Rhea County Welcome Center

## FEBRUARY

- Wed., Feb 6 **Health Council**  
12:00pm Rhea County Welcome Center
- Fri., Feb 8 **Deadline for articles for March CONNECTION**
- Feb 8 & 9 **Cinderella's Closet**  
10:00am Rhea County Welcome Center
- Mon., Feb 11 **DCOC Board Meeting**  
11:00am Rhea County Welcome Center
- Tues., Feb 12 **Richland Creek Dental Hosts DCOC Coffee**  
7:30am 1272 Market Street
- Feb 15 & 16 **Cinderella's Closet**  
10:00am Rhea County Welcome Center
- Tues., Feb 19 **DCOC Ambassador**  
12:00pm Rhea County Welcome Center
- Thurs., Feb 21 **TSF Meeting**  
11:00am Rhea County Welcome Center
- Mon., Feb 25 **RETC Board Meeting**  
11:00am Rhea County Welcome Center
- Mon., Feb 25 **Rhea Fitness**  
12:00pm Rhea County Welcome Center
- Tues., Feb 26 **MainStreet Dayton Meeting**  
12:00pm Rhea County Welcome Center
- Thurs., Feb 28 **RC3 hosts DCOC Meet & Greet**  
12:00pm 232 4th Avenue, Suite 6

Visit [www.daytontnchamber.org](http://www.daytontnchamber.org) for more events.  
If you have events that are open to the general public, please

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### 2017-2019

#### **Dayton Chamber of Commerce Executive Board**

Linda Blevins, President	Park Place Benches II
Kerry Nabors, Vice President	Dillard Construction
Jennifer Shoffner, Past President	La-Z-Boy Tennessee
Missy Wood, President Elect	The Veranda
Randy Wells, Treasurer	SouthEast Bank & Trust
Margie Legg, Member at Large	Bryan College

#### **Board Members**

Christine Ralph	Rhea County United Way
Beth Keylon	Southeast TN Development District
Steve Wimberely	Cornerstone Insurance
Karen Arnold	Dayton Drug & Wellness
Janet Arnold	Simply Bank
Diane Emens	The Herald News
Brian Scott	Browns Mini Storage
Adam McRorie	Dayton Fire Department
Sharla Clark	McDonalds
Marilyn Engel	Rhea Medical Center
Anna Johnson	DCOC Ambassador President
Dennis Tumlin	Rhea Economic & Tourism
Rachel Marshall	MainStreet Dayton
Cynthia Rodriguez	Administrative Assistant, DCOC