

Why the Best Spot in the Room Is by the Door

Network Educator | Gulf Coast Networking | Thursday, October 22, 2026

The host meets the whole room. This week, you play host. Three free rooms give you the chance.

1 TIP OF THE WEEK: ACT LIKE THE HOST

Stand near the door for the first ten minutes. Greet the next guest who walks in. Walk that guest to one person worth meeting. A new owner gains an easy opener. A seasoned owner meets the newcomers first.

Follow up: Write one detail on the back of each card. Send a note the next morning.

2 NEXT 8 DAYS: OCT 22-29 (FREE OR LOW-COST)

Date	Time	Event and Place	Host
★ Thu Oct 22	5-7 PM	Chamber After 5, Nine Toes Brewing, 110 W Scenic Dr, Pass Christian. Complimentary.	MS Gulf Coast Chamber
Thu Oct 22	5-7; 5-8 PM	Fawkes Party Boat ribbon, Point Cadet Marina, Biloxi. OktoBEEfest, Chandeaur Brewing, Gulfport (\$10).	Biloxi Bay Area Chamber; Seabee Fdn.
Thu Oct 22	3:30; 4 PM	Monthly Mingle, Truewood by Merrill, Ocean Springs (free; call ahead). Ribbon cutting, Firetower Health & Wellness, Kiln.	Chamber member; Hancock Chamber
Mon Oct 26	1-1:30 PM	Ribbon cutting, Humane Society of South MS, 2615 25th Ave, Gulfport. Free.	MS Gulf Coast Chamber
★ Tue Oct 27	3:30-5 PM	Chamber 101 Welcome Social, Knight Nonprofit Center, 11975 Seaway Rd, Gulfport. Complimentary; bring cards.	MS Gulf Coast Chamber
Tue Oct 27	11:30 AM; 3 PM	Right Track Medical open house, Biloxi. Ribbon cutting, Medical Infusion Specialties, Gautier (free).	Right Track; MS Gulf Coast Chamber
Thu Oct 29	4-5 PM	Ribbon cutting, Anchor of Hope Pediatric Care, 2208 McLaurin St, Waveland.	Hancock Chamber
★ Thu Oct 29	5:30-8:30 PM	Boo on the Rue, 135 Rue Magnolia, Biloxi. Free downtown evening crowd.	Biloxi Bay Area Chamber
Oct 22-29	Noon; 6 PM	Gulfport Rotary (Thu). Toastmasters, Biloxi (Mon 6 PM). Biloxi Rotary, Exchange Club (Tue). Gulfport Kiwanis, Ocean Springs Rotary (Wed).	Civic clubs

★ **Top 3 picks.** Civic clubs welcome guests; lunch at your own cost. Details and links on page 2.

3 COMING UP: OCT 30-NOV 11

- **Fri Oct 30, noon-2 PM:** Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, DAV Chapter 5, 2600 23rd Ave, Gulfport. For veterans and spouses.
- **Wed Nov 4, 5-7 PM:** StartUP Gulf Coast Fall Mixer, CRAVE Food Hall, Ocean Springs. Free with registration.
- **Thu Nov 5:** Speed Networking, 3:30 PM, Knight Nonprofit Center (\$15 members). Hancock Business After Hours, 5 PM, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.
- **Tue Nov 10, 7:30-9:30 AM:** Pre-Legislative Briefing, Golden Nugget, Biloxi (\$35 members).
- **Wed Nov 11:** Gulf Blue Networking, Gulfport. Taste of Hancock, 6-8 PM, Bay St. Louis (\$50).
- **Ribbon cuttings:** Good Heart, Gulfport (Oct 30); Apelah, Ocean Springs (Nov 4).

4 2027 SEATS THAT MAY SUIT BUSINESS OWNERS

Business owners bring budget sense and local ties to these posts.

- **Key dates:** Qualifying opens early January and ends 5 PM Mon Feb 1, 2027. Primary Tue Aug 3, 2027. General Tue Nov 2, 2027. County candidates qualify with the county Circuit Clerk.
- **Election Commissioner, Districts 2 and 4 (Harrison and Jackson):** one-time 3-year term; D1, 3, 5 follow in 2028. Harrison D2: north/west Gulfport, Orange Grove, Lyman. D4: central/north Gulfport. Jackson D2: Moss Point, east Pascagoula. D4: Ocean Springs, Gulf Hills, St. Martin.
- **Board of Supervisors, Districts 1-5:** county budget, roads, and economic development.
- **County offices:** Justice Court Judge (nonpartisan), Constable, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Chancery Clerk. **Legislature:** State House and Senate seats on the Coast.

Confirm details with your county Circuit Clerk.

Greet one newcomer this week. Walk them to one friend.

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Extended Information: Event Links and Details, Oct 22-Nov 11, 2026

For the GCN website | Gulf Coast Networking

Details checked on live host pages Wed Oct 21, 2026. Times and places may change; confirm on the host page before you go.

All MS Gulf Coast Chamber events: [Chamber calendar](https://www.mscoastchamber.com/calendar/chamber-calendar) <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/calendar/chamber-calendar>

A NEXT 8 DAYS: OCT 22-29

★ Chamber After 5 | Thu Oct 22, 5-7 PM

Nine Toes Brewing Company, 110 W Scenic Dr, Pass Christian. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Complimentary. **Why attend:** The largest open mixer this week. Bring cards. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=Q26ScM6NNTl5OJyNKxd4iw2>

Fawkes Party Boat Ribbon Cutting | Thu Oct 22, 5-7 PM

Point Cadet Marina, Dock D, 119 Beach Blvd, Biloxi. Host: Biloxi Bay Area Chamber. Cost: confirm with host. **Why attend:** A waterfront room at Point Cadet. <https://www.biloxibayareachamber.org/events/ribbon-cutting-for-fawkes-party-boat/>

Ribbon Cutting: Firetower Health & Wellness | Thu Oct 22, 4-5 PM

1687 Firetower Rd, Kiln. Host: Hancock Chamber. Cost: confirm with host. **Why attend:** A short room in Kiln. <https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/ribbon-cutting-firetower-health-wellness-1952970>

Jackson County Chamber Business After Hours | Thu Oct 22, 4:30-6:30 PM

Merchants & Marine Bank, 4619 Main St, Moss Point (past 30 miles). Host: Jackson County Chamber. **Why attend:** Meet Jackson County owners. <https://business.jcchamber.com/events/details/business-after-hours-m-m-bank-2188>

Monthly Mingle: Halloween Edition | Thu Oct 22, 3:30-5 PM

Truewood by Merrill, 1260 Ocean Springs Rd, Ocean Springs. Host: Truewood by Merrill (MS Gulf Coast Chamber member event). Free; light appetizers. RSVP date was Oct 19; call 601-954-1490. **Why attend:** A free mixer open to all industries. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=jK8TC4ct9PWypZWh7Fk32w2>

OktoBEEfest Gulfport | Thu Oct 22, 5-8 PM

Chandeleur Island Brewing, 2711 14th St, Gulfport. Host: Navy Seabee Foundation. \$10 pre-registration. **Why attend:** A fit for veteran-owned firms. <https://seabee.org/event/oktobeeefest-gulfport-ms-2/>

Ribbon Cutting: Humane Society of South Mississippi | Mon Oct 26, 1-1:30 PM

2615 25th Ave, Gulfport. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Free. **Why attend:** Meet nonprofit leaders. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=D29jNXtIDAD8wZEn4lpYCA2>

★ Chamber 101: Welcome Social | Tue Oct 27, 3:30-5 PM

Knight Nonprofit Center, 11975 Seaway Rd, Gulfport. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Complimentary. Bring brochures and cards. **Why attend:** A first step for new members and guests. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=o%7cUnaUSkaJxPta7YAoz8yQ2>

Ribbon Cutting: Health Care Medical Infusion Specialties | Tue Oct 27, 3-3:30 PM

6510 US 90, Ste D, Gautier (near the 30-mile edge). Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Free. **Why attend:** A health-care room. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=3352F1LPiPITQzFpsYAvHA2>

Right Track Medical Group Open House | Tue Oct 27, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

1633 Popp's Ferry Rd, Ste A, Biloxi. Host: Right Track Medical Group. Cost: confirm with host. **Why attend:** A health-care B2B room. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/right-track-medical-group-biloxi-open-house-tickets-2002635523761>

HSSM HOWL-O-WEEN Haul | Tue Oct 27, 5:30-7:30 PM

2615 25th Ave, Gulfport. Host: Humane Society of South MS (chamber member event). \$10 donation. **Why attend:** A charity evening with fellow members. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=ra%7cYRhr2a%7cziqb88E5ExFg2>

Ribbon Cutting: Anchor of Hope Pediatric Care | Thu Oct 29, 4-5 PM

2208 McLaurin St, Waveland. Host: Hancock Chamber. Cost: confirm with host. **Why attend:** A short room in Waveland. <https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/ribbon-cutting-anchor-of-hope-pediatric-care-1960662>

★ Boo on the Rue | Thu Oct 29, 5:30-8:30 PM

Rue Magnolia, 135 Rue Magnolia, Biloxi. Host: Biloxi Bay Area Chamber. Free. **Why attend:** A downtown evening crowd. <https://www.biloxibayareachamber.org/events/8814/>

B COMING UP: OCT 30-NOV 11

Ribbon Cutting: Good Heart Professional Counseling Services | Fri Oct 30, 11-11:30 AM

706 E Pass Rd, Gulfport. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Free. **Why attend:** A short late-morning room. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=0BN5TqP6kRmyle66IK9jBw2>

Veterans Appreciation Luncheon | Fri Oct 30, noon-2 PM

2600 23rd Ave, Gulfport. Host: DAV Robert W. Veal Chapter #5 (chamber member event). For veterans and spouses; benefits help on site. **Why attend:** Meet veteran owners and neighbors. https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=vtXW_tn%7cXb93F98TB2WqQg2

HYP Emerging Leaders Trailblazer Session | Tue Nov 3, 8:30-10 AM

Business Resource Center, 300 S Second St, Bay St. Louis. Host: Hancock Chamber (Hancock Young Professionals). **Why attend:** Growth and contacts for young professionals. <https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/hyp-emerging-leaders-trailblazer-session-1928494>

Ribbon Cutting: Apelah | Wed Nov 4, 10:30-11 AM

810 Iberville Dr, Ocean Springs. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Free. **Why attend:** A short morning room. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=dH1MyjO6cyjEQfEaC3eGxQ2>

StartUP Gulf Coast Fall Mixer | Wed Nov 4, 5-7 PM

CRAVE Food Hall, 1515 Government St, Ste B100, Ocean Springs. Host: StartUP Gulf Coast. Free with registration. **Why attend:** Meet founders, mentors, and investors. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/startup-gulf-coast-fall-mixer-tickets-1998985595728>

Jackson County Chamber 2026 Annual Meeting | Wed Nov 4, 7:30-9 AM

Hilton Garden Inn, 2703 Denny Ave, Pascagoula (past 30 miles). Host: Jackson County Chamber. \$35 with breakfast. **Why attend:** A large chamber breakfast. <https://business.jcchamber.com/events/details/2026-annual-meeting-1868>

Speed Networking | Thu Nov 5, 3:30-5 PM

Knight Nonprofit Center, 11975 Seaway Rd, Ste B-120, Gulfport. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Members \$15; potential members \$25. **Why attend:** Two-minute rounds; bring cards. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=NLuZVo8fexYoD76oEuolqg2>

Business After Hours | Thu Nov 5, 5-7 PM

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, 1 Yacht Club Dr, Bay St. Louis. Host: Hancock Chamber with Hancock Whitney. **Why attend:** Hancock County's evening mixer. <https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/business-after-hours-hancock-whitney-1594879>

Pass Christian Breakfast with the Mayor | Fri Nov 6, 7:30-9 AM

Pass Christian Yacht Club, 120 Market St, Pass Christian. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Members \$40; non-members \$50. **Why attend:** Breakfast, networking, and the State of the City. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=%7CihVAx5WD4N%7cR%7c11H0xFmg2>

Pre-Legislative Briefing | Tue Nov 10, 7:30-9:30 AM

Golden Nugget Biloxi Hotel & Casino, 151 Beach Blvd, Biloxi. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Members \$35; potential members \$45. **Why attend:** Hear local legislators take questions on the coming session and meet local leaders. https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail/maUM_6R56C4CWcnNVzwgw2/pre-legislative-briefing

WOW Monthly Education & Empowerment Luncheon | Wed Nov 11, 10:30 AM-noon

Knight Nonprofit Center, Regions Room, 11975 Seaway Rd, Gulfport. Host: WOW (chamber member event). Free; \$14 lunch. **Why attend:** Women connect over a guest speaker. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=1ZlMwx4WemQJlZVJOZ9PLw2>

Gulf Blue Networking | Wed Nov 11

Gulf & Ship Island Building, 2605 13th St, Gulfport. Host: Gulf Blue (USM). Time and cost: confirm with host. **Why attend:** Meet blue-economy firms and agencies. <https://www.gulfblue.org/networking/>

Business After Hours: Taste of Hancock Pre-Party | Wed Nov 11, 4-6 PM

Bay St. Louis Community Hall, 301 Blaize Ave, Bay St. Louis. Host: Hancock Chamber with Community Bank. Chamber members. **Why attend:** A members' social hour before the tasting. <https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/business-after-hours-taste-of-hancock-pre-party-hosted-by-community-bank-1666535>

Taste of Hancock | Wed Nov 11, 6-8 PM

Bay St. Louis Community Center, 301 Blaize Ave, Bay St. Louis. Host: Hancock County Community Development Foundation with the Hancock Chamber. \$50; ages 21 and up. **Why attend:** Twenty-plus local restaurants in one room. <https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/taste-of-hancock-1599930>

LOOKING AHEAD

Taste of Long Beach | Thu Nov 12, 5-8 PM

Harper McCaughan Town Green, 301 Jeff Davis Ave, Long Beach. Host: Long Beach Chamber. \$50. **Why attend:** A large community evening. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=A1faDxSbbyih%7cH3S1eOV8Q2>

44th Annual Salute to the Military | Fri Nov 13, 7:30-9:30 AM

Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, 875 Beach Blvd, Biloxi. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Register; cost: confirm with host. **Why attend:** A signature chamber breakfast. <https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=5iHMdiw7orNAAf2JltZDYg2>

CIVIC CLUBS THAT WELCOME GUESTS

Lunch at your own cost. Call ahead where noted.

- **Rotary Club of Gulfport:** Thursdays noon, Great Southern Club, 2510 14th St. <https://rotaryclubofgulfport.org/>
- **Biloxi Rotary:** Tuesdays noon, Mary Mahoney's, 116 Rue Magnolia; Veterans Day program Nov 10. <https://rotary6840.org/clubinfo/rotary-club-of-biloxi>
- **Edgewater Rotary:** Wednesdays noon, Jalapeno Grill, 5 Pass Rd, Gulfport; evening social in place of lunch Oct 28. <https://rotary6840.org/clubinfo/edgewater-biloxi-gulfport>
- **Gulfport-Orange Grove Rotary:** 1st & 3rd Mondays noon (Nov 2), Coast Electric, Hwy 49 N. <https://rotary6840.org/clubinfo/gulfport-orange-grove>
- **Ocean Springs Rotary:** Wednesdays noon, Ocean Springs Yacht Club (call ahead). <https://rotary6840.org/clubinfo/ocean-springs>
- **Pass Christian Rotary:** Thursdays noon, Pass Christian Yacht Club (call ahead). <https://www.rotary6840.org/clubinfo/pass-christian>
- **Long Beach Rotary:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6 PM (Oct 27, Nov 10), Bulls' Restaurant (call ahead). <https://rotary6840.org/clubinfo/long-beach>
- **Bay St. Louis Rotary:** Wednesdays noon, Bay Waveland Yacht Club (call ahead). <https://rotary6840.org/clubinfo/bay-st-louis>
- **Gulfport Kiwanis:** Wednesdays noon, Great Southern Club. <https://mscoastchamber.chambermaster.com/members/member/gulfport-kiwanis-9874>
- **Exchange Club of Gulfport:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon (Oct 27, Nov 10), Golden Corral, Hwy 49 (call ahead). <https://member.nationalexchangeclub.org/club-locator/>
- **Bienville Toastmasters:** 2nd & 4th Mondays 6 PM (Oct 26, Nov 9), 796 Howard Ave, Biloxi; guests welcome. <https://9990.toastmastersclubs.org/>

FREE ONLINE LEARNING

SCORE Mississippi webinars (CT): QuickBooks Online Overview, Fri Oct 23, 10 AM. Marketing System That Grows Your Business, Mon Oct 26, noon. Holiday Marketing, Tue Oct 27, noon. Cybersecurity and AI, Wed Oct 28, 5 PM. DIY HR, Wed Nov 4, 10 AM. When Banks Say No, Wed Nov 4, 5 PM. All free. <https://www.score.org/ms/business-education/>

2027 ELECTIONS: OFFICIAL RESOURCES

Key dates: Qualifying ends 5 PM Mon Feb 1, 2027. Primary Tue Aug 3. General Tue Nov 2. File with the county Circuit Clerk.

- **MS SOS 2026 County Election Handbook** <https://www.sos.ms.gov/content/documents/elections/2026%20County%20Election%20Handbook.revised%2012-30-2025.pdf>
- **Mississippi Secretary of State: Elections** <https://www.sos.ms.gov/elections-voting>
- **Harrison County Election Commission** https://harrisoncountymys.gov/government/election_commission/index.php
- **Harrison County district map lookup** <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/4ab54b33a4994bf9aa3cc5032b1ce521/>
- **Jackson County Election Commission** <https://www.co.jackson.ms.us/334/Election-Commission>
- **Jackson County district map lookup** <https://ags.co.jackson.ms.us/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=343c49bf1be046b69f5c4988040dafd2>