



First Quarter 2020

THE LINK

Celebrate the Chamber's 110th anniversary at events all year long

Celebrating
110
FRANKLIN CHAMBER
years
1910 ★ ANNIVERSARY ★ 2020

1950s



1960s



1970s



Celebrating business growth with ribbon cuttings through the years

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An awful lot can happen in 110 years. Take technology for example. The first public radio broadcast occurred in 1910 and now, in 2020 all the computing power most people could ever need is carried around in our pockets! Electric ignition was introduced to the auto industry in 1911 and today we are knocking on the door of self-driving cars.

Not many things can stand the test of time and not only survive but thrive after 110 years. So, what do you do when something turns 110 years old?

You throw one epic birthday bash!

And folks, that's just what the Franklin Chamber of Commerce is going to do to celebrate 110 years of service. A year's worth of celebrating is ahead of us, and we hope you will tag along!

We kicked things off with an After Hours Anniversary Celebration on January 23 at the Johnson County Museum of History. The free event was open to all Chamber members and a great way to jump into the celebratory year.

In February the Chamber will host its **Annual Awards Banquet on February 13** in conjunction with Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett's State of the City Address.

The 42nd Annual Franklin Chamber Golf Outing, the longest running in Johnson

County, will be held on **June 4** at Hillview Country Club.

After a successful launch in 2019, the Chamber is eager to continue the Homeview **Color Bash 5k** in 2020. Partnering again with Discover Downtown Franklin's Ethos

Celebration of the Arts, Color Bash will take place on Saturday, **August 22** in Province Park.



Also coming back for round 2 is the super popular **Biz Bash**. This bi-annual business expo will be held on Thursday, **September 10** at Garment Factory Events. The 2018 event saw more than 600 people come

through and even greater excitement is expected for the Chamber's 110th year!

Be sure to join in the celebration this year. Visit **franklincoc.org** for the latest details.

110th ANNIVERSARY IS about more than past reflection



DIRECTOR'S NOTES
Rosie Chambers,
executive director

In 1910 a group of business-minded individuals founded the Franklin Chamber of Commerce to unite area businesses and support the greater Franklin community. In 2020 this member-based organization is celebrating its 110th anniversary with a year-long celebration. I am humbled to continue the work of our founders to promote the Franklin Chamber's mission of advancing economic growth and quality of life for our members and our community.

This anniversary is less of a reflection on the past but rather focused on the excitement of a new year and new beginnings. The Chamber has

remained relevant over our 110 years by staying in tune with our community and the needs of our businesses. We continually explore new services and programming and look for innovative ways to connect with our members, community leaders and residents to bring value to our membership.

The Chamber recently kicked off our year-long anniversary celebration with an old-fashioned birthday party complete with party hats, balloons, cake and gifts! The highlight was a Mayoral Proclamation from Mayor Steve Barnett declaring Franklin Chamber of Commerce Day. The award was gratefully received by our board of directors, ambassadors and staff. ➔

I hope you'll join us for a celebration of the Chamber and the City during our annual meeting and awards banquet



where we feature Franklin's State of the City address with Mayor Barnett. We will also honor three Chamber award recipients, outgoing board members and the ambassador team of the year. This annual tradition takes place on February 13 from 11:30 to 1:30 at Garment Factory Events.



We look forward to celebrating with YOU the Franklin Chamber's longevity during our year-long anniversary celebration!



Hundreds of shoppers came out to support local businesses in Franklin on Shop Small Saturday (November 30), and many started the day at the Chamber's Start Here Open House.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Date: February 13, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Garment Factory Events, 101 E. Wayne St., Franklin

Program: State of the City Address

Tickets: \$25 per person

FRANKLIN YP NETWORK

Date: February 20, 2020

Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Old Towne Beer Hall & Growler Co., 55 E. Court St., Franklin

MARCH

CHAMBER LUNCHEON*

Date: March 12, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: Compass Park, 690 State St., Franklin

Program: Dr. David Dunkle, President and CEO of Johnson Memorial Health

 **Look for event details and updates on the events calendar at www.franklincoc.org**

Shoppers lined up early at the Chamber on Shop Small Saturday to receive Chamber Cash to spend at participating member businesses. ➔





HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

CHAMBER OFFICE IS CLOSED:

- Professional Dev. – February 14
- Presidents' Day – February 17
- Good Friday – April 10

MEMBER BENEFITS DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that your 2020 Chamber membership **vinyl window cling** was mailed with your membership renewal invoice? Please display it proudly to promote your Chamber membership. It signifies your investment in our community.



APRIL CHAMBER LUNCHEON*

Date: April 9, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: Garment Factory Events, 101 E. Wayne St., Franklin

Program: Ken Kosky, Festival Country Indiana and Misty Weisensteiner, Indiana Office of Tourism Development

CHAMBER BASICS

Date: April 16, 2020

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m., RSVP required

Location: Chamber office

Program: Maximize Chamber Benefits

* For all monthly luncheons please RSVP by the Monday prior to the event. Lunch is \$20.

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Polly Jones

themusicclass.com
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NOVEMBER

Oberweis Dairy

Anthony Juras

2040 S Lynhurst Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46241
Dairy, Grocery

Possibilities: Home Re-Imagined

Christina Fletcher

110 W Jefferson Street
Franklin, IN 46131
shoppossibilities.com
Retail

Rafferty Construction

Jerry Rafferty

5712 E 250 S
Franklin, IN 46131
raffertyconstruction.net
Building/Remodeling, Construction

DECEMBER

Athletico Physical Therapy

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1057 W Jefferson Street
Franklin, IN 46131
athletico.com
Physical Therapy, Wellness

Backhoe Worx

Brandon Paris

4168 S 25 W
Trafalgar, IN 46181
Construction, Erosion Control, Contractors

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welcome



Board and staff photo: Seated L-R: Shellee Pietras, Anya McConnell, Rosie Chambers, Jeff Dutton. Standing L-R: Kim Henderson, Deb Turrel, Betsy Schmidt, Kristen Loy, Adam Browder, Mark Gavorski, Chris Rynerson, Lezlie Richards, Krista Linke and Andy Moorman. Not pictured: Dr. David Clendening, Bryan Epperson, Andy Kinsey, Amy Richardson and Kati Ghent.

CHAMBER BOARD AND STAFF

President

Shellee Pietras

Vice President

Jeff Dutton

Treasurer

Adam Browder

Member At Large

Kristen Loy

Member At Large

Deb Turrel

Dr. David Clendening

Bryan Epperson

Mark Gavorski

Kim Henderson

Andy Kinsey

Krista Linke

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Amy Richardson

Chris Rynerson

Betsy Schmidt

Executive Director

Rosie Chambers

Assistant Director

Anya McConnell

Administrative Assistant

Kati Ghent



Moorman



Rynerson

Active Leadership ↑

The Franklin Chamber is lead by a dedicated board of directors. Two new new members were welcomed for 2020:

- Andy Moorman,
NSK Precision America
- Chris Rynerson,
First Financial Bank

← **Then & Now:** Franklin Chamber Board 1920s and a fun throwback by the 2020 board.



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