

Happy Holidays!



The Monroe Chamber and the City of Monroe hosted a very festive ribbon cutting for Monroe Pediatrics last week. The business is located at 1825 N. 18th Street in Monroe. Dr. Munira Yusuf, MD, APMC serves as the Pediatrician.

TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER

Monroe Chamber of Commerce 98th Annual Meeting and Banquet

The 97th Annual Monroe Chamber of Commerce Meeting and Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9 at the Monroe Civic Center. The keynote speaker for the event is John G Rocovich, Jr., JD, LLM. He is the Chairman and Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM). Rocovich is also the founder of the College. VCOM has partnered with the University of Louisiana at Monroe to build a new medical school on the ULM Campus. The event will also feature remarks from Billy Haddad, the 2018 Monroe Chamber Chairman and James Moore, III the 2019 Chair elect.

The 2018 recipients of the Rambin-Silverstein Award and the Kitty DeGree Foundation Lifetime Business Achievement Award will be announced following the Rocovich's address.

Tickets for the event are \$50.00 per person for Monroe Chamber members if ordered before January 4th. Reservations are required for this event. For tickets or more information, please call Ruthie Wheatley at 807-4004.

The sponsors for the event are ANGUS Chemical, Associated Business Printing, ATMOS Energy, CenturyLink, City of Monroe, Entergy, Glenwood Regional Medical Center, The Kitty DeGree Foundation, KTVE/KARD, Lagniappe Media, Newcomer, Morris and Young, Origin Bank, Patty Stewart Photography, Progressive Bank, St. Francis Medical Center, The News-Star, The Radio People, and Vantage Health Plan.



Monroe Chamber
of Commerce

Weekly Report

December 24, 2018

CALENDAR

Monday & Tuesday-December 24 & 25-
Monroe Chamber office closed for the Christmas Holiday.

Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1-Monroe Chamber of Commerce closed for New Year's Eve Holiday.

Monday, January 7 at 5:30 pm-The Ouachita Parish Police Jury will meet at the Ouachita Parish Courthouse.

Tuesday, January 8 at 12 noon-The Northeast Louisiana Young Professionals will meet at Flying Tiger Brewery. Cost to attend is \$20 per person. For more information or to RSVP, please call Daphne Garrett at 807-4018.

Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 pm-The Monroe City Council will meet at Monroe City Hall.

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, January 9 at 5:30 pm-The Monroe Chamber will host the 2019 Annual Banquet. Keynote address is by John Rocovich, Chairman and Treasurer of the Board for the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM). Cost to attend is \$50 per person. Call 807-4004 for information.



You are Invited to Attend the



Monroe Chamber of Commerce 98th Annual Meeting and Banquet



Keynote Speaker - Mr. John G. Rococich, Jr., JD, LLM
Chairman and Treasurer of the Board for the Edward Via
College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)

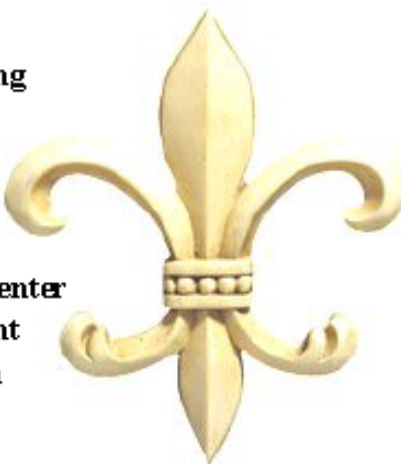
Wednesday, January 9

Reception - 5:30 Dinner - 6:30

Monroe Civic Center Conference Hall

Sponsors:

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Registration Deadline : Friday, January 4th

All registrations received after deadline will be charged an additional \$5 per person

Advance payment required. No-shows are responsible for the cost of reservation(s).

Please return this form to: Monroe Chamber of Commerce
212 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Monroe, LA 71201
Call 323-3461 or Fax to 812-7594 or
Email: rwheatley@monroe.org

MEMBERS
\$50.00 per person or \$400 per table
NON-MEMBERS
\$55 per person or \$440 per table
Additional \$40 per table after deadline

Yes, I'll be attending the 2019 Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ person(s), or \$ _____ for _____ tables.

Company Name _____ Contact Person _____

Persons attending _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration _____ Signature _____

MONROE CHAMBER ACCEPTS NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 RAMBIN- SILVERSTEIN AWARD

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS DEC. 28TH!

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2018 Ramin-Silverstein Award, which is presented annually to a resident of Northeast Louisiana who has displayed outstanding leadership and service to the community. The nominee does not have to be a member of the chamber.

Any resident of Northeast Louisiana who has demonstrated achievement, leadership and service for the benefit of the greater community is eligible for nomination.

The final selection is based on the person's contributions to the community over many years of service, evidence of their leadership ability, and evidence of their personal, professional and business integrity. The candidate must have a record of exceptional volunteerism and have demonstrated unselfish dedication to the betterment of Ouachita Parish and Northeast Louisiana.

Past recipients of this prestigious award include: George Moses, J. C. Loftin, W.L. Howard, Governor James A. Noe, Garland Shell, T. Arthur Grant, H.M. James, George Phillips, Jim Williams, R. Lee Vanderpool, Jr., Clifford Strauss, John T. Luffey, T.H. Scott, Grayson Guthrie, Paul Fink, Ed Whetstone, George T. Walker, Pat Regan, Baily Grant, George Rorex, George Riser, Saul A. Mintz, June Sherrouse Holmes, Dr. August Danti, Nelson Abell, Jr., Kitty DeGree, Clarke M. Williams, James A. Altick, William D. Sanders, Harvey Hales, Hugh McDonald, Lawson Swearingen, Jr., James W. Moore, Jr., Tom Nicholson, Melvin Ramin, B.D. Robinson, George Cummings, III, George Mouk, Guy Barr, Melinda Mintz, Van Pardue, Roy Johns, Joe and Linda Holyfield, Sharon Taylor, Malcolm Maddox, Morris Mintz, Clyde White, Joe Farr, Glen Post, Cindy Rogers, Billy Haddad, Anne Lockhart and Janet Durden.

The award will be presented at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet scheduled for January 9th, 2019. Nomination forms are available at the chamber office at 212 Walnut Street, Suite 100 or by calling 323-3461. All nominations must be received no later than December 28, 2018.

MONROE CHAMBER ACCEPTS NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 KITTY DEGREE FOUNDATION LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN BUSINESS DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS DEC. 28TH!

In 2003, through her involvement in and dedication to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Kitty DeGree of The Kitty DeGree Foundation, envisioned an opportunity for the Monroe Chamber to recognize people in the community who exemplify excellence in business. As a result, she established the Kitty DeGree Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award in Business. It is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding achievements as a business leader throughout their career.

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Kitty DeGree Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award in Business. The award will be presented at the 98th Monroe Chamber Banquet scheduled for January 9th, 2019.

To qualify, nominees must meet the following criteria: 1) Owned and/or was in a major administrative level position at a business(s) in Ouachita Parish over a span of at least 20 years (currently active or recently retired). 2) Assisted in expansions, acquisitions, and/or growth of the business(s) resulting in new products or services, increased profitability and/or additional employment. 3) Showed exceptional vision and ingenuity in responding to and overcoming adversities, while exhibiting outstanding professionalism in business.

Past recipients of this prestigious award include: Glen Post, Sam Ruben, Sister Anne Marie Twohig, Sol Rosenberg, Clyde Webb, Don Beach, Jim Bershen, Dr. Terry King, Bucky McElroy, Dewey Weaver, Elton Kennedy, Charles Marsala, Benny Evans, Jr., R. Stewart Ewing and John Hunter.

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A Program of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce

APPLY NOW FOR 2019 LEADERSHIP OUACHITA

The Monroe Chamber is currently taking applications for the 2019 Leadership Ouachita class. Nominations are encouraged from all segments of the community. Individuals may apply or nominate those they feel best exemplify the philosophy of Leadership Ouachita. The application deadline for the 2019 class is January 7, 2019. Applications may be picked up at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce or interested parties may call Chamber Event Director, Daphne Garrett at 807-4018 or dmclish@monroe.org for more information.

The purpose of Leadership Ouachita is to develop and empower the emerging leaders of Northeast Louisiana and help them gain the skills they need to transform the region into the best place to live and do business. Class members engage in a series of sessions focused on education, health care, workforce development, infrastructure and government.

The program also provides insight on public decision making, practical and in-depth discussions on public issues pertinent to Ouachita Parish, an expanded knowledge and understanding of the community in which we live, and the opportunity to develop lasting relationships with growing and established leaders in a neutral environment.

Beautiful Business of the Month!



The Beautiful Business for the month of December 2018 is Scott Equipment. The business is located on US 165 at the I-20 Exit in Monroe.

Who's in Bed with the Butler



Who's in Bed with the Butler

By: Michael Parker
Presented by Samuel French, Inc.

Patron Night: Jan. 31st
Other show Dates: Feb. 1,2,3,8,9
Time: 7pm except on Sunday 2pm
Ticket Price: \$30 for Adult/ \$10 for Students
www.strausstc.com to order tickets online will open up on line Jan. 2nd.
Strauss Theatre Center 1300 Lamy Lane, 71201
Call 318-323-6681 to make reservations.

A California billionaire has died and bequeathed all of his assets to his only daughter Constance, except the yacht to Josephine, His art collection to Renee and his antique car collection to Marjorie. Constance arrives with a lawyer and detective to find out who these women are. The butler, seems to hold the key but there are lots of unanswered questions. This hilarious farce confuses, delights, and most of all entertains.



2019 Northeast Louisiana Job Fair

Exhibitor Package Includes:

Job Fair Promotion reaching potential employees across northeast Louisiana and southern Arkansas

Professional, fully draped 8X10 foot booth with 2 chairs

Hundreds of Active Job Seekers

Prescreening by the Louisiana Workforce Commission will be available

Coffee and Boxed Lunch provided

Internet Access available

Registration fee is \$125 for employers.

501 (c) 3 Non Profit rate is \$55

Pre-registration is required.

For information contact: 318-807-4015 or snicholson@monroe.org

**Thursday, February 7, 2019
from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Monroe Civic Center Conference Hall**

**Meet Face to Face with Job
Candidates and Recruit for:**

- Customer Service Representatives
- Financial Services
- Health Care Professionals
- Hospitality Industry
- Management
- Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Retail Sales
- Secretarial and Administrative Assistants
- Technicians
- And Other Fields

Sponsored By:

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce, *The News-Star*, Atmos Energy, Lagniappe Media, The City of Monroe, the Northeast Louisiana Chapter-Society for Human Resource Managers (NELA SHRM), Region 8 Business and Career Solutions Center, KTVE 10, FOX 14, The Radio People, Delta Style, WIB 81 and WIB 83

Business _____
 Contact Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ email _____

We would like to help job seekers prepare to meet with you: If possible, please tell us a little bit about the skills jobseekers need to work for your business: _____

Please return complete form and \$125 check to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce at: 212 Walnut Street, Suite 100
Monroe, LA 71201; (Phone) 318-323-3461

Credit Card# _____ Expiration _____ Signature _____



LOUISIANA DELTA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Expo is coming!
Register Today

Dates: Tuesday/Wednesday, February 19th and 20th from 8:30am – 12:00pm
At the IKE Hamilton Expo Center, West Monroe, LA

Louisiana Delta Community College would like to invite you to join us at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center, located at 501 Mane Street, West Monroe, LA for our upcoming Career and Technology Expo.

The purpose of the Career and Technology Expo is to provide our community and high school population with the chance to learn about the employment outlook in our region, as they plan for their future.

Your company's participation will allow you to influence future employees, and will offer over 2000 junior high and high school students a chance to engage in the career exploration process, while learning what your organization is all about. This Expo has been so successful that it is being duplicated in the southern region of the state this year! We hope that you will be able to participate this year. If so, we kindly ask that you fill out the remainder of this form and email it to kathygardner@ladelta.edu.

Company Name: _____

_____ **YES**, we will attend the Technology Fair.

_____ **NO**, we will not be able to participate this year, but wish to remain on your list for future events.

Will you be able to attend both Tuesday and Wednesday? _____ Yes _____ No

Able to attend: _____ Tuesday, February 19th and/or _____ Wednesday, February 20th

Individuals attending:

Name	Phone	email address
Name	Phone	email address

Number of tables needed: _____

Any special table needs or requests such as outlets, etc? _____

Heavy Equipment Items, i.e., cranes, tractors, etc.? Please list: _____

Space needed for large items, approximate square feet: _____

Set up time: Monday, February 18, at 10:00 am large equipment will need to be delivered.

Monday, February 18, at 2:00 pm booth exhibit set up.

Preferred Method: Email this completed form to Kathy Gardner at kathygardner@ladelta.edu by **January 21**

If you have questions about the Expo please contact Kathy Gardner at 318-345-9261

We hope to see you then!!!

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THE MONROE CHAMBER'S MISSION
IS TO LEAD IN THE CREATION
OF AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH
OUR BUSINESSES THRIVE.



Northeast Louisiana Young Professionals
Tuesday, January 8 - 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Flying Tiger Brewery
506 N. 2nd Street, Monroe

Social Currency Matters - Do you have it?

Speaker: DeRon Talley, LSBDC State Office - Marketing and Media Manager

Cost to attend is \$20 per person

*Please RSVP by 12noon Monday, January 7 - No shows are responsible for the cost of the reservation
All late reservations will be assessed an additional \$5 per person*

Contact Daphne Garrett at 807-4018 or email at dmclish@monroe.org