



# CHAMBER LIFE

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## Young Professionals Event Series Announces Sequel

Thursday, July 11 (5:00pm to 7:00pm) is the next targeted date for the Chamber's new networking series: F.U.E.L. (Focus. Unite. Engage. Lead.). The inaugural event held on May 1 focused exclusively on talented young professionals, entrepreneurs and emerging leaders; subsequent events are poised to do the same with future plans to incorporate tenured business leaders in mentoring roles.

Not knowing what to expect from the first event, chamber leadership and staff were all happily surprised by the turnout and response; the 40+ attendees gave positive feedback during and after the event, with many asking when the next would be scheduled. Several participate in existing Young Professional groups in the region and loved the idea of having a program in the Farragut/West Knox area close to where many live or work. Post-event feedback reiterated

the need for opportunities for young professionals to simply socialize with peers, learning and practicing the soft skills which networking excels at developing.

The F.U.E.L series was a result of ongoing strategic planning initiatives which began during the chamber board's retreat in Fall 2018. A high priority for the Chamber in 2019 was to better target and serve young professionals in the 40 or under demographic. Board directors Jonathan Dzermejko-TDS Telecom and Katie Park-SouthEast Bank continue as the key board leaders behind the new program. Both are excited to see the program launched.

There is no charge for this second event for members, guests or visitors. All attendees are welcome from any career stage; several were present at the first F.U.E.L. event. Businesses are encouraged to send or bring a guest under

40. All attendees must be 21 or over and provide proof of I.D. in order to receive beverage tickets (guests under 21 are welcome).

SouthEast Bank and TDS Telecom are the enthusiastic sponsors to provide a great local venue at Calhoun's Turkey Creek (625 Turkey Cove Lane), appetizers and beverages and make the event possible. Guests should bring business cards for door prizes and for meeting/speaking with seasoned professionals offering advice, Q&A and valuable opportunities for rising professionals. Online registrants get entered into a special door prize drawing. To register online, go to: <https://farragutchamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/3952>. For more information, call (865) 675-7057 or email [Julie@farragutchamber.com](mailto:Julie@farragutchamber.com).

### Member Briefs

Looking for more details on a specific event, special or job?

Go to [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) to see these and other member items!

Whitney Mitchell, General Manager of Pipe Wrench Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, was honored in the national magazine, Water & Wastes Digest, as one of the top 10 young professionals in the U.S. under 40 in the water and wastewater industry. This competition highlights the next generation of leaders and innovators who have demonstrated exemplary performance in a water or wastewater-related field. Congratulations!

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### Farragut Offers Several "Fourth" Events

The Town of Farragut's 2019 Independence Day Parade--the BIGGEST parade in the area--is scheduled for July 4 and expects THOUSANDS of spectators! Businesses or groups can participate for FREE but only if they register in time at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register). All 95 spaces are expected to fill ahead of the June 20 deadline. It begins at Farragut High School and travels west down Kingston Pike to Boring Road. Floats, bands/music, dancers and antique vehicles are all welcome.

Anyone registering to participate after spaces are filled will be placed on a waiting list for cancellations. Registration is online at [www.townoffarragut.org/register](http://www.townoffarragut.org/register) (a free account is required). Questions about the parade or registering can be answered by Arleen Higginbotham ([ahigginbotham@townoffarragut.org](mailto:ahigginbotham@townoffarragut.org)), Brittany Spencer ([bspencer@townoffarragut.org](mailto:bspencer@townoffarragut.org)) or Sue Stuhl ([sstuhl@townoffarragut.org](mailto:ssstuhl@townoffarragut.org)).

The parade provides a fantastic opportunity to advertise your business or group and participants can also give items away. Town officials recommend planning for

enough items to last the entire route of the parade (items are never to be thrown from vehicles, and participants may not encourage children to come into the parade route for safety reasons).

The Chamber, as always, invites member business volunteers to join the fun as part of the Chamber's group. Interested individuals can call 865-675-7057 or email [info@farragutchamber.com](mailto:info@farragutchamber.com).

Also, Red, White & Blues, put on by Shop Farragut, is now MUSICFEST at West End and offers TWO days of Blues & Country music from local bands on Friday, July 12, 6-10pm and Saturday, July 13, 3-10pm. The former 1-day event which used to occur on the Saturday immediately following the July 4th holiday is still FREE to the public and has grown to see thousands of attendees of all ages enjoying music, food, and businesses showcasing and selling their products.

All vendor types are wanted (food, beverage, retail). Food Trucks are welcome; a Town permit is required. Contact Steve Krempasky at [steve@farragutbusiness.com](mailto:steve@farragutbusiness.com) for more info!



## ENTERPRISE CLUB

These Chamber members generously contribute to the Chamber and the Continuing Education Scholarship Program above and beyond their annual dues.

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Having grown their Naperville, IL branch to nearly 60 employees, **Showalter Roofing Service Inc.** has set its sights on bringing their friendly and professional roofing services south of the Mason-Dixon. “We are bringing the same core values and quality workmanship to Knoxville, TN and the surrounding areas”, says branch manager Dale Prescher, “this allows Showalter to make a name for itself here. We see opportunities, particularly in repair services, and commercial jobs, both low-slope coating solutions and steep slope with RoofMaxx- a revolutionary, sustainable roof restoration product.” Showalter is an award-winning contractor for high performance roofing systems for residential, commercial and industrial properties. For more information visit [www.showalterroof.com](http://www.showalterroof.com)

Submit your pet to be featured on a month of the official 2020 **Young-Williams Animal Center (YWAC)** wall calendar. For a \$25 submission that benefits homeless pets, your fur-baby will be entered to be professionally photographed and featured on their very own month. A public dollar-voting contest will decide the 12 featured pets, but all submissions that receive at least 5 votes will make it into the collage pages! Voting runs now through July 31st at 8pm; your pet can be submitted at any point during the contest. The official YWAC calendar contest helps provide care for the 10,000 homeless pets they take in every year. With your help, they've officially achieved no-kill status by maintaining at least a 90% save rate! By participating in their calendar contest, you help continue their lifesaving work while celebrating beloved companions all year long! For more information visit <http://www.young-williams.org> or call (865) 215-6599.

On Monday, May 27th, **Tennessee Smokies Baseball** staff member Andrew O’Gara and family lost their home to a fire in West Knoxville. Andrew, Kayla, their baby Mila and dog Baya are safe; however the majority of their belongings were ruined and cannot be salvaged. The 2019 Smokies Scramble benefiting Andrew and his family will be held June 13, 2019, at Dandridge Golf and Country Club, 1247 Stonewall Jackson Drive in Dandridge, TN with a noon lunch and tee time of 1pm. Proceeds go directly to obtaining the materials/items they need to replace that were lost in the fire. The Tennessee Smokies are thankful for your participation, and any donations you might be able to give to the O’Gara family are greatly appreciated. For information call (865) 286-2300.

Living without a fiber connection is rapidly leading to a sub-standard life. Consumers today demand instant data for their personal and professional lives. While the current infrastructure hobbles along meeting most of people's upload and download needs; it definitely will not suffice for a 5G world that promises autonomous cars. You may have noticed a little construction along Parkside Drive. Crews are installing a **Dura-Line** conduit using directional drilling, a minimally invasive construction technique that threads the conduit underground. As it happens, one of Farragut's locally-based businesses manufactures the conduit: Dura-Line. Dura-Line's home office is located on Parkside Drive and employs over 100 people. Dura-Line, which was acquired by Mexichem in 2014 (whose name is displayed on the building), has 20 manufacturing plants across the globe. “I’ve had the great honor to see installations all over the world. It’s not every day the office staff gets to observe a field installation from the comfort of their desk,” said Tim Grimsley, Dura-Line Vice President of Global Customer Engagement. “What a great opportunity to see our product serving our hometown.” Later construction crews will access the hand-holes to install a fiber optic cable, which will provide better, faster, low-latency, high-speed broadband internet. With this fiber infrastructure upgrade, Farragut is an attractive location. Residents want to live a connected life in a “smart” city, where they are always informed and able to communicate, whether they are at work, home, or play. Providing seamless access to Wi-Fi requires a fiber optic infrastructure to support the exponential growth in data. Only a cohesive fiber network – in a Dura-Line conduit – can carry the amount of data needed for a prosperous future filled with innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development. For more information visit <http://www.duraline.com>

Congratulations to **FirstBank** Chairman of the Board James W. Ayers on receiving the coveted Horatio Alger Award!

**Rather & Kitrell** recently announced that Chase Kerby has been awarded the designation Certified Financial Planner. The CFP mark identifies Kerby as having met the rigorous assignments and ethical requirements needed to complete the financial planning coursework and pass the certification exam. Congratulations Kerby!

Three leaders at the **University of Tennessee Medical Center** earned promotions: Kathy Boyd, named senior vice president and chief development officer, Ben Cox, named senior vice president and chief general counsel; and Bruce Hartmann, named senior vice president and chief community relations officer. Congratulations Kathy, Ben, and Bruce!

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# Networkings

## oysk3 architects – April 4, 2019



The evening networking guests were greeted by hosts/principal architects Seth Schweitzer, Cara Knapp, Jim Odle and Steve Young.



The smiles of Alicia Bauman-Nautical Boat Club, Seth Schweitzer-oysk3 architects, Girish Thakkar-Schematic Design, Inc., and David Campbell-Ideal Engineering Solutions, Inc. beamed brightly at the networking.

## SouthEast Bank-Bearden – April 18, 2019



Pictured are team members Brandi Greene, Head Teller, Savannah Goldston, Teller, Deborah Lee, Branch Manager and Alice Eads, Loan Officer.



Standing beside Amy Burton-UT Medical Center is a SouthEast Bank customer who graciously agreed to be photographed.

## Years Younger MD- April 25, 2019



Dr. Kevin Stasney, Medical Director, stands beside Louise Harmon, Office Manager, Lindsey Statzer and Nikki Henderson, Medical Aestheticians, prior to the arrival of their networking guests.



FWKCC Ambassador Daniel Monday-Slamdot, Inc. (right) greets networking guests including Craig Fowler-Slate, Disharoon, Parrish and Associates, LLC.

## Fisher Tire Co. - Knoxville West – May 2, 2019



Gathering for a team photo are Kile Hardsesity, Buzz Vaughan, Susie Crabtree, Sean Amanns, JR Robinett and Ray Fisher.



Chamber member Julie Friend-Home Care Assistance pauses at the registration table.

## State Farm Insurance-Mansour Hasan – May 9, 2019



Like a good neighbor, first time networking hosts Gail Angelucci, Katie Gibbons, Siobham Simcox, Pat Jestice, Clayton Leasure and Manour Hasan assemble for a team photo.



Ni Qiu-New York Life Insurance Company, and Stephanie Erb-Emerald Youth Foundation get acquainted at the morning networking event.

## Volunteer Ministry Center – May 16, 2019



Pictured are Monica Viator-TN Bank and Whittani Walden-The Real Estate Firm.



Chamber members and guests alike enjoyed the fun and informative networking event.

**Slamdot**  
Marketing that works.

# Ribbon Cuttings

## Tapestry at Turkey Creek -April 5, 2019



Surrounding Scarlet Stomieroski, Community Manager (center, holding scissors) are team members Brandon Roberts, Service Supervisor, Caitlen Hoy, Assistant Manager, Justin Rose, Leasing Consultant, Josh Owens, Service Technician, Chamber ambassadors, members, neighbors and friends.

## Lipsey, Morrison, Waller & Lipsey, P.C. (New Location)- April 30, 2019



Assembling in front of their new location to cut the ceremonial ribbon include (in no particular order) Steve Lipsey, Managing Partner (holding scissors), Erick Morrison, Partner, Charles Waller, Partner, David Lipsey, Partner, Maurice Gerard and Jennifer Dobbins, along with Chamber ambassadors, members, friends and family.

## Clean Bins- May 10, 2019



Owner Will Leopold (center with scissors) his sister (green shirt) and brother-in-law (both of whom are co-owners) Kahle and Moses Madera, along with friends, Chamber members and ambassadors joined in on the celebration.

## Three Roots Capital- May 14, 2019



Pictured are the Board of Directors, center/wearing suits (L-R) Fred Tompkins (Ret., Interim Dean-AgResearch, The University of Tennessee), Ray Moncrief (Ret., Executive VP & COO-Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation), Grady Vanderhoofven, Founder, President & CEO-Three Roots Capital, David Bradshaw, Oak Ridge Area Manager-Pinnacle Financial Partners and Chairman-Three Roots Capital, Board of Directors, Roger Kiger, Chief Manager-Visionary Horizons Wealth Management. Also pictured, to the left of Dr. Tompkins (going left) are Melissa Muendel, Director of Research and Reporting-Three Roots Capital, Emily Miller, and Dennis Corley, Business Development Manager, Three Roots Capital. To the right of Mr. Kiger (going right) Linda Nyholm, Operations Manager-Three Roots Capital, Megan Vanderhoofven and Shawn Carson, Director of Advisory Services-Three Roots Capital, as well as Chamber ambassadors, members and friends.

## Brightway Insurance-The Serio Agency- May 17, 2019



Agency owner, Erik Serio (blue shirt, center) and his wife, Stacey Serio (holding dog), employee Sandra Portocarrero (beside Erik), as well as Chamber members, ambassadors, friends and clients celebrate in front of their new office.

## The Balance and Hearing Institute-May 20, 2019



Gathering for a team photo include Leonard Brown, M.D. (center with scissors), Lee Cottrell, AuD, Alicia Flores, Mark Gurdy, M.D., Sarah Post, AuD, Felicia Whitworth, RN, Karen Brown, RN, Nicole Dickinson, DPT, Katie Hedgecock, LPN, Karen Rutherford, Krystal Holcomb, Lonny Huston, NP, Mo Baskin and Mariela Lopez, along with Chamber ambassadors, members, neighbors and friends.

## Meet the Board



## Frankie Ballew

Board Director (2019/2020)

### Member Business:

Sitel Tennessee

### Title:

Talent Acquisition Specialist

### How you benefit from our Chamber?

The Chamber has provided us with need to know people to get in front to gain access to economical resources we may not have known are available for our growing global company. They have introduced us to elected officials to support our transition and relocation into west Knox County at 11221 Outlet Drive. The Chamber has welcomed Sitel Tennessee as a leader in economic development by adding up to 300 new positions to our already 600 employee headcount.

### What is your greatest business success?

The most recent success I would identify with Sitel Tennessee is partnering with TVA to provide a significant tax incentive on our electric expense in our new location. Nearly \$200,000 was granted to Sitel Tennessee that went straight to our bottom line.

### What has been your greatest business frustration?

Red tape and bureaucracy that hinders results.

### Most positive trend facing businesses today?

Facilitative and coaching leadership style. I came up in the day when Authoritative and Dictative was popular and that's not much fun. At Sitel Tennessee the most important retention tool we have is our leaders. Here 93% of our leaders are internal promotions. We feel this adds to our success because each person in management understands what it is like to be in each role in this company. They know what it takes to be successful in each role and develop the people in each role to succeed.

### Most negative trend facing businesses today?

Record low unemployment; in Knox County unemployment is hovering around 3%. We are competing for talent and we have to be the employer of choice to attract qualified employees.

### What job/career did you want when you were 10 years old?

Airline Flight Attendant.

### Last book you enjoyed?

"Unified": Sen. Tim Scott & Rep. Trey Gowdy on friendship and hope.

### Favorite genre of music?

Classic Country with Waylon, Willie and the Boys! George Jones, Patsy Cline, Eddy Arnold, Earl Thomas Conley, Johnny Cash, Ray Price.

### Favorite hobby/activity?

My husband and I are avid motorcycle riders. East Tennessee offers the most beautiful rides in the country.

### Favorite movie?

The Breakfast Club.

### Favorite place to visit?

Baxa's Sutliff Store and Tavern in Sutliff, Iowa

### Who has been the most influential person in your life?

John Berg, CEO and Head of US Retail Operations at Connect Hearing US is my most influential person and mentor. He was my Region Manager while I was Regional Human Resource Business Partner for CVS Caremark.

### What is the greatest lesson you have learned?

Don't mistake effort for results (from John Berg).

### What is the greatest lesson you teach?

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"  
~ Theodore Roosevelt

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*Thank You*  
to each of the Chamber Members who helped support the Chamber with an ad in the 2019/2020 Chamber Directory coming out June 27.

You still have another opportunity to support the Chamber by participating in our first Chamber Calendar for 2020. Coming out December 5, this Calendar will have all chamber events noted, and any important dates the advertiser requests. This calendar will be inserted in the farragutpress on December 5 to 15,000 homes and businesses.

- Full page - 10.375" x 7.625"  
Color .....\$995  
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(receive 10 calendars)
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(receive 6 calendars)
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(receive 4 calendars)
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Black & White .....\$225  
(receive 4 calendars)
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Color .....\$175  
Black & White .....\$140

Additional copies at \$5.00 each make great Christmas gifts for your clients, need to be ordered by November 12, and will be available at the Chamber Holiday Open House on December 10th.

Contact  
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## Welcome to our new Farragut West Knox Chamber Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in the month of May! Did you know businesses/organizations can submit an application & payment online? Visit [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) and click "Join the Chamber!"

**Angie Cody Real Estate Team/  
eXp Realty  
Angie Cody**  
11002 Kingston Pike  
Suite 202  
Knoxville, TN 37934  
<http://angiecody.com>

**Earth Fare  
Brooke Dickens**  
10903 Parkside Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37922  
<https://www.earthfare.com/turkey-creek/>

**Edward Jones – Joshua Hornberger  
Joshua Hornberger**  
7830 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
[www.edwardjones/joshua-hornberger.com](http://www.edwardjones/joshua-hornberger.com)

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Sarrah Causer**  
11201 W. Point Drive  
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Knoxville, TN 37934  
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**First Tennessee –  
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Karen Hancock**  
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<http://www.firsttennessee.com>

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<http://www.jimmyjohns.com>

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Nia and Gary Kalogeros**  
320 N. Peters Road  
Knoxville, TN 37922  
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Betsy Gray**  
608 Mabry Hood Road #206  
Knoxville, TN 37932  
<http://marketingbullpen.com>

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Shanan Boyd**  
265 Brookview Centre Way  
Suite 102  
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Victory Harbin**  
5401 Kingston Pike  
Suite 230  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
<http://www.thesocialbrandtn.com>

## TSBDC

by Laura Overstreet, Small Business Specialist and GrowthWheel® Certified Advisor

The Knoxville TSBDC has several valuable small business training seminars and workshops coming soon.

Join us for some of the following opportunities:

**• Getting Found Online: Pay Per Click**

This program is "a beginner's guide" to Google AdWords, ads on Facebook, Yelp, YouTube and more. Hear from the experts on where and how to invest your marketing budget to receive the best return for your business.

Thursday, June 20, 9:00AM to 11:00AM

Fee: No Cost

Speaker(s): Victory Harbin, The Social Brand

201 S. Washington Street

Maryville, TN 37804

**• Start Up Training**

The seminar discussion includes the forms of business organization, tax requirements, business licenses, business planning and financing options.

Thursday, July 18, 9:00AM to 11:00AM

Fee: No Cost

Speaker(s): TSBDC Staff

201 South Washington Street,

Maryville, TN 37804

**• Government Contracting – 201 Advanced**

This program is part II of the basic introduction to government contracting program 101 and will further position your company to compete for contracting opportunities. What sorts of contracts are available? What are government acquisition regulations? How do you respond to a solicitation for bids? Does your business need to be certified? Does your business qualify for a "set aside" contract? How does the process work?

Wednesday, August 7, 1:30PM to 3:30PM

Fee: No Cost

Speaker(s): Paul Middlebrooks, UT Procurement Technical Assistance Center  
17 Market Square #201,  
Knoxville, TN 37902

## Welcome Back Renewing Members

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber welcomes back these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of this past May. We are privileged to count them as Farragut/West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. It is also our hope that area residents recognize the commitment a business makes to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with their patronage.

Abuelo's: The Flavor of Mexico  
Asset Planning Corporation  
Autumn Care Assisted Living - Farragut  
Courtyard by Marriott  
DeMaria Financial Services  
East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC  
First Baptist Church of Concord  
Fort Sanders Health & Fitness Center  
Hartung Tax & Accounting, PC  
Home2Suites by Hilton  
Independent Cabi Stylist  
Christy Fitzgerald  
Inst-I-Glass of Knoxville  
King University  
Kroger

Lenoir City Utilities Board –  
*Thank you for your Admiral Enterprise Membership!*  
Lovell Crossing Apartments  
NAI Koella RM Moore  
The Preserve at Hardin Valley  
Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee  
Slate, Disharoon, Parrish & Associates  
State Farm Insurance -  
Josh Ellis Agency  
Town of Farragut – *Thank you for your Admiral Elite Enterprise Membership!*  
The Villages of Farragut

## Member Briefs

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**Hilton Knoxville Airport** earned a 2018 Best of the Brands Annual Blue Energy Award at the Hilton Hotels & Resorts general manager conference in Orlando in March- the hotel was the only Hilton of the 275 properties across the US to take home the award. The Annual Blue Energy Award honors the Hilton hotel with the highest average score for the year regarding each hotel's entries of hotel team member activities along with community involvement, the hotel's environmental performance and year-end guest survey results that take into account overall service, accommodations and smooth stays. Congratulations Hilton Knoxville Airport!

The 100 Best Fleets in the Americas program again recognized KUB's fleet as one of the 100 Best Fleets in 2019, with **Knoxville Utilities Board** ranked number 93. KUB first received Best Fleets Recognition in 2009 and has been recognized as either an Honorable Mention or Best Fleet each year since then. The 100 Best Fleets in the Americas Program recognizes peak-performing fleet operations in the Americas and is currently it is 20th year. It encourages performance improvement and innovation

within the public fleet industry each year. The program is open to all public fleets in North and South America. Congratulations KUB!

**Pellissippi State Community College** president L. Anthony Wise Jr. wanted to find a way to honor his friend, colleague, and mentor, Allen G. Edwards. Edwards served as president of Pellissippi State from 1993-2011. Edward's tenure was marked by campus expansion, growth in enrollment and the development of international opportunities for students through the founding of the Tennessee Consortium for International Studies. Wise reached out to friends near and far to join him in securing a naming opportunity in the new Center for Math and Science on the Hardin Valley Campus. This gift from the heart was intended to be a surprise announcement at the annual foundation dinner. In order to execute the plan, Wise enlisted the help of former foundation board member Cathy Ackermann and Sue Bunney, wife of Edwards. Ackermann and Bunney were successful in keeping the honor a secret. At the dinner, the **BarberMcMurry Architects** design was revealed for the Allen Edwards Student Atrium. Special thanks to the many donors that made this recognition possible!

## Calendar of Events

Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at <http://members.farragutchamber.com/login>.

Call 675-7057 or email [info@farragutchamber.com](mailto:info@farragutchamber.com) for a link to create your account! Visitors/Guests can register by clicking the links on the Chamber Calendar ([www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) > "Events") and registering under "Not a Member?".

June 13, 2019 8:00am – 9:30am	Networking AMR/Rural Metro Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Dr., Farragut 37934	July 11, 2019 5:00pm – 7:00pm	F.U.E.L. (Focus. Unite. Engage. Lead.) Young Professionals Networking Calhoun's Turkey Creek 625 Turkey Cove Ln, 37934
June 20, 2019 5:00pm – 6:30pm	Networking Mercedes Benz of Knoxville 10131 Parkside Dr., Knoxville 37922	July 18, 2019 8:00am – 9:30am	Networking Brain Balance co-hosting with Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR) 11800 Highway 11E, Lenoir City 37772
June 27, 2019 5:00pm – 6:30pm	Networking Planet Fitness-Farragut 11433 Kingston Pike, Farragut 37934	July 25, 2019 5:00pm – 6:30pm	Networking Y-12 Federal Credit Union (Hardin Valley Branch) 2377 Cherochala Blvd., Knoxville 37932
July 4-5, 2019	Chamber Office Closed – Independence Day Holiday		