



# SHOALS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Calendar  
for the week of  
January 28, 2008**



**Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2008**

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## **Monday, January 28**

CHOICES - Florence M. S.

10:00 a.m.  
KTSB Events Committee  
SCBED

4:30pm  
**Groundbreaking**  
New location for *Keller EMS* (ambulance service)

On Gusmus Ave. in Muscle Shoals, behind the police department

## **Tuesday, January 29**

CHOICES - Florence M. S.

11:30am  
SYPA Membership Meeting  
SCBED  
Citizens Board Room  
RSVP required ([membership@shoalschamber.com](mailto:membership@shoalschamber.com))  
Lunch provided by Lenny's Sub Shop

3:00 – 5:00  
Teacher Supply Depot OPEN!  
Office & school supply donations needed!  
All donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!

## **Wednesday, January 30**

CHOICES Central H. S.

## **Thursday, January 31**

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## **Friday, February 1**

7:45 – 3:00  
Shoals Middle School Career Fair & Reality Check  
Florence M. S. – Coffee Gymnasium

**New Members**

James Irby, PC / Attorney at Law  
121 W. Alabama St., Suite 1 Florence, AL 35630  
766-7778

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** / Shoals Christian School Open House / 301 Heathrow Drive, Florence / 2 – 4 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\***Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m. , Norton Auditorium / The University of North Alabama is preparing for a musical installment of its Distinguished Events Series, Virtuoso Showcase, and will feature pianist Scott Holshouser of the Houston Symphony, clarinetist Dr. Jimmy Simpson, formerly of the UNA music faculty, and vocalist Dr. Soojeong Lee of the UNA music faculty. The evening of music is free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** / OnStage presents:

STATE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF MEXICO

7:30 PM, UNA Norton Auditorium

Under the direction of Enrique Bádiz and now in its third decade, the State Symphony Orchestra of Mexico will perform

**Tuesday, January 29:** An Unforgettable Valentine's Dinner Cooking Class / 6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

at Shoals Commercial Culinary Center / 610 W. College Street / Florence / 256-764-0044

Pre-registration required / \$37 per person

**EMPLOYERS!!** Shoals Middle School **CAREER FAIR** is set for **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1**, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **YOUR FUTURE WORKFORCE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU!!** (See more info in Education / Workforce Development section.)

***Wear Red Day on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>!***

Going red in your own fashion is about finding a personal way to take part in the fight against heart disease in women. Now is the time to go red in your own fashion by spreading the Go Red For Women "Love Your Heart" message to your friends, families and colleagues. Make your promise to be heart healthy — join the movement to help conquer heart disease, and encourage others to do the same. Visit [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org) or call 1-888-MY-HEART for ways to Go Red For Women.

Everyone can get their Go Red For Women shirt at any Listerhill Branch for \$10 to support the American Heart Association's Wear Red Day and women and heart disease!

**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm Ribbon Cutting & Open House/ *Hampton Inn & Suites*

505 South Court St. in Florence

**Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** / Breakfast with the Business Council of Alabama

8:00 a.m., Marriott Shoals Conference Center

Registration Required, \$25 Breakfast Buffet Call 764-4661

**PRESENTING SPONSOR, Alabama Technology Network**

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**Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** at 11am Ribbon Cutting & Open House / *Keller Home Health & Hospice*, 600

Woodward Ave. in Muscle Shoals

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** at 11am Ribbon Cutting & Open House / New location of *LifeSouth Community*

*Blood Center*, 1208 S. Jackson Hwy in Sheffield

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** / Chamber Networking Breakfast / 7:30-9am / SBS Electric

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** Lauderdale County Children's Policy Council will host the Carson and Barnes Circus at the Cross Point Church of Christ. For more information call Ellen McGowen at 246-1473. The event will benefit Children of Lauderdale County.

**FMO**

"Birth Of A Legend: The Story Of The WAWA", a full-length motion picture shot entirely in The Shoals has now been released as a DVD. Help support our movie makers by visiting [www.birthofalegend.com](http://www.birthofalegend.com) and

getting yourself a copy of this very funny flick. **Chamber members Steve & Sheri Wiggins of**

**Whippoorwill Hollow Films** produced and directed it. [www.whippoorwillhollowfilms.com](http://www.whippoorwillhollowfilms.com)

SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP BY VISITING [WWW.SOCIALSECURITY.GOV](http://WWW.SOCIALSECURITY.GOV)

Here are some of the things you can do if you visit us online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

**Apply for benefits / See if you qualify for Social Security / Request a Statement**

Just a sample of the many services now available online from Social Security. So whatever your business with Social Security may be, check out our website and visit "Online Claims and Services" at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Gov. Bob Riley will lead a delegation of business, education, and government leaders to The People's Republic of China to help Alabama companies market themselves to the state's third largest trading partner and promote the state as a world class business center. The trip will be coordinated by the Alabama Development Office and the China office represented by BDBC International LLC.

April 4-12, 2008 you will visit Shanghai, Nanjing, Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

For more information, or to apply for the China Trade Mission, Call 334-242-0450 to speak to Heath Cosgrove. Or E-mail : [heath.cosgrove@ado.alabama.gov](mailto:heath.cosgrove@ado.alabama.gov)

**Education / Workforce Development Info**

Teacher Supply Depot Opens NEXT TUESDAY, Jan. 29. Office & School Supply DONATIONS are still needed. All donations are TAX – DEDUCTIBLE. Please call the Chamber (764-4661) for information and drop off location.

NEW!! Summer Technology Institute for Educators – we received a Rural Alabama Initiative Grant to implement a new professional development for Shoals area Middle & High School Counselors, Math & Science Teachers. Acceptance into the program will be competitive – only 16 seats available. Interested educators should contact the Chamber for more information ([stephs@shoalschamber.com](mailto:stephs@shoalschamber.com), 764-4661)

· Shoals Business and Industry WORKFORCE NEEDS SURVEY FOR SCHOOLS (on-line) - Shoals Employers, if you have not done so already, please go to this link

<http://www.shoalschambersurvey.com/survey/q.asp?sid=1&k=whtnofualy> and complete the workforce needs survey. Your input will assist our local schools to better prepare YOUR FUTURE WORKFORCE! If you've ever wished you could communicate your workforce needs to educators, this is your opportunity! Please help us help you!

· (NEW LINK!) SPEAKERS BUREAU FOR SHOALS AREA SCHOOLS - Please share your wisdom & experience by speaking to / training students &/or educators in Shoals area schools (elementary through college). If you know about it or are interested in it, students would probably like to hear about it (career / skills info, character development, social etiquette, hobbies, travel & life experiences, etc.) Complete this brief on-line survey listing the topics about which you would be willing to speak / train & your contact information, at <http://www.shoalschambersurvey.com/survey/q.asp?sid=22&k=kbtsdidgt>

· The Shoals Chamber of Commerce is a "distance learning community partner" with Wilson High School. Wilson H. S. makes their state-of-the-art DISTANCE LEARNING FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR FREE to all northwest Alabama businesses & community organizations for your employees to use for professional development opportunities, video conference meetings, etc. Wilson was awarded an ACCESS (Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educator, and Students Statewide) grant to implement this distance learning program in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Education. This grant has provided the school the ability to fully-equip a distance learning computer lab, complete with tablet laptop computers and video conferencing equipment. To learn more about this program and how your business may use these facilities, contact Jennifer Roberts, ACCESS Distance Learning Administrator at Wilson School, at [Jennifer.Roberts@lcschools.org](mailto:Jennifer.Roberts@lcschools.org), (256) 765-2250.