

What Can the Chamber Do for You?

- **Business After Hours (BAH)** - A reception held monthly at a local business where membership can socialize and network.
- **Ham N' Eggs** - (Hospitality in the AM for Energetic Go Getters) Breakfast meeting with program or speaker in the mornings.
- **Luncheons** - A monthly business luncheon with networking members featuring an informative speaker.
- **World Wide Web Access** - To your business through the Chamber website and the Membership Directory.
- **Seminars** - Used to educate Chamber and community on topics of interest: Human Resources, Lunch & Learns, inter-governmental forums.
- **Group Outings** - Retreat, Golf Classic, Keeneland Outing, Bengals Training Camp, Annual Banquet.
- **Newsletter** - A monthly edition of current issues and events affecting our business members.
- **CNN (Chamber News Network)** - E-newsletter "By Members, For Members" 1st & 3rd Thursdays.

Who Can Give You More Information?

President: Dallas Blankenship
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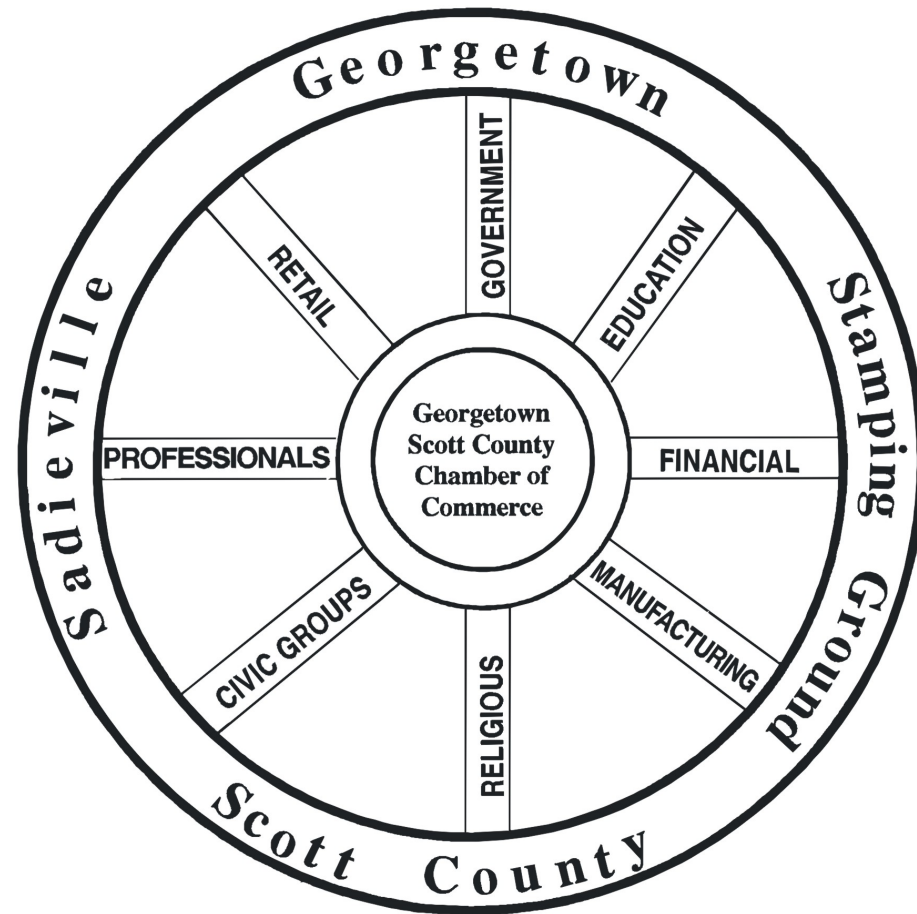
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Your
 Chamber
 Of
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"Creating
 Opportunities
 For Community
 Success!"



The Hub
 Of The
 Community

What is It?

The Georgetown/Scott County Chamber of Commerce is its **members**. It is a voluntary organization of individuals and businesses who band together to advance the business, financial, industrial and civic interests of our community. It is a civic clearinghouse, a public relations specialist, a monitor of legislation on the local, state and national levels of government and an information bureau. It has the ability to assist and promote activities. But first and foremost, it is an **action agency** designed to meet *your* needs and the needs of the community.

Who Runs It?

The organization is operated by a Board of Directors, elected by the Chamber's members. The Board serves without pay and sets the policies for the Chamber. Annually, the Board nominates a President, Vice-Presidents and Officers. The administrative head of the Chamber is the Executive Director. The Georgetown/Scott County Chamber has offices at 160 East main Street and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

Who Pays for It?

Financed on an annual dues system, each member joins and is billed according to the number of full time workers in its business. The minimum dues for a business are \$160.00 and can be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Chamber membership is an investment in the present and future of the community. Any firm, individual, church or non-profit organization sharing a common interest in community advancement and improving its "quality of life" is eligible for membership.

The Chamber is only as strong as its Members!!

How Does It Work?

Action committees are the **backbone** of a Chamber. These committees cover every facet of the Chamber's activities. They include:

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
MEMBERSHIP
COMMUNICATIONS / MARKETING

The committees are composed of Officers, Directors, and Chamber members with specific interests in their areas. They are the units that accomplish the organization's goals and objectives.

What Does the Chamber do for Business?

- Recruits businesses that are compatible with the community needs (Promotes Expansion of existing industry and promotes the Lane's Run Business Park).
- Supports a better educated workforce (ex: **Local and regional School-To-Work, CQPO/QUEST.**)
- Promotes Tourism (ex: **Provides staff to answer questions, develop brochures and send information.**)
- Assists new businesses in their Grand Openings, Anniversary Events, and Ribbon Cuttings (ex: **National Tire & Battery, Ecolandcare Landscape Mgt. , Chick-fil-A, Home Instead Senior Care, Ward Hall.**)
- Co-ordinates on-site visits with City/County leaders to assist new and existing businesses (ex: **Scott County Industrial Forum, Scott County United.**)
- Provides referrals to Chamber members only: (ex: **Motels, Services, Clubs & Org.'s and Professionals**) .
- Provides relocation and demographic information to industry, businesses, and residents.
- Established ASAP (Assistance, Support And Promotion) to help businesses during an economic decline.

What Does the Chamber do for Community?

- Encourages, promotes and assists with community visioning (**Vision 2020 Success Team**)
- Promotes recreational, cultural and artistic programs: (ex: **Council of the Arts events, Scott Co. Art League, Artist of the Month at the Chamber office, Cincinnati Bengals Summer Training Camp**)
- Spearheaded the revitalization of Main Street and has assisted in the establishment of **Historic Georgetown, Inc. (HGI)**
- Supports protection of the environment (ex: **Supports the Elkhorn Land and Historic Trust, Georgetown/Scott County Comprehensive Plan and the preservation of Ward Hall**)
- Promotes availability of Health Care (ex: **Provides information on health screenings at Georgetown Community Hospital and supports other health-care professionals**)

How Does the Chamber Work with Government?

- Educates members on current legislation (ex: **Chamber Newsletter, CNN, Red and Yellow Alerts, Forums, Seminars & Legislative Breakfasts**)
- Conducts member surveys on local issues (ex: **New Member Surveys**)
- Monitors City Council/Fiscal Court/Planning and Zoning Meetings (ex: **Chamber Reps attend these meetings and report on issues**)
- Acts on important topics (ex: **Reduced cost of long distance calls by extending service to Lexington, Established Revenue Commission to consolidate local taxes paid by businesses, Interlocal Agreement Task Force**)