Who Will You Introduce This Week?

Network Educator | Gulf Coast Networking | Thursday, November 5, 2026

The fastest way to earn a referral is to give one first. Three rooms this week give you the chance.

1 TIP OF THE WEEK: MAKE ONE INTRODUCTION PER ROOM

Before you leave an event, connect two people who should know each other. Give the reason in one line: "Jan fixes roofs; Tom manages 40 rentals." A new owner gains an easy opener and a reason to follow up. A seasoned owner becomes the first call when someone needs a name.

Follow up: Within 24 hours, send a three-line email that names both people, their businesses, and why they should talk. Then step aside.

2 NEXT 8 DAYS: NOV 5-12 (FREE OR LOW-COST)

Date	Time	Event and Place	Host
★ Thu Nov 5	3:30-5 PM	**Speed Networking, Knight Nonprofit Center, 11975 Seaway Rd, Gulfport. $15 members; $25 guests.**	**MS Gulf Coast Chamber**
Thu Nov 5	4:30-8 PM	Ribbon cutting, The Threaded Cork, Biloxi (4:30). Business After Hours, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (5). CASA After Hours, Walk-On's, D'Iberville (5-8, free).	Biloxi Bay Area Chamber; Hancock Chamber; CASA
Nov 6-7	Fri 7:30 AM; Sat 11 AM	Breakfast with the Mayor, Pass Christian Yacht Club ($40 members). Port Air Space Day, Waveland (free). Veterans Parade, D'Iberville.	MS Gulf Coast Chamber; Hancock Chamber
★ Tue Nov 10	7:30-9:30 AM	**Pre-Legislative Briefing, Golden Nugget, 151 Beach Blvd, Biloxi. $35 members; $45 guests.**	**MS Gulf Coast Chamber**
Wed Nov 11	9 AM; 10:30 AM	Veterans Day Open House, AFRH, 1800 Beach Dr, Gulfport (free). WOW Luncheon, Knight Nonprofit Center (free; $14 lunch).	AFRH-Gulfport; WOW
★ Wed Nov 11	5-7 PM	**Gulf Blue Networking, Gulf & Ship Island Building, 2605 13th St, Gulfport. Register.**	**Gulf Blue (USM)**
Nov 11-12	6 PM; 5 PM	Taste of Hancock, Bay St. Louis (Wed, $50). Taste of Long Beach, Harper McCaughan Town Green (Thu, $50).	Hancock Chamber; Long Beach Chamber
Nov 5-11	Noon; 6 PM	Gulfport Rotary (Thu). Toastmasters, Biloxi (Mon Nov 9, 6 PM). Biloxi Rotary, Exchange Club (Tue Nov 10). Kiwanis, Edgewater, 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: NOV 13-25

- **Fri Nov 13, 7:30-9:30 AM:** 44th Annual Salute to the Military, Beau Rivage, Biloxi ($50).
- **Sat Nov 14, 11 AM-3 PM:** Bud & Burgers in the Bay, Bay St. Louis Depot. $15 early bird; $100 business team entry.
- **Nov 18-20:** Ribbon cuttings, Gulfport (Nov 18, 20). CYP Bonfire, Ocean Springs (Nov 19). Hancock Chamber 100th birthday, Bay St. Louis (Fri Nov 20, noon).
- **Sat Nov 21, 9 AM-3 PM:** Edgewater Rotary Blood Drive, Edgewater Mall. Thanksgiving week: chamber calendars go quiet Nov 21-25; Biloxi Rotary skips Nov 24.

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.

Introduce two people this week. Watch who introduces you back.

Extended Information: Event Links and Details, Nov 5-25, 2026

For the GCN website | Gulf Coast Networking

Details checked on live host pages Wed Nov 4, 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

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★ **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. The chamber calendar lists 3:30-5 PM; some outside listings show 4-5 PM, so arrive at 3:30. **Why attend:** Two-minute rounds; bring cards and make one introduction before you leave. ▸https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=NLuZVo8fexYoD76oEuoIqg2

Ribbon Cutting: Author Cortney S. Lamar | Thu Nov 5, 4:30-6 PM
The Threaded Cork, 136 Rue Magnolia, Biloxi. Host: Biloxi Bay Area Chamber. Cost: confirm with host. **Why attend:** A downtown Biloxi room. ▸https://www.biloxibayareachamber.org/events/8978/

Business After Hours: Hancock Whitney | 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

CASA After Hours | Thu Nov 5, 5-8 PM
Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux, 11181 Mandal Pkwy, D'Iberville. Host: CASA of South Mississippi. Free; come and go; food and drinks for purchase. **Why attend:** Meet volunteer advocates and a service-minded crowd. ▸https://casasouthms.org/casa-after-hours/

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 address. ▸https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=%7cihVAx5WD4N%7cR%7c11H0xFmg2

Port Air Space Day Celebrating America 250 | Sat Nov 7, 11 AM-3 PM
Coleman Ave, Waveland. Host: Hancock Chamber. Free. A free Victory Belles concert runs Fri Nov 6, 7-8 PM, on the Waveland Town Green. **Why attend:** STEM exhibits and a large community crowd. ▸https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/port-air-space-day-celebrating-america-250-1588610

2026 Gulf Coast Veterans Parade | Sat Nov 7, 11 AM
Starts at D'Iberville Warrior Stadium; ends at the D'Iberville Town Green. Host: Gulf Coast Veterans Parade, Inc. Business entries welcome; a non-partisan parade. **Why attend:** A team day that honors veterans. ▸https://www.msveteransparade.org/parade

★ **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. Panel questions go to the chamber by email. **Why attend:** Hear local legislators preview the coming session and meet local leaders. ▸https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=maUM_6R56C4CWcnNVzwzgw2

AFRH-Gulfport Veterans Day Ceremony & Open House | Wed Nov 11, 9-11:30 AM (doors 8:30)
Armed Forces Retirement Home, 1800 Beach Dr, Gulfport. Host: AFRH-Gulfport. Free. **Why attend:** Meet veterans and buy crafts made by residents. ▸https://www.coastalmississippi.com/events/afrh-gulfport-veterans-day-ceremony-open-house/

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=1ZImwx4WemQJlZVJ0Z9PLw2

★ **Gulf Blue Networking: Building the Blue Economy | Wed Nov 11, 5-7 PM**
Gulf & Ship Island Building, 2605 13th St, Gulfport. Host: Gulf Blue (USM). Open event; register. Snacks, beer, and wine served. **Why attend:** Meet blue-economy firms, researchers, and agencies. ▸https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/yktjhv6

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. A Business After Hours pre-party for chamber members, hosted by Community Bank, runs 4-6 PM. **Why attend:** Twenty-plus local restaurants in one room. ▸https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/taste-of-hancock-1599930 ▸https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/business-after-hours-taste-of-hancock-pre-party-hosted-by-community-bank-1666535

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

B COMING UP: NOV 13-25

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. Individual ticket $50. **Why attend:** A signature chamber breakfast. ▸https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=5iHMdiw7orNAAf2JItZDYg2

Bud & Burgers in the Bay | Sat Nov 14, 11 AM-3 PM
Historic Train Depot, 1928 Depot Way, Bay St. Louis. Host: Hancock Chamber, with the Krewe of Nereids Mermaids Arts & Crafts Show. Online early bird $15 through 5 PM Wed Nov 11; $20 at the gate. Business team entry $100 (15 teams). **Why attend:** Put a business team in front of a festival crowd. ▸https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/bud-burgers-in-the-bay-presale-tickets-1970332 ▸https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/bud-burgers-in-the-bay-team-and-sponsor-registration-1588617

Ribbon Cutting: Trillium Medical Aesthetics | Wed Nov 18, 4-4:30 PM
2033 E Pass Rd, Gulfport. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Free. **Why attend:** A short late-afternoon room. ▸https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=eN1vVnFHOP8e1eo_Z9gfEw2

CYP Bonfire on the Beach | Thu Nov 19, 5:30-7:30 PM
100 Front Beach Dr, Ocean Springs. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber (Coast Young Professionals). Complimentary for CYP members. **Why attend:** Young professionals by the water. ▸https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=D8I2LbhMTOEVeUc0Y_ugnA2

Ribbon Cutting: Caffeine Express'O | **Thu Nov 19, noon-12:30 PM**

1111 US Hwy 90, Gautier (about 30 miles or more from Gulfport). Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Free. **Why attend:** A short midday room in Jackson County. ▸https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=99cJ8ITKxPGr011VqAK4DA2

Ribbon Cuttings: MS Aviation Heritage Museum; Gulf Coast Pack & Ship | **Fri Nov 20, 10 AM; 1 PM**

429 Pass Rd, Gulfport; 15007 Creosote Rd, Gulfport. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Free. **Why attend:** Two short rooms on one day. ▸ https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=KuRI5cBE5Rd_xcWb7oGkOw2 ▸https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=wmoIWCYn6fe8Zr35E6FsLQ2

Hancock Chamber Birthday and Historic Marker Unveiling | **Fri Nov 20, noon-1:30 PM**

Chamber office, 300 S Second St, Bay St. Louis. Host: Hancock Chamber. Open house. **Why attend:** Mark 100 years since the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club founded the chamber. ▸https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/chamber-s-birthday-celebration-and-unveiling-of-historic-marker-1976687

Edgewater Rotary Fall Blood Drive | **Sat Nov 21, 9 AM-3 PM**

Edgewater Mall, Biloxi. Host: Edgewater Rotary. **Why attend:** A volunteer team day with a civic club. ▸https://rotary6840.org/clubInfo/edgewater-(biloxi-gulfport)

Thanksgiving week: The MS Gulf Coast, Biloxi Bay Area, and Hancock chamber calendars show a break Nov 21-25. Biloxi Rotary skips its Nov 24 meeting. Edgewater Rotary holds its evening social in place of lunch Wed Nov 25. Savor the Coast (Nov 17, Ocean Springs) is canceled.

LOOKING AHEAD

HYP Emerging Leaders Social | **Tue Dec 1, 8:30-10 AM**

Business Resource Center, 300 S Second St, Bay St. Louis. Host: Hancock Chamber. **Why attend:** Launch of the young professionals' year. ▸ https://business.hancockchamber.org/chamber-calendar/Details/hyp-emerging-leaders-social-1916414

Long Beach Breakfast with the Mayor | **Tue Dec 1, 8-9 AM**

Coterie Long Beach, 300 Beach Blvd, Long Beach. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Members $40; non-members $50. **Why attend:** Breakfast and a city update. ▸https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=cqm2o9xQWx%7crhDV8LRlPsw2

Chamber After 5: AGJ Systems & Networks | **Thu Dec 3, 5-7 PM**

14257 Dedeaux Rd, Gulfport. Host: MS Gulf Coast Chamber. Complimentary. **Why attend:** An after-work chamber mixer. ▸ https://www.mscoastchamber.com/event-detail?e=Pwpwy1UnlB8ZE2kJzfn73w2

CIVIC CLUBS THAT WELCOME GUESTS

Lunch at your own cost. Call ahead where noted, and call ahead Thanksgiving week.

- **Rotary Club of Gulfport:** Thursdays noon, Great Southern Club, 2510 14th St, 15th Floor. ▸https://rotaryclubofgulfport.org/
- **Biloxi Rotary:** Tuesdays noon, Mary Mahoney's, 116 Rue Magnolia; Veterans Day program Nov 10; skips Nov 24. ▸https://rotary6840.org/clubinfo/rotary-club-of-biloxi
- **Edgewater Rotary:** Wednesdays noon, Jalapeno Grill, 5 Pass Rd, Gulfport; evening social in place of lunch Nov 25. ▸https://rotary6840.org/clubInfo/edgewater-(biloxi-gulfport)
- **Gulfport-Orange Grove Rotary:** 1st & 3rd Mondays noon (Nov 16), Coast Electric, 14082 Hwy 49 N. ▸https://rotary6840.org/clubInfo/gulfport-orange-grove
- **Ocean Springs Rotary:** Wednesdays noon, Ocean Springs Yacht Club; hygiene kit packing Nov 11; clothing drive through Nov 18. ▸ https://rotary6840.org/clubInfo/ocean-springs
- **Pass Christian Rotary:** Thursdays noon, Pass Christian Yacht Club, 120 S Market St (call ahead). ▸https://www.rotary6840.org/clubinfo/pass-christian
- **Long Beach Rotary:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6 PM (Nov 10, Nov 24), Bulls' Restaurant, Jeff Davis Ave (call ahead). ▸https://rotary6840.org/clubInfo/long-beach
- **Bay St. Louis Rotary:** Wednesdays noon, Bay Waveland Yacht Club; satellite club Tue Nov 10, 6:30 PM, La Chula. ▸https://rotary6840.org/clubInfo/bay-st-louis
- **Gulfport Kiwanis:** Wednesdays noon, Great Southern Club, 2510 14th St. ▸https://mscoastchamber.chambermaster.com/members/member/gulfport-kiwanis-9874
- **Exchange Club of Gulfport:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon (Nov 10, Nov 24), Golden Corral, 12255 Hwy 49 (call ahead). ▸ https://member.nationalexchangeclub.org/club-locator/
- **Bienville Toastmasters:** 2nd & 4th Mondays 6 PM (Nov 9, Nov 23), 796 Howard Ave, Biloxi, rear entrance; guests welcome. ▸ https://9990.toastmastersclubs.org/

FREE ONLINE LEARNING

SCORE webinars (CT, free): AI Content That Gets Found, Thu Nov 5, 6 PM. QuickBooks Online Tools, Fri Nov 6, 10 AM. Influencer Marketing for Small Business, Sat Nov 7, 8 AM. CMMC for Small Businesses and Subcontractors, Mon Nov 9, 11 AM. Attract Customers & Explode Your Sales, Tue Nov 10, 5 PM. Content Repurposing, Wed Nov 11, 9 AM. Master Your Money, Wed Nov 11, 5 PM. What Business Should You Be In?, Thu Nov 12, 6 PM. Turn AI into a Trusted Team Member, Mon Nov 16, 11 AM. ▸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://harrisoncountyms.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