



Chamber News

2025

Coffee & Networking
8am
Friday June 6, 2025
38550 5th Avenue, Zephyrhills

“Basics of ChatGPT”
A special presentation from
A Valid Company

EAST PASCO CHAMBER

Thursday June 12 , 2025
Chamber Business Breakfast

Sponsored by: Just Pull It

At Golden Corral , 6855 Gall Boulevard, Zephyrhills



**EAST PASCO
CHAMBER**

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH, 7 A.M.

**\$15
EVENT ENTRY**

AT GOLDEN CORRAL
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ZEPHYRHILLS, FL 33542

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Zephyrhills



The Greater East Pasco Chamber of
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Grow Together

A Celebration of Progress and Purpose

Thursday, August 28, 2025 6 pm-9 pm
DAN CANNON AUDITORIUM

36722 State Road 52
Dade City, Florida 33525

2025 Annual Celebration
Seating Options:

Momentum ~ (Individual) \$75
Cornerstone ~ (Seating for 6) \$425
Legacy ~ (Seating for 8) \$550

Please RSVP to victoria@eastpascochamber.org, 352-567-3769
or 813-782-1913 or visit our website to register.



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DESSERT & RAFFLE *Donations*

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR RAFFLE &
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Last Day to Donate: August 27th

Contact:

(813) 782-1913 or 352-567-3769
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BETTER TOGETHER

EAST PASCO CHAMBER

GET ENGAGED IN JUNE 2025

Friday's
Guest
Speakers



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7-8 AM Coffee Tue Dade City Office	4	5	6 7-8 AM Coffee Fri Zephyrhills Office "Basics ChatGPT"	7
8	9	10 7-8 AM Coffee Tue Dade City Office 12-1 PM Ambassadors Zephyrhills Office	11	12 7 AM Breakfast Golden Corral	13 7-8 AM Coffee Fri Zephyrhills Office "Want Capital Now?"	14 FLAG DAY
15 FATHER'S DAY	16	17 7-8 AM Coffee Tue Dade City Office	18	19 8-9 AM Core Connections Zephyrhills Office	20 7-8 AM Coffee Fri Zephyrhills Office Hope Services	21
22	23	24 7-8 AM Coffee Tue Dade City Office	25	26 11 AM-1 PM Our Hope Chest Open House & 12PM Ribbon Cutting 5151 Gall Blvd Zephyrhills	27 7-8 AM Coffee Fri Zephyrhills Office Investment Basics	28
29	30					



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Dade City Office - 14112 8th Street 352-567-3769

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Veteran Owned Small Business

Core Connections - May 15, 2025 At the Dade City Office
Wonderful Engaged Members!



**Looking forward to seeing you at the next event on
June 20, 2025 at the Zephyrhills Office!**



Another opportunity that the chamber offers New Members, Seasoned Members and Perspective Members to network.

Come learn about “your” benefits you will receive when you join the Chamber!

**Held the 3rd Thursday of the Month
at 8am-9am**

Location with alternated between the
Dade City and Zephyrhills Office

- * Get Engaged
- * Ask Questions
- * Receive Answers
- * Introduce you and your business to the staff
- * Introduce you and your business to the other attending businesses
- * Exchange Business Cards & Brochures
- * Network
- * Build relationships and potential customers

COFFEE & NETWORKING FRIDAY ZEPHYRHILLS OFFICE MAY 9, 2025



Engaged Members



Listening to important information

A great opportunity to engage one on one with your fellow members, build a relationship and learn.

8am-9am



More information 352-567-3769 or 813-782-1913
www.EastPascoChamber.org

COFFEE & NETWORKING TUESDAY DADE CITY OFFICE MAY 20, 2025



Engaged Members



Taking Notes to Remember



Relaxed but learning



"That was important information to hear"



That was very interesting



More information 352-567-3769 or 813-782-1913
www.EastPascoChamber.org

COFFEE & NETWORKING TUESDAY DADE CITY OFFICE MAY 27, 2025



Engaged Members



Received important information and a coffee cup



Learning about each others business

Join your fellow at this casual, one on one, informative networking opportunity

8am-9am



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www.EastPascoChamber.org

COFFEE & NETWORKING FRIDAY ZEPHYRHILLS OFFICE MAY 30, 2025 |

8am-9am

EVERY TUESDAY



Learning more about your chamber



Meet your Chamber staff so we can promote you



Learning about each others business



New Members getting engaged



Join your fellow at this casual, one one one, informative networking opportunity

More information
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DID YOU KNOW?



Breakfast 7am
(2nd Tue)

Social Media

(Follow, Like & Share Chamber's posts)

Sponsor a chamber event

Ribbon Cuttings / Celebrations
(of your fellow members)

Schedule an Open House or Tour of your business

You can come Hang Out with your fellow chamber members at all these Networking Opportunities?

Attend other chamber Annual Events

Core Connections 8-9am

3rd Thu, alternates between offices)



EAST PASCO CHAMBER

Coffee & Networking 8-9am

Every Tue in Dade City & Every Fri in Zephyrhills

Call 352-567-3769 or 813-782-1913 for more information



You asked for more networking opportunities and we listened

A fun, casual, and entertaining opportunity to get to spend quality time getting to know your fellow chamber members and growing your business.

Mark your calendars to join us each week through the summer!

A promotional poster for 'Coffee & Networking 8am' by the East Pasco Chamber. The background is a light cream color. In the top left is a white cup of black coffee. In the bottom right is a white cup of latte. Scattered around the text are several dark brown coffee beans. The title 'Coffee & Networking 8am' is written in a large, black, cursive script. Below it, 'Tuesdays' is in blue bold sans-serif, followed by '14112 8th Street, Dade City' in a smaller blue font. 'Fridays' is in green bold sans-serif, followed by '38550 5th Avenue, Zephyrhills' in a smaller green font. At the bottom is the East Pasco Chamber logo, which consists of three interlocking curved shapes in green, orange, and blue, followed by the text 'EAST PASCO CHAMBER' in blue bold sans-serif.

Coffee & Networking
8am

Tuesdays
14112 8th Street, Dade City

Fridays
38550 5th Avenue, Zephyrhills

 **EAST PASCO
CHAMBER**

We can't wait to see you and also to get to know more about you and your business, also!

OUR H PE CHEST



--Join Our Mission--

Discover innovative approaches to senior nutrition and vibrant social engagement. Learn how your support can help seniors thrive—not just survive. Sponsorships and donations of all sizes welcome!

Where Seniors Thrive & Generations Connect

Open House & Ribbon Cutting



Thursday
June 26th
11am-1pm



Our Hope Chest

5151 Gall Blvd Zephyrhills 33542

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info@ourhopechest.org

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501(c)(3) non-profit organization



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Board of Directors & Staff **2024-2025**



REMINDER:

Refer a New Member and receive \$25.00 credit towards your membership renewal!

May Renewing Members

Adams Homes
Brewer Law PA
Community Business Solutions
Craftsman Manufacturing
Dex Imaging, Inc.
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East Pasco Electric
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J R Golf Carts
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RMR Air Conditioning, LLC
Signarama New Tampa
SouthState Bank Zephyrhills/Dade City
State Representative Randy Maggard
Tampa Type and Print
The Garden Nursery
Vitoria Farms
Vrana Consulting
Zephyrhills/Wesley Chapel Ministerial Association



Don't miss out on great Networking Opportunities

Just a small part of your Chamber Membership Benefits Important ways you can support your fellow local small businesses and it doesn't cost you any money!

Leave a Google Review, Like and Follow their Facebook page





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May New Members

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FiCare FCU
Marcio Cruz Dade City
Mighty Dog Roofing of SE Tampa
S & S Nutrition (Herbalife)
The Music House.com
The Raiqwon O'Neal Foundation



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5 WAYS TO UTILIZE YOUR CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP



GROW YOUR BUSINESS / BECOME MORE VISIBLE

- Help the chamber to learn more about your business for better referrals
- Build relationships with fellow members by attending events
- Shop fellow members to support them
- Let the community know more about your business
- Place brochures & business cards in chamber offices
- Provide informational articles & photos for the Monthly Newsletter
- Follow, Like & Share all the Chamber's Social Media pages / posts



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

- Coffee & Networking (8am every Tue in Dade City office & Fri in Zephyrhills office)
- Core Connections (3rd Thu, alternates between Dade City & Zephyrhills office)
- Breakfast (2nd Tue Monthly, location alternates depending on sponsor)
- Ribbon Cuttings / Celebrations
- Help the chamber to learn about and share your Social Media posts



MARKETING / ADVERTISE

- Keep updated materials in chamber offices
- Advertise in Chamber Directory (twice a year)
- Advertise on Chamber website & in monthly newsletter
- Tuesday Newsday email eblast (every Tue)
- Spotlight on Business
- Event sponsorship
- Promote your events



ENGAGEMENT

- Volunteer
- Attend special events
- Attend community events
- Provide informational articles & photos for the Monthly Newsletter
- Schedule an open house & tour

Advocacy & Representation



ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION

- Make the chamber aware of business challenges
- Attend Economic Summit Event
- Attend Access Events (Access East Pasco & Access to Opportunity)
- Post chamber membership decal in public location
- Membership signals trustworthiness & professionalism
- Attend events to gain access to local dignitaries & local officials

352-567-3769 - DADE CITY OFFICE

813-782-1913 - ZEPHYRHILLS OFFICE

WWW.EASTPASCOCHAMBER.ORG

ABOUT THE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE?

BREAKFAST INCREDI-BOWL

ZEPHYRHILLS ECONOMIC SUMMIT

KUMQUAT FESTIVAL

ACCESS EAST PASCO

BREAKFAST TABLE SPONSOR

MIXER

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH SCHOLARSHIPS

PIGZ IN ZHILLS BBQ & BLUES FESTIVAL

ON THE MENU SPEAKER

ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY

DID YOU KNOW?

JOE KIEFER GOLF TOURNAMENT

CELEBRATION

EAST PASCO CHAMBER

CALL 352-567-3769 OR 813-782-1913 FOR MORE INFORMATION

ENGAGEMENT

What does it mean to you?

To us it means:

- ♦ Building Relationships
- ♦ Seeing you attend Networking Opportunities & Events
- ♦ Hearing about your business growing
- ♦ You giving us information so we can help to promote your business

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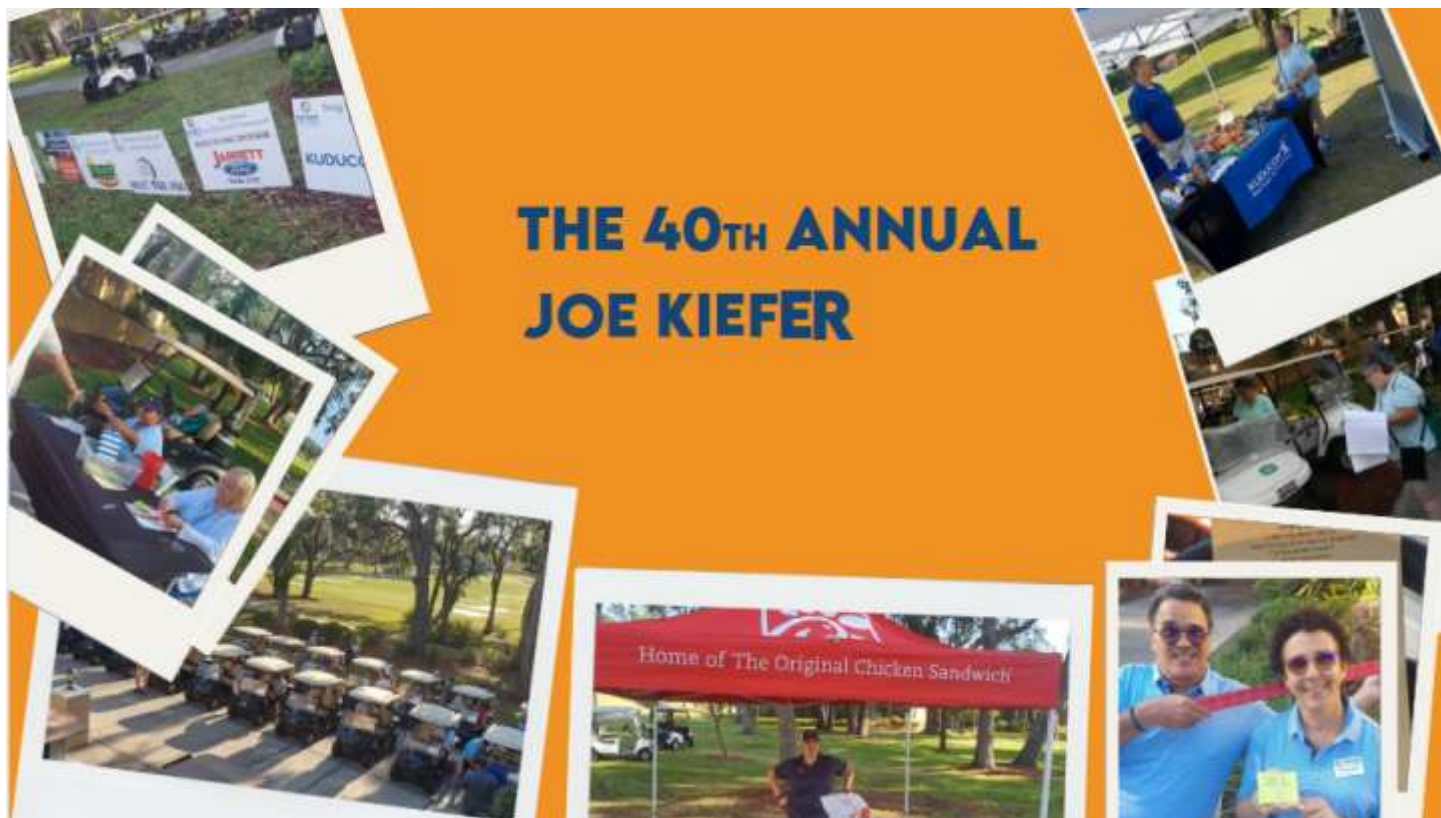
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THE 40TH ANNUAL JOE KIEFER



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To Our East Pasco Chamber of Commerce Members,

One of the most important resources we provide for our community is the Business Directory which can be found in our magazine and on our website. We are extending an offer to you to include your advertisement for your business which will be printed in the **next two editions for one price.**

As an extra benefit for each member, the publisher provides a flip book for our homepage which has a link to your email and website if you have included it in your ad.

The attached insertion order has the list of all the rates and sizes which you may choose for your company. Please let us know how we can include your business by contacting our local partner by email to jet@bhmediainc.com, by calling her at 813.682.9364, or by simply filling out the form.

We want you to take advantage of this great opportunity to promote your business so please let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to working with you.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Wiggins". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Vicki Wiggins, MBA, CFRE
President/CEO



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

We would like to “Spotlight Your Business” in one of our monthly Chamber News email!

Email your “Spotlight” information in 100 words or less and your logo in a high resolution jpg to melody@eastpascochamber.org

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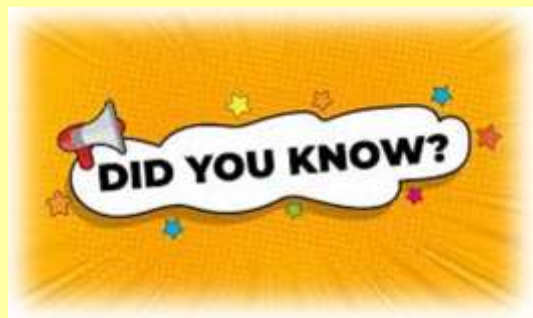
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- ♦ You can Sponsor a Chamber Breakfast and be able to introduce your business to the attendees?
- ♦ Advertisement at a cost effective price is available in: Monthly Electronic Newsletter, Chamber Magazine & Website?
- ♦ We offer you a Referral Program that can pay your renewal membership dues when you refer a new member and they join the chamber?
- ♦ You can be a Sponsor for some of our largest events: Kumquat Festival, Pigz In Zhills BBQ & Blues Festival, Joe Kiefer Golf Tournament, and Incredi-Bowl?
- ♦ Attending Core Connections each month helps you learn more about your chamber benefits?
- ♦ You can schedule a personal appointment to help you understand how to take full advantage of your chamber benefits?

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Minor Improvements:

Route 14	• Eliminating the area west of US 19, including Cross Bayou
Route 18	• Eliminating the area west of US 19, including Cross Bayou • Eliminating Saturday service • Adding service to Trouble Creek and Moog Rd. bus transfers • Eliminating Marine Pkwy.
Route 21	• Eliminating Clayton Blvd. • Adding service on Library Rd.
Route 25	• Eliminating Saturday service
Route 31	• Eliminating Saturday service

Updating Routes to Better Serve the Community

Route 23	• Adding service to the YMCA to Mitchell Blvd. • Adding service to Bryant Square community off Legend Pasture Rd. • New Route 24 will now service area north of West Pasco Government Center
Route 30	• Consistent schedule every 40 minutes • Eliminating segment from Zephyrhills Transfer Station to Tucker Rd. (segment to be serviced by the new Route 35)
Route 31	• Extending the service area south of Morningside Dr. on Fort King to Clinton Ave. to US 301 • Adding service to Moore Mickens area east of US 98 Bypass

New Routes:

Route 24	• Travels on Little Rd. from West Government Center to SR 52 (previously part of Route 23) • Adding full service on Embassy Blvd. to Gulf View Square Mall
Route 35	• Servicing from Zephyrhills Transfer Station to Tucker Rd. (previously Route 30) • Servicing 20 th St., CR 54 (previously Route 54) • Adding service to Eiland Blvd., Dean Dairy Rd., Chancey Rd. and Paul Buchman Hwy.



“Non-Election Years”

Often, we are asked what we do during off-election years with the perception that we stay busy only 3 or 4 months every two years. Reality is that it takes a whole year to prepare for the next election. New employees, volunteers, and outside help often remark they had no idea managing elections was so involved. Election administration necessitates we live our professional lives in two-year cycles and is often referred to as the “PIA” model which stands for Planning, Implementation, and Assessment.

Since the beginning of the year, we have been meeting in work groups to analyze each facet of elections. In this way we determine what went well, what could use improvement, and what needs to be totally revamped. We are also in the process of formulating our new fiscal year budget. Many of the findings in the post-election meetings require budget considerations. We also conducted the annual municipal elections.

Plans are in place to take a closer look at our Continuation of Operations Plan (COOP). Because hurricane season and the election cycle peak simultaneously, the unthinkable task of managing an election within a compromised infrastructure is a reality as evident by Hurricane Milton last fall.

This year will also be focusing on maintaining the integrity of the voter registration rolls by conducting the annual list maintenance program in accordance with 98.065, Florida Statutes. Voters who have been inactive for two years will be notified via post card to update their information. The office utilizes the National Change of Address (NCOA) database to locate voters who no longer reside at their address of record. This sort of vigilance ensures that elections in Pasco County run smoothly, transparently, and trouble-free!

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Pasco County's Public Works Department is pleased to launch our [Adopt-A-Pond](#) and Lake Management program. This volunteer-driven initiative encourages you and your neighbors to adopt a stormwater pond and help remove invasive plants, plant native vegetation and clean up trash and pollutants.

Adopting a pond can help balance the needs of communities, wildlife and aquatic plants by:

- ✓ Improving water quality
- ✓ Preventing stormwater pollution
- ✓ Attracting wildlife
- ✓ Maintaining plant diversity

To get started, please fill out our Adopt-A-Pond application:
mypas.co/adoptapondform.

Water is a precious resource, and you can help ensure the long-term health and sustainability of the water ecosystem. Stormwater ponds are vital in managing rain runoff, preventing flooding and filtering polluted water before it reaches larger waterways.

"There are two main benefits of adopting a pond," says Environmental Program Coordinator Milla Turner. "By cleaning up a stormwater pond you help improve water quality before it flows downstream, and you create a healthier environment for Florida's native plants and wildlife."

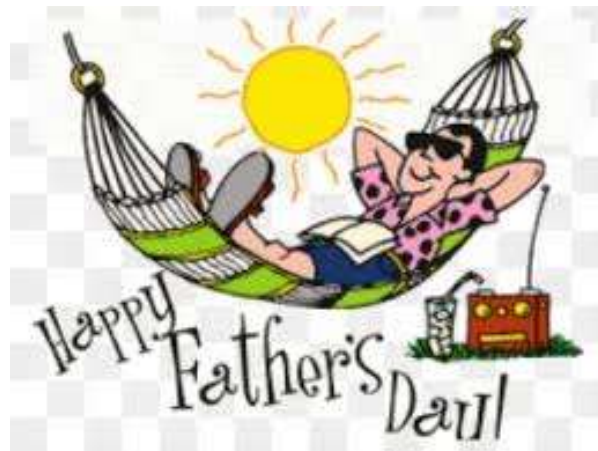
The Adopt-A-Pond program is open to homeowners (and neighborhood associations) who live on or near ponds that connect to the Pasco County stormwater system.

To learn more about this project, visit: mypas.co/adoptapond



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Stay Storm Ready: Refresh Your Hurricane Preparedness Plan

Hurricane season is here again, and while you may consider yourself an expert already, it's always a good idea to brush up on your knowledge. Those who have weathered storms with us in the past understand the serious risks hurricane season can bring, and it's important not to take them lightly. Pasco Sheriff's Office encourages you to review our hurricane preparation tips to ensure the safety of yourself, your loved ones and your property.

Before a storm threatens our area, pack an emergency kit with enough supplies to last each person in your family for a few days. Essential items to include are a gallon of water per person per day, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, a first aid kit and medications. Don't forget to pack essentials for your pets too! Remember to have cash on hand during hurricane season in the event there's no power. Make copies of important documents, including insurance information, and store them in a waterproof container. To ensure you have all the essentials in your kit, visit Ready.gov/kit.

To prepare your property for a storm, secure or bring indoors loose outdoor items that could become projectiles. Clear away debris like fallen branches to prevent damage. Trim trees and shrubs and keep drains and gutters clear. If you live in a flood-prone area, prepare sandbags in advance. Unplug non-essential electrical equipment to guard against power surges. Freeze water in bags to keep refrigerator items cool during outages. Lastly, ensure all exterior doors and windows are secured.

Regularly monitor weather activity in your area; a storm's trajectory can shift quickly. Visit NOAA.gov for the most accurate and up-to-date storm information. When making storm plans, determine if you're in an evacuation zone. For Pasco County, you can find this information on the Pasco County Government's website at PascoCountyFL.net. Arrange to stay at a safe location and make a plan to get there if told to evacuate. Write down your hurricane plan and share it with loved ones so they know where you'll be and how to contact you. Additionally, follow local government agencies on social media for updates on shelter locations, evacuation zones, transportation and more.

There are additional dangers to be aware of once the storm passes, such as harmful debris and potential criminals looking to exploit vulnerable people. Be cautious while assessing your property for damage; specifically, look out for hidden dangers in grass and standing water, including downed trees, power lines or wildlife. Use safety gear such as protective eyewear and gloves when clearing storm damage. Adhere to orders issued by local authorities; this helps ensure your safety as rescue crews may not be able to get to you during a storm, or potentially for some time after.

If you need to repair your property, determine if the contractor you're considering is licensed. Unlicensed contractors can place citizens at risk of poor quality work or noncompliance with building codes. Property owners can also become liable for injuries, have limited resources in the event of a broken contract and may become victims of additional scams like identity theft. PSO also wants citizens to be cautious of scammers impersonating disaster relief funds. Before giving money or personal information, verify the charity's legitimacy by visiting their website.

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WHAT: Summer Haul Pass

WHEN: June 1 – August 31, 2025

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Still Stylish with Cheryl Staron

7 TIPS TO CHOOSE THE PERFECT FAMILY PHOTO OUTFITS

Deciding what family photo outfits to wear can be just as challenging as finding the perfect photographer. These are photos that are going to hang on your walls and be cherished for years to come. It can seem overwhelming when considering what to wear but it doesn't need to be.

No matter what type of family photo you are wanting.....Spring, Fall, or on vacation at the beach.... use these tips to help you pick out the perfect outfits for you and your family's group photo.



- 1. Coordinating colors not matching.** Long gone are the days of everyone wearing a white shirt and matching pants. You don't have to have everyone buy a white shirt and jeans. Allow personalities to shine with colors and patterns. Pick a couple of colors and choose clothes that will fit in this color scheme.
- 2. Don't forget accessories to go with your family picture outfits.** Accessories not only add to your outfit but they can be fun to use in photos. Have a man wear a tie for the woman to hold, necklaces for the kids to play with or hats to hide behind. Remember the idea is not to create these perfect photos. Family photos are a time to capture who your family is at that time. For example, if you are taking family pictures at the beach consider adding sand pails and toys, a picnic basket, colorful beach towels, wide brimmed sun hats or beach balls.
- 3. Limit patterns.** Having one outfit in the mix that has a pattern with all the colors in it can add interest to your family pictures. However, not everyone in the photo should wear patterns as it may be distracting in the final image. Consider picking one outfit for your family photos that has a lot of colors or a fun pattern. Choose that outfit first. This gives you plenty of colors to choose from to pick your coordinating colors.
- 4. Look for clothing collections.** When shopping for kids clothes, head to stores that typically have color coordinating collections. You can then purchase clothes for all the children from one store. Don't be afraid to lay all the clothes on the floor of the store to see what they will look like together. It may be easier to start with the kids clothes and then moved on to the adult outfits.
- 5. Say no to characters.** Just like patterns, characters on shirts can be pretty distracting. Characters, like too many patterns, can make your photo not only look too busy but can quickly date your photo.
- 6. Avoid all white or all black clothing.** As mentioned earlier, it's better to do coordinating colors rather than all white. Another reason to avoid white is because it is very easy to lose all the depth and details of white clothing. The same can be said with all black. It's easy to lose all the depth and details of black clothing in pictures.
- 7. Textures are your friend.** In photographs using textures like scarves or belts add a little more depth and interest to an image. Don't shy away from using a few different textures. By adding different textures through the material of your family outfits or your accessories you are adding depth and interest to your photos.

So what colors are best for family photos? Although there's no magic answer to this question, it's best to consider a few different things. What colors do you look best in? What color makes you feel confident? Did you know that there are five universal colors that everyone can wear? Those are the colors you should consider wearing in your family photos. Don't know what those colors are? As a Certified Color Specialist, I can help you find the perfect color family for your priceless and cherished family photos.

As a Certified Color and Signature Style Specialist, my best suggestion is to think classic for what to wear in your family photos. These photos will be treasured for years to come. By choosing simple, classic clothes you will help give your images a timeless feel.

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Sacred & Personal: 3 Inspired Ways to Write Wedding Vows with Heart and Faith

By Claudia Mitchell-McLeod, MBA, DTM

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In the golden light of a Tampa Bay evening, Rachel reached for Michael's hand and whispered, "This is everything I prayed for." Their vows were personal and poetic—rooted in faith, yet uniquely their own. That's what more couples are craving today: sacred wedding ceremonies that still feel authentic and deeply personal.

As a local wedding officiant, I've had the joy of guiding couples through this beautiful balance. Whether you're planning your own wedding or helping someone close to you, here are three ways to write wedding vows that feel heartfelt and faith-filled.

1. Scripture-Inspired Vows

Brittany and James started their ceremony with 1 Corinthians 13:7. But James didn't stop there. He added: "When we laugh, when we argue, when we dream and when we doubt—I will choose to love you." That's how you personalize Scripture: make it your foundation, then speak from the heart.

2. Family-Centered Promises

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3. Unity Rituals with Meaning

Angela and Marcus used a Unity Candle, but with a twist—their mothers lit the initial candles to symbolize the generations of love that brought them to this moment. Whether you choose a sand ceremony, foot washing, or a cross-building ritual, it should tell your story.

Your wedding ceremony should sound like **you**—but still reflect the sacredness of the moment. And when your guests leave saying, "That was so them—and yet it felt holy," you'll know you've done it right.

Claudia Mitchell-McLeod, MBA, DTM is the owner of Notary Near Me Florida, offering faith-forward and personalized wedding officiant services throughout the Tampa Bay area.

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WHAT: Summer Reading Quest

WHEN: NOW – August 2, 2025

WHERE: [Beanstack](#) app and here: bit.ly/PascoSRC2025

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When you complete the challenge, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card in your age group, courtesy of [Friends of the Library](#) and [Friends of Zephyrhills Public Library](#). Other individual prizes will be up for grabs at all our library branches, so get started today!

To learn more about the quest, events and [Beanstack](#), visit bit.ly/PascoSRC2025.

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Creative Writers Wanted! Saint Leo U to Host Summer Residency for Master's and Micro-Credential Programs

Visiting Writers Include Phillippe Diedrich, Asa Drake, Heather Sellers, Chrissy Kolaya

Saint Leo University's two-year, low-residency Master of Arts in Creative Writing Program is accepting applications until **Sunday, June 15**, in fiction, nonfiction, or poetry for the university's upcoming cohort. The annual summer residency will take place during Summer 2 Term, **Monday, July 14, through Saturday, July 19**, at University Campus, 33701 County Road 52, St. Leo, FL 33574.

The master's in creative writing is completed online with the exception of the two-week summer residency.

Information about the master's degree program and graduate applications can be found at saintleo.edu/creativewriting.

In addition to the master's, Saint Leo is offering a **creative writing micro-credential**, which includes one summer residency, and not the full master's curriculum, so participants can join in this year's summer offering at a fraction of the price. The micro-credential in creative writing is open to anyone who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in any subject, from any university or college, who loves to write.

Those interested may register for the micro-credential through Saint Leo's Skills Academy at <https://skillsacademy.saintleo.edu/creativewriting>. The deadline to register is Sunday, June 15. Those who complete the program receive a Credly digital badge through the Saint Leo Skills Academy.

Visiting Writers

Not only will participants in the master's program and micro-credential program learn from Saint Leo faculty, but they also will have the opportunity to learn from and work with four visiting writers: [Phillippe Diedrich](#), [Asa Drake](#), [Heather Sellers](#), and [Chrissy Kolaya](#).

More Information

For more information, contact Gianna Russo at gianna.russo@saintleo.edu.

About Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University is a Catholic Benedictine university dedicated to helping learners of all backgrounds and ages gain the competence and courage to be more. Offering more than 55 degree programs to more than 13,000 students each year, the nonprofit university is known for providing a values-based education in the liberal arts tradition and a community of belonging for those who seek a greater purpose in life. Saint Leo is regionally accredited and offers a campus in the Tampa Bay area of Florida, regional education centers, and several online programs. The university is home to more than 106,000 alumni. Learn more at saintleo.edu.

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Saint Leo University's 2025 Valedictorian, Salutatorian Aim to Make Difference in Health Care, Global Service

- *Kristina Arwady of Altamonte Springs to follow grandfather's path and be a physician*
- *Jacqueline Pollok of Dade City plans a career in national security, international affairs, or law*

Kristina Arwady hopes to follow in her grandfather's footsteps in health care. He was a Mexican immigrant, who started as a janitor, worked hard, and became a family medicine physician with his own practice. Just like her grandpa, Arwady is working toward becoming a physician.

The valedictorian for Saint Leo University's Class of 2025, Arwady graduated May 7 *summa cum laude* with a 4.0 GPA and earned bachelor's degrees in [management](#) and [medical humanities: pre-med](#) and a minor in Spanish. She also graduated from Saint Leo's Honors Program. Arwady is from Altamonte Springs, FL, and graduated from Lake Brantley High School. She is the daughter of Michael and Suzanne Arwady.

"I want to follow in his footsteps, pursuing medicine and, hopefully one day, having the business skill set to manage my own practice too," she said about her grandfather. "My ultimate goal is to attend medical school and become a physician. I am currently working on medical school applications, but in the meantime, I will be pursuing an MBA in health care management, continuing with graduate school at Saint Leo. I am so excited!"

Not only was Arwady focused on her studies at Saint Leo, but she also played on the women's soccer team, tutored other students in chemistry and biology, and served as president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). As an extension of her role as SAAC president, she promoted several community initiatives including a partnership between Saint Leo University Athletics and Make-A-Wish® Southern Florida.

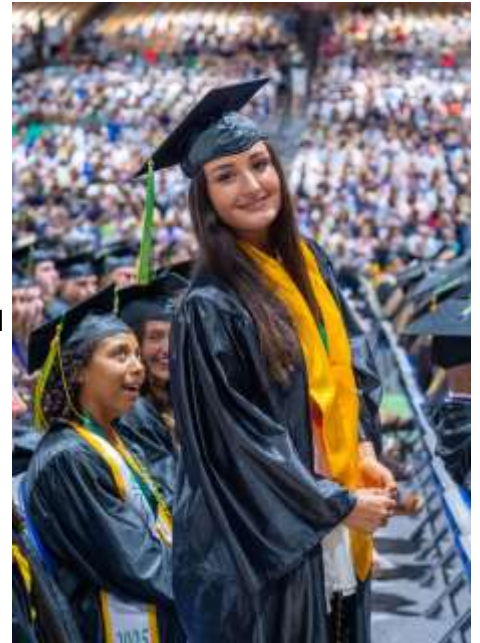
"Saint Leo has pushed me to be courageous in my academic pursuits, my sports career, and my faith," Arwady said. "Pursuing a double major and being part of the Honors Program while being a student-athlete was not easy, but Saint Leo gave me a pathway to do just that."

"I had the courage to come back from three knee surgeries and return to play each time, all because of the Saint Leo Athletics staff and the other amazing people who supported me along the way," she continued. "With my faith, Saint Leo encouraged me to defy the norm and be different than the rest of the world, trying my best to choose Christ and follow and surrender everything to him. I am so grateful."

Salutatorian Jacqueline Pollok

A keen interest in the world helped Saint Leo University's salutatorian for 2025, Jacqueline Pollok, select her fields of study. Pollok, who is from Dade City, FL, and graduated from Wesley Chapel High School, was Saint Leo's second highest academically ranked member of the Class of 2025. She graduated *summa cum laude* with bachelor's degrees in [criminal justice: homeland security](#) and [international studies](#).

She also graduated from the Honors Program and was the recipient of the 2025 Clara McDonald Olson Scholarship



Excellence Award. She is the daughter of Veronica Pollok and Joseph Pollok.

"I chose my majors in international studies and criminal justice because of my deep interest in global security and the ways that international events and policies shape our world," Pollok said. "International studies provided me with the necessary historical and cultural context to understand the dynamics between countries, which is essential for comprehending current global issues. Criminal justice offers me a deeper understanding of the legal systems and enforcement structures that help maintain order and security, both domestically and internationally."



During her time at Saint Leo University, Pollok was a member of the Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society, the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, and the Sigma Iota Rho Honor Society for International Studies, where she served as secretary. In February, Pollok presented her paper, "The Influence of the Southern Border Crisis on International Human Trafficking," at the Florida Conference of Historians, a professional academic conference held in Punta Gorda, FL.

Experiential learning also was an important part of her academic journey, and Pollok completed three diverse internships. She served as an undergraduate researcher, examining the relationship between sport, global culture, and World War II; worked as a customer service representative for a local business; and interned at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tampa, FL, assisting the Economic Crime and Transnational Organized Crime divisions.

Her community service efforts included volunteering at the Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller Office in Dade City, working weekly at the Scared Heart Earl Childhood Center in 2022, and volunteering with the Pasco County Teen Court Program in 2021, helping support juvenile rehabilitation initiatives.



"I plan to pursue a professional role that allows me to engage with issues related to national security, law, or international affairs — areas I've grown passionate about through my academic work and internships," Pollok said. "I also intend to pursue graduate work in security studies to strengthen my expertise and prepare for long-term career opportunities in public service."

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Kristina Arwady, valedictorian for University Campus, Saint Leo University, at commencement May 7 at Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL.

Jacqueline Pollok, salutatorian for University Campus, Saint Leo University, at commencement May 7 at Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL.

Kristina Arwady of Altamonte Springs, FL, left, valedictorian of Saint Leo University's Class of 2025, and

Jacqueline Pollok of Dade City, FL, salutatorian, at the university's Celebration of Academic Excellence in April.

Kristina Arwady, center, with women's soccer teammates Arielle Jacus and Elise McDonald after receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday at Saint Leo University.

Jacqueline Pollok, right, in Galway, Ireland, on a Saint Leo University Honors Program trip in spring 2025 with fellow Honors Program student, Wren Chretien.

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Saint Leo University Celebrates More Than 1,400 Graduates in 2 Ceremonies at Florida State Fairgrounds May 7

► *Founder and former CEO of WWC Global, executive director of Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs address Class of 2025 graduates*

► *Dr. Ed Dadez named university president emeritus, Trustee John Picciano receives honorary degree*

With more than 1,400 students crossing the stage in two commencement ceremonies today (Wednesday, May 7), Saint Leo University celebrated the Class of 2025 along with some "firsts" among the graduates, as well as honoring some university legacies. The graduates, families, faculty, and staff came together at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa, FL, for the ceremonies.

Twelve students proudly claimed the title of "first" as they are Saint Leo's first graduates in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in the College of Health Professions. On Monday, May 5, they participated in a pinning ceremony, pledging to uphold the ethical, scientific, and legal standards of their chosen profession. Emma Hayhurst of Merrimack, NH, said she chose Saint Leo because of the university's dedication to building a new nursing program. "Additionally, Saint Leo's strong values of compassion, integrity, and service reflect the kind of nurse I aspire to be," said Hayhurst, one of the first graduates.

Another student celebrating being "first" was **Forgive Semackor** of Riverview, FL, who became the first graduate in Saint Leo's **Bachelor of Arts in Music Program** in 30 years. In Fall Semester 2023, Saint Leo once again began offering a [music](#) major.

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher, and when I found out Saint Leo was re-introducing the major, I decided that it would be a great choice to teach a subject that I was really passionate about," Semackor said.

The commencement ceremonies also provided an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by two longtime supporters and benefactors of the university. **Dr. Edward Dadez** was named *president emeritus*, having retired in February after serving as the university's 11th president. Dadez, an alumnus who earned a Master of Business Administration degree in 2002.

"During his tenure Dr. Dadez addressed the challenges that Saint Leo University was facing, he led the faculty and staff, changing the culture of the university and ensured that Saint Leo had a strong focus on students and their success," said Saint Leo University Board of Trustees Chair Edwin Narain in conferring the *emeritus* title upon Dadez.

Receiving an honorary degree was Board of Trustees member and alumnus **John Picciano**, CEO of Oglethorpe Inc. As a student, he distinguished himself and was named outstanding sophomore and junior and served as the president of his fraternity and the Interfraternity Council. He continued a life of service to his community, making a difference in the lives of those with mental health and addiction issues. And he continued his lifelong contributions to his alma mater.

"I therefore recommend the university grant John R. Picciano, Class of 1969, the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, in recognition of his outstanding commitment to Saint Leo University, his community, and in recognition of the inspiration example he sets for all," said Dr. Susan Kinsella, vice president of Academic Affairs, in conferring the honorary degree.

Morning Ceremony

Graduating during this ceremony were University Campus undergraduate students; master's degree students in accounting, business administration, computer science, cybersecurity, and psychology; and Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) students.

Recognized as **valedictorian** and **salutatorian** for the Class of 2025 with a 4.0 GPA was **Kristina Arwady**, of Altamonte Springs, FL, who graduated *summa cum laude* with bachelor's degrees in management and medical humanities: pre-med with a minor in Spanish and from the Honors Program. Arwady also was a member of the women's soccer team.

"Over the last three and a half years, Saint Leo University has become my family," Arwady said. "The people have made this place home, and I am so grateful for the many opportunities and experiences I have had here."

Jacqueline Pollok of Dade City, FL, was the campus salutatorian for 2025, graduating *summa cum laude* with

bachelor's degrees in criminal justice: homeland security and international studies. She also graduated from the Honors Program and was the recipient of the 2025 Clara McDonald Olson Scholarship Excellence Award.

Giving the morning commencement address was **Dr. Lauren Wittenberg Weiner**, founder and former CEO of WWC Global, an organization dedicated to helping military spouses find career opportunities. In 2018, WWC Global won the largest contract to a woman-owned business in U.S. Special Operations Command headquarters (Tampa, FL) history — the headquarters for the U.S. Navy SEALs and U.S. Army Green Berets. Annual revenue for WWC reached \$100 million before Wittenberg Weiner sold it in 2022.

Her advice to the new graduates: Don't be afraid to take a different path. "In my own life, it was the times that I took a huge pivot from what everyone seemed to expect from me that I found my biggest success," Wittenberg Weiner said. "At this point, I've made that pivot multiple times in my life. Each time, I heard: 'You're crazy.' 'This isn't going to work.' 'You're throwing away everything you worked for.' Thanks to an amazing mentor who guided me the first time I even contemplated taking a path that was different than what was laid out for me, I realized something: Just because you can do something, doesn't mean you have to."

She said she gathered the information from her naysayers, weighed each decision carefully. "I'll tell you that the four-word response that fueled more of my success than any other words: 'Oh really? Watch me,'" Wittenberg Weiner told the graduates.

Admitting to being a "goody two-shoes," she said she found ways to upend expectations without breaking the rules. "As a young overachiever, I got really good at knowing all of the rules and all of the expectations," Wittenberg Weiner said. "But what I didn't realize until later is that there is a ton of space, in both those written and unwritten rules, to find your own authentic path to your own version of success."

Afternoon Ceremony

Graduating during the afternoon ceremony were Center for Online Learning and education center undergraduate students; World Campus students (studying internationally); master's degree students in creative writing, criminal justice, education, education specialist, instructional design, social work, and theology; and doctoral students in criminal justice and education.

Being recognized among students from Saint Leo's Center for Online Learning were top performers, graduating *summa cum laude* with a 4.0 cumulative GPA, were **Frances Wesby** from Grovetown, GA, who earned with a bachelor's in business administration, and **Kamera Woodruff** from Madison, FL, who earned a bachelor's in elementary education.

The top performer for Saint Leo's graduating seniors from its education centers, with a 4.0 cumulative GPA and graduating *summa cum laude*, was **Leslie Willis** from Brooksville, FL, who earned a bachelor's in elementary education.

Giving the commencement address for the afternoon ceremony was **retired Maj. Gen. James S. Hartsell**, executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. Hartsell, who earned the nickname "Hammer," leads the 1,500-member department responsible for serving the nation's third largest veteran population. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps with honor for 37 years of active and reserve duty, beginning as an enlisted Marine in 1981 and completing distinguished and highly decorated military career as a major general.

A native of Florida, Hartsell's 22-year civilian career in the health care industry included serving in marketing, product management, U.S. and global business development, hospital administration and health care leadership. Upon retirement from the Marine Corps, he moved back to Florida and joined the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, where he launched the Future Operations Division. His late son, Evin Hartsell, graduated from Saint Leo in 2015 with a degree in psychology.

Hartsell said his "mission will be accomplished" if the students kept a key word, key phrase, and a key memory that "you can carry with you in your heart, your mind, and your spirit as you embark on your exciting new life pathways as graduates of Saint Leo University."

That key word he hoped they use for the rest of their lives is *resilience*. "The key phrase is 'be the change; say *I will*,' and the key memory I want you carry with you to use when you need it to help inspire and motivate yourself during your life endeavors, is where this word and this phrase came from. He attributed them to their fellow alumnus, Evin B. Hartsell, who earned a bachelor's in psychology in 2016 and master's in business posthumously in 2018.

Evin, the Hartsells' second son, was born with a rare congenital neuromuscular dystrophy disease. While he was never able to walk and had to use a ventilator to breathe, he was filled with "self-generated determination to make a difference

in the world by finding ways to help others to better themselves,” Hartsell said. “He did this by becoming a Big Brother counselor; an advocate by volunteering at the James R. Haley Veterans Medical Center, by helping charter the Phoenix Rising Power wheelchair soccer team, by helping to charter the Kappa Sigma fraternity at Saint Leo, by writing an autobiography that he entitled *Abled in a Disabled World* where he boldly shares his life’s journey of physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual challenges and discouragements, and yet eventually victories.”

“Graduates, like your fellow Saint Leo alumnus Evin Hartsell, regardless of what life circumstances you may find yourself in after today, you too can choose to be resilient and to be the change for the better.”

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Happy graduates celebrate during the morning ceremony.

The softball team from Saint Leo University is ready to graduate during the morning ceremony.

The scene at the Florida State Fairgrounds for the morning commencement ceremony for the Class of 2025 on May 7, 2025.

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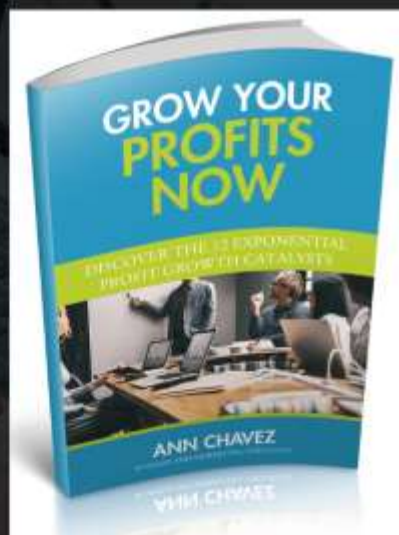


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2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS OF
EVERY MONTH

REGISTRATION: 12:00 PM

START TIME : 1:00 PM

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The Regular Exciting Meetings for EPNG meet at
3rd Tuesday each month, 7:30 AM except December



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Long-standing chain serving a wide variety of pancakes & other American breakfast & diner fare.

EPNG 2025 Speakers

1/21/2025	Amy Yarborough	Director of Client Services, Pregnancy Care Center, Zephyrhills
2/18/2025	Bob Hatfield	From the Office of Congressman Gus Bilirakis
3/18/2025	Cindy Bray Jerome Salatino	Executive Director, Hope Services, Inc. President/CEO, Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board
4/15/2025	Melonie Monson Jack Mariano	Mayor of Zephyrhills, Former CEO/Executive Director of The Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce and EPNG Platinum and Standing Ovation Award Recipient Pasco County Commissioner, District 5
5/20/2025	Bill Cronin	Pasco EDC
6/17/2025	Mike Fasano Mike Wells, Jr.	Pasco County Tax Collector Pasco County Property Appraiser
7/15/2025	Nikki Alvarez-Sowles Vicki Wiggins, MBA, CFRE	Pasco County Clerk & Controller President/CEO Greater East Pasco Chamber of Commerce
8/19/2025	Chris Nocco Colonel Tait Sanborn Chase Daniels	Pasco County Sheriff Top Deputy, Pasco County Sheriff's Office Pasco County Sheriff's Office

9/16/2025	Todd Vandeberg Dr. Randall Stovall	Planning Director, City of Zephyrhills PHSC Dade City, Provost Dean Emeritus, ZEDC Chairman, Past Chairman Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce
10/21/2025	Tracy Hanson Brian Corely John Legg	Founder, Caterpillars to Butterflies Pasco Supervisor of Elections Pasco Superintendent of Schools
11/18/2025	Madonna Wise	Retired Educator and Author

Contact the Chair, Nils R. Lenz, 813-782-9491 or nilslenz@gmail.com , the Vice Chair, Amy Yarborough, cellphone: 813--312-4784 or her e-mail amyzingdestination@gmail.com, or any of our board members for suggested topics that you would like to hear about or to suggest specific speakers. If you would like to speak, contact us NOW to schedule your time during our Networking meetings.

Networking is one of the best methods to make your business Grow. Finding a Network Group that offers great Speakers with relevant Topics for the –Growth & Enhancement of your business is not always easy!!

EPNG – East Pasco Networking Group is the one Networking Group to be a part of Again this is one exciting meeting you do not want to miss!

PLEASE NOTE, OUR STARTING TIME IS 7:30 AM
2025 Mixers: (Starting Time for the Mixers is 6 PM

Spring Mixer	Date TBA	Beth Aker	East Pasco Meals on Wheels
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All Aboard for VBS!



June 2nd - 6th
9 am - Noon
3 years - completed 5th grade

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Calvary Assembly of God
13544 US-98 Bypass
Dade City, FL 33525

**The Dade City Garden Club is celebrating
National Garden Week, June 1 – 7, 2025**

All are invited to join the garden club as we explore the top gardening trends for 2025! Whether you're new to gardening or a seasoned pro, you'll find plenty of inspiration to grow on. BONUS: Plant Swap! Bring a Plant--Take one home! Contact: Becky Maxwell at Bckmaxwell14@gmail.com. FREE admission.

COME AND JOIN US FOR

2025 Trends in Gardening & a Plant Swap

Join us to learn the biggest gardening trends for 2025. Whether you're a beginner or a professional, these hot takes will provide endless inspiration. As an added bonus, we will have a plant swap. Bring a plant to share, take one home.

**MONDAY, 2
JUNE 2025**

6:00 PM
13630 5TH ST. DADE CITY, FL 33525

**FREE EVENT FOR NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK
HOSTED BY DADE CITY GARDEN CLUB**



Charity Bingo Night

Sponsored by:



Gordon M. Crothers Auxiliary Unit 15

Hosted by: BEEF O'BRADY'S
GOOD FOOD. GOOD SPORTS™

14136 7th Street Dade City, FL

June 3, 2025 at 6-9pm

Proceeds to Benefit Veteran's Programs

\$2.00 a Card, 2nd Card Free

50/50 Drawing

Come Join Us For A Fun-Filled Evening

D-DAY

INVASION OF NORMANDY

THE NATION REMEMBERS



Zephyrhills Museum of Military History

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2025

10:00 AM TO 4:00PM

Opening Ceremony
at 11:00 AM

39444 South Avenue, Zephyrhills, Florida

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Skydivers
- Reenactors/Living History Displays
- WWII Vehicles and Aircraft on display

FREE EVENT

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JUNE 7TH 12-3 PM

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FATHER'S
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OR 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Full Day: 9:00 - 3:00

*Supply fee of \$100 required
at registration.



Blazing Stars Montessori School
12212 Fort King Road
Dade City, FL 33525
info@blazingstarsmontessori.org
352-437-4800

SUMMER MIMOSA

13 JUNE
FRIDAY

OUR DREAM KITCHEN
1008 N PARK RD
PLANT CITY, FL
8AM TO 9AM



Sponsor by:



FREE BREAKFAST, COFFEE, MIMOSAS AND NETWORKING

Chamber Members Business owners and employees invited

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READ-A-THON

& Book Exchange

PIZZA
WINE
BOOKS

Friday, June 13

6pm-8:30pm

 The Book Shack

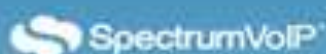


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WALK FOR ADDICTION



JOIN US TO WALK TO "SAVE OUR SONS"



SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2025

9:00AM - 11:30AM

Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center

15601 Lake Magdalene Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613



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WALK FOR ADDICTION

June 14th, 2025



Loving Hands Ministries is an 18 month
discipleship program based on the
Word of Jesus Christ for young men who
have Life-controlling addictions!



Join with us and Walk To "Save Our Sons"



JUNE 16 - 20
5:30 PM - 8:15 PM

EVERY DAY, OUR KIDS ARE BOMBARDED WITH QUESTIONS: DID GOD REALLY CREATE EVERYTHING? WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN? WAS NOAH'S ARK REAL? WHY DO I NEED TO BE SAVED? CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE?

AT THIS VBS, YOUR KIDS WILL EXPLORE THE BIBLICAL ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS AS THEY SET OFF ON AN EPIC ADVENTURE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION.

AGES 3YRS - 6TH GRADE

DADE CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH | DIGITAL TOOLS BY ANSWERS IN GENESIS

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FRIDAY

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**FREE
NETWORKING**

START AT 8 AM
OUR DREAM KITCHEN
1008 N PARK RD
PLANT CITY, FL 33563

Chamber Members Business owners and employees invited

FOURTH



ANNUAL

PAINT THE NIGHT BLUE

BLACK TIE EVENT

SAVE THE DATE!



KONTOS COMMUNITY CENTER

Fri, Nov 7, 2025
6:30 PM

St. George's Greek Orthodox Church
9426 Little Road, New Port Richey

Blue is the child abuse prevention national color and pinwheels are the symbol. Help us Paint the Night Blue in your favorite shade and/or formal attire.

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37922 Palm Avenue Dade City, FL 33525



A LOCAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT PRESENTED BY
THE GFWC DADE CITY WOMAN'S CLUB

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, November 22, 2025
9:00am - 2:00pm

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VENDOR AT THIS EVENT, PLEASE EMAIL
DCWCMEMBER2021@GMAIL.COM FOR INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION.

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Source: The Shapiro Group

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