

Business of the Month...Citizens Progressive Bank



Citizens Progressive Bank was founded in 1918. They are the red, white and blue bank because they strongly support our military, veterans, fire fighters, law enforcement, and first responders. Citizens Progressive Bank supports them so much that they created an account just for this very special group called the “Defenders of Freedom” account.

Banking is an old and respected profession, but in our fast paced style of life it is hard to find a bank that still offers old-fashioned service with a smile. That is why Citizens Progressive Bank is so popular with the people of this area. They include old-fashion personal attention in every transaction, but they are as modern as tomorrow in the services that they offer. They offer checking and savings accounts, CD's and loans for homes, businesses, auto, consolidation-just to mention a few. For your convenience, they offer 4 locations, drive through service, as well as E-Statement, Online Banking (Bill Pay, Touch ID, Text Notifications), Mobile Deposit, Apple Pay, Samsung pay, Mobile Banking, telephone banking, FREE financial literacy classes and much more. Citizens Progressive Bank prides themselves in being heavily involved in our communities and especially our schools.

Pictured (above): From left to right: Brenda Struth, **Chamber President**, Lorrie Poland, Audra Thomas, Connie Morton, Justin Robinson-Asst. VP, Ashley Gunn, Samantha Lively, and Mandy Moroni, **Chamber Secretary**. (Photo by Monica Huff)

Hours for Citizens Progressive Bank:

Lobby Hours – *Monday – Thursday* 8:00am–3:00pm *Friday* 8:00am-5:00pm

Drive-Up Hours – *Monday - Friday* 8:00am–5:00pm *Saturday* 8:30am–12:30pm

July Membership Meeting 2019.....

The July Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 11th**. The meeting will be held at **12 o'clock noon** at **Delta Community College**. The price is \$10.00 each and covers the cost of your lunch. Our guest speaker is Jayme Watson with Blue Star Mothers, a private nonprofit organization in the United States that provides support for mothers who have sons or daughters in active service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Jayme Watson has been involved with the Blue Star Mothers organization since 2006 when she was invited to join the Monroe chapter as a charter member. Jayme is a proud 2-star Blue Star Mother with two sons in the Navy. She also chartered and founded a Blue Star Mothers chapter in Ruston. The chapter remains very active and currently covers Blue and Gold Star activities all the way to Texas. A Monroe native, Jayme graduated from Neville High School and Louisiana Business College. She married her high school sweetheart and they have two sons. One son is now out of the military, and one son is still serving. Much of her time, when not working at Friendly Finance, her “paying” job for almost 20 years, is spent traveling to see her 4 grandbabies, 3 in Denham Springs, and 1 in Puget Sound, Washington State.




If you would like to attend, please contact the Chamber office at 435-4488 or by email, wfpchamber@gmail.com

On **July 26th**, **Gaya Samarasingha**, Founder and CEO of Kalaia and Kalaia Cares, will be in Winnsboro. During her visit, Clويد and Ginger White will be hosting a catered luncheon to give women in our area a unique opportunity to hear Gaya’s story of her challenges of being a *young woman entrepreneur*. Her story covers the things that shaped her from childhood and the principles and vision that has carried her to where she is today. Seating will be limited, so please call Mandy at the Chamber of Commerce to make your reservation by **July 22**. 435-4488



The luncheon is at **noon July 26th** at the **Old Post Office Museum**.

Call Mandy Moroni at the Chamber 435-4488 or email us wfpchamber@gmail.com to list your upcoming event in the Business Buzz! We *love* hearing from you and it's free! 



Welcome new members, **Megan Ezell**, **Kim's Fieldhouse Fitness**, **Petal Pushers**, and **Tag, Title, and Notary**. **Kim's Fieldhouse Fitness** is located at 814 Adams Street in Winnsboro. **Petal Pushers** is located at 7584 Gilbert Street in Gilbert and you can reach the owner, Lyndsey, at 435-8828. **Tag, Title, and Notary** is located at 4276 Front Street in Winnsboro. Welcome to the Chamber!



The Winnsboro-Franklin Chamber of Commerce

Monthly Membership Meeting, **12:00 noon** at **Delta Community College**, **July 11, 2019**.

The Princess Theatre

Saturday, **July 6th** at **6:00 pm**. The Princess Theatre will be showing the newly released version of **Dumbo!**

The Old Post Office Museum

Exhibit:

**“Iron and Abstracts” - June 27-
August 2**, by Jack Herrington of McComb,
MS & Frank Kelley, Jr. of West Monroe.

July 26 - Gaya Samarasingha, Founder
and CEO of Kalaia and Kalaia Cares,
luncheon.

The Museum is open weekdays from 9:00
a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



..... meeting the board...



Veronica Grant

Veronica Grant is a Franklin Parish native, having grown up in Gilbert. She is married to Roosevelt Grant, with whom she has five children & five grandchildren. Veronica is an Associate Pastor & Youth Director at New Macedonia Baptist Church. She currently serves as Foundation Chairperson for the Winnsboro Rotary Club and is a Board Member of the Winnsboro-Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Veronica holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration/Accounting and has a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies. Through her impressive 27-year long career in the insurance industry, Veronica has gained the knowledge & leadership skills that have helped her excel in her current position at Cuave Insurance.

In her free time, Veronica enjoys reading, play writing, songs, & poems, and is currently learning the piano.

Dustin Wright

Dustin Wright is taking yet another tour of duty on the Winnsboro-Franklin Chamber of Commerce board, and brings with it a unique insight into the importance of service within the community. Dustin was born, raised and educated right here in Franklin Parish, and left only for a short stint in Ruston at Louisiana Tech. There, he graduated with a degree in Business in 2009 before returning home to live and work.



In 2010, Dustin began his banking career at First South Farm Credit before taking a position at Franklin State Bank in 2014 as a loan officer. Since then, he has advanced his career in the banking industry by earning a graduate degree from the LSU School of Banking in 2018, where he won the “Bank Management” competition upon the completion of his studies.

Dustin is very active in the community, and has served continuously on the Chamber board since 2010. He also served the community as the Chamber President in 2012, and currently serves on the Franklin Parish Catfish Board of Directors.

Dustin and his wife, Ashley, are active members of the Winnsboro First United Pentecostal Church.

New Membership 2019...

Growing our Chamber = Growing your business community.

Opportunities to network and share news and information about your business, while helping to shape the future of our community growth is in your hands. The Chamber is here to support the business community and help make Franklin Parish a great place to work, live, play and do business. Together we can accomplish great things. The Chamber offers many occasions to be active and involved throughout each month. Whether it is ***monthly luncheons with informative guest speakers, events, such as The Taste of Franklin, The Academic Achievement Banquet, Farmer’s Appreciation, or Main Street Market’s Christmas in the ‘Boro***, we encourage you to not only attend, but to bring a business friend or neighbor to one of our events so the experience can be shared. Please feel free to contact the Chamber and let us know how we can better serve you.



POINT TO PONDER...

**THE ONLY LIMIT TO OUR REALIZATION OF TOMORROW
WILL BE OUR DOUBTS OF TODAY.**

-FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

News and Newsletters

The Chamber Newsletter is sent out to all of our members monthly.

We are also always looking for Chamber members who are interested in writing an article! You, as a business person, have useful, interesting, and thought-provoking knowledge, information, and ideas. Why not share them with your fellow businesses? It's a great way to get your name out to form social connections, and to inform fellow business owners about your successes.

If your business has changed recently, is hosting an interesting event, or has a truly unique outlook on how it practices business, we would love to talk about doing a profile to feature you in the newsletter.

If you are interested in advertising or writing an article for the Chamber Newsletter, contact Mandy Moroni – wfpchamber@gmail.com

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a better place to live,
to work, and
to raise a family.**