Welcome to the 2016-2017 team of Chamber Ambassadors in this issue. The dedication of this committee is tremendous, as they give of their time and energy to support the Chamber’s efforts.

We have several exciting events coming up, so please to check your emails, Chamber publications and the website for updates. To help manage rising costs, payment will be expected from all registrants prior to the events. You may register online or send credit card payment with your reservation.

All small or home based businesses should mark their calendars for the Small Business Expo on October 20. The Expo will take place during the popular Business After Hours at 5 Star Media Group and give Clarksville’s smaller operations an opportunity to promote their products and services.

On September 17, the Clarksville Young Professionals will host a Corn Hole Tournament to benefit Imagination Library. The local program is part of a statewide effort that mails free books to children. Their mission is to instill a love of reading throughout a child’s first five years by partnering with the community to ensure Montgomery County’s program enjoys continued financial stability and success.

I encourage everyone to form a team and register and appreciate the efforts of the Young Professionals.

Power Breakfast to Address Hard Facts About Soft Skills

The Chamber and Industrial Development Board are partnering to sponsor a Power Breakfast on Tuesday, September 20.

Please join us at 7:30 a.m. at the Riverview Inn, 50 College Street, to hear author, speaker and former executive Greg Coker teach about work-ready skills such as communication, problem solving, customer service, teamwork and conflict resolution.

“While today’s workforce are technically competent, they often lack what is commonly referred to as ‘soft skill’,” says Coker. “They leave school knowing ‘things’ but not ‘people.’ They’re good at the ‘what’ but not with the ‘who.’ Now more than ever those entering the workforce need a crash course on soft skills!”

Coker has over 25 years of experience as a senior level executive with three different fortune 500 companies where he led the training & development for over 80,000 employees. His clients include public education, healthcare, business and industry, colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations and high performance individuals who benefit from his executive/life coaching. As author of Building Cathedrals: The Power of Purpose and Moving the Needle: Appreciate, Activate & Rehabilitate, Greg provides a powerful and life changing one-day workshop on the “soft skills” guaranteed to increase employee effectiveness while boosting your company’s productivity, retention and customer satisfaction.

You may register online at www.clarksvillechamber.com or send your RSVP with credit card payment to Lucian Greene via email at Lucian@clarksville.tn.us by September 15.
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Business After Hours

Sept 15 – Legends Bank
Old Glory Distilling Company
451 Alfred Thun Road

Oct 20 – 5 Star Media Group
1640 Old Russellville Pike

Our Mission

The Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce represents the interests of the business
community and its membership by advancing community development, promoting
the business and economic environment, and improving the welfare of the
community by enhancing the quality of life in the region.

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Melinda Shepard, Executive Director
Miranda Herrick was born in Vicenza, Italy in 1977. Her father’s military career took her family many places before they settled in Clarksville. Herrick graduated from Austin Peay State University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Fine Art, concentrating in drawing and ceramics.

Herrick’s drawings tend to be very structured geometric patterns. These drawings begin with penciled grid lines and grow out with repetitive, pen-and-ink line work which is done freehand.

Subdividing the space on a sheet of paper with pen marks has evolved into recycling post consumer aluminum cans to fill in blocks of color on a wooden panel. The shift in materials allows Herrick to create larger designs and gives the shapes and colors a subtext.

Her “uncanny craft” was featured on Tennessee Crossroads June 2.
Congratulations & Welcome

Power & Grace Preparatory Academy
219 Dunbar Cave Rd., B

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2949 Ashland City Hwy., Suite B

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2141 Wilma Rudolph Blvd., Suite H

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2448 Hwy. 41A Bypass

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Political Forums
for the November 8th State General and City elections are available to watch on clarksvillechamber.com

TN House of Representatives - Dist 67
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2016 Elections
Voter Registration Deadline: October 11
Early Voting October 19-November 3

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Vehicle registration count, not final attendees. You may register online or send your RSVP along with credit card payment directly to the designated contact via secure email.

Note from Melinda…

Effective immediately, payment will be expected from all registrants prior to the event for which you are registering. The Chamber is responsible for catering and other event costs based on the registration count, not final attendees. You may register online or send your RSVP along with credit card payment directly to the designated contact via secure email.

Riverfest Set for Sept 8-10
Back for the 29th year, Riverfest is Clarksville’s oldest outdoor music festival. Set on the banks of the Cumberland River, this FREE celebration showcases the music, art, family recreation, and culture that make Clarksville great.

Join in the three days full of fun, from everyone’s favorite, the Riverfest Regatta, to the new Human Foosball Tournament. The Riverfest Art Experience kicks off Thursday night at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center. Friday and Saturday the Festival is in full swing at McGregor Park with three stages of entertainment, the Kids Area, and headline Brandy Clark!

Liberty Park
Riverfest Art Experience
Thursday, 9/8: 5:00pm

McGregor Park
Friday, September 9: 5 - 11pm
Saturday, 9/10: 10am - 11pm

Kids Area Hours:
Friday, September 9: 5 - 8pm
Saturday, 9/10: 10am - 8pm

www.clarksvilleriverfest.com
What is your full name?
Charles Edward Koon

What is your profession?
Director of Workforce & Economic Development at Workforce Essentials, Inc.

Where did you go to school and what did you study?
I graduated from Dickson County High School in 1984. I moved to Clarksville in 1986 and attended Austin Peay State University where I graduated with a degree in Ag-Business.

Why did you choose your current profession?
I have had interest in workforce and economic development for years and when this opportunity became available in 2014, I knew it was right for me. The opportunity to strengthen connections between business, industry and the state of Tennessee provides an opportunity for me to help my community and build my skills and knowledge. Being able to work with local and state officials to recruit new business and industry and help them develop workforce strategies is challenging but also very fulfilling.

What is your favorite meal?
I love a good steak and Alaskan King Crab Legs.

What do you like most about Clarksville?
In 1992 I opened Mary’s Music in Clarksville and it was evident that the community was very welcoming and supportive especially if you are willing to invest your time and resources to help make the community even stronger.

What is the easiest and most difficult part of your job every day?
The easiest part is knowing that I have an opportunity to help job seekers find employment and assist companies with developing a workforce strategy to find a qualified, talented workforce. Managing multiple projects at one time can be difficult but having a great support team can help make the difficult tasks very manageable.

What's your favorite movie or TV show?
Seinfeld. No doubt, one of the greatest sitcoms of all time.

Who is your role model?
My mother, Mary Herron. She taught me the importance of respecting people and how to be successful in business and in life.

What has been the toughest challenge you've had to overcome in your life?
We all have personal challenges but I guess my toughest challenge was starting a business (Mary’s Music) at the same time that I was graduating from APSU. Having been raised in the music business I thought it would be easy. I quickly realized that I had a lot to learn to be able to be successful. This experience turned out to be very beneficial especially as I help businesses and industries in our region recruit employees and develop workforce strategies.

When and to where was your last vacation?
This summer we traveled to Panama City Beach with my daughter’s dance team (ADE) to attend their national dance competition and then a few weeks later we ended up in Orlando and visited Disney World and Sea World.

What advice can you give others juggling a family and career?
You have to put family first. Without them, it would be hard to have a successful career.

What is something most Clarksvillians wouldn't know about you?
I began playing music as a Disc Jockey for dances in the 8th grade and paid my way through college by being a DJ at weddings and college parties. I still have all of my turntables, records and cds.

If you could leave one message to the Clarksville community what would it be?
Invest your time and talents into your community. Take time to be a volunteer and help others! Clarksville is a great place to raise a family, make it better by getting involved!
To Benefit Imagination Library

Date: Saturday, September 17th
Time: On-site Sign-in 9:30 am – First Toss at 10:00 am
Location: F&M Bank – 50 Franklin St.

Team Entry Fee: $50 cash or check made payable to Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce

Tournament Format: Guaranteed a minimum two games – Winner’s Bracket and Loser’s Bracket are single elimination. There is a maximum of 32 teams. Rules and Regulations on Back.

How to Register: Registration forms and fees can be picked up and dropped off at the Chamber Office, 25 Jefferson St., Suite 300, Clarksville, TN 37040 or contact Lucian at 931-245-4342 Lucian@clarksville.tn.us. Additional Information: Please visit CYP website http://www.clarksvillechamber.com/chamber/clarksville-young-professionals/

Deadline: Forms and fees must be received no later than Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016

SPONSORS NEEDED!!! $150 per sponsorship – Sponsors will get logo on the back of shirts and (1) two-man team in the tournament. Sponsorship deadline: Sept 1.

TEAM INFORMATION:

Player #1 Information
Name:
Company:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Email:
Phone:
Signature:

Player #2 Information
Name:
Company:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Email:
Phone:
Signature:

*Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

*Shirts available for the first 25 teams to register.

SPONSORSHIP: $150 Check made payable to Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Name of Company or Person:
Phone: Email:

Birthday for 100 years: October 2016
It’s never too early to encourage your child to think about College or Career choices. Attend the College and Career Night at APSU Foy Center, September 26, 2016, 5:00pm-7:00pm. All 11th and 12th graders from each high school are invited to participate.