

CHAMBERGRAM

JUNE 2021



FEATURING:

Chamber News

May Business Before Hours Recap

1972 Charter Member Profile: Southeast Beverage Company

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2

Government Affairs
8:00 AM

JUNE 8

Promotions &
Special Events
8:00 AM

JUNE 9

Athens Uptown
Business Assoc.
9:30 AM

JUNE 15

Ambassadors Club
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

JUNE 17

EDG Lunch & Learn
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MAY 23

In-person Business
Before Hours at
Shriver's Pharmacy
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUNE 3 - JUNE 30

Bobcat Student
Orientation

SEPTEMBER 16

Annual Dinner
& Auction

27TH ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING WRAP UP



What a par-fect day to be on out on the links! The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the generous sponsors and golfers who made the 27th Annual Chamber Golf Benefit such a success – one of the best in many years. Special appreciation goes out to the staff at **Athens Country Club** for their work to make it a great day!

Congratulations to this year's winners! First place went to Matt Dodd, Tracy Bobo, Tyler Daniels, and Tanner Wood from **Karr Audiology**. Second place went to Shane Jarret, Brian Mecum, Trent Patton, and Shay Brooks from **Snider, Fuller & Stroh**. We had some very skilled golfers who walked away with prizes. Congratulations to Mike Chapman from **Bickle Insurance** for the men's longest drive and Ashley Brown from **Quidel** for the women's longest drive. Longest putt goes to Chad Sayre from **KAL Electric** and closest to the pin belongs to Tracy Bobo from **Karr Audiology**. Much to everyone's surprise, there was no skins winner, which means the Chamber got to take that home. Finally, Kate Vest from **Ohio University Inn** took home the split-the-pot.

The weather was perfect, the teams were full, and laughter and joy abounded. I could not think of a better way to celebrate the next phase in reopening and reconnecting together.

Brightly!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dani Underhill". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dani Underhill, President



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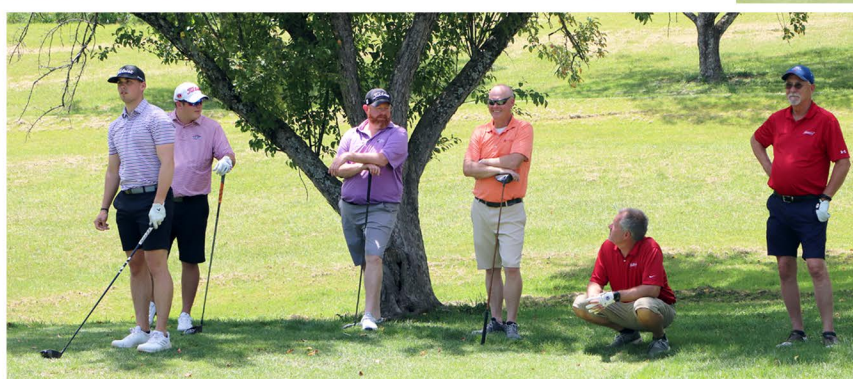
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2021 GOLF OUTING



SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 23

**IN PERSON
BUSINESS
BEFORE HOURS**

**Shriver's Pharmacy
& Wellness Center**

310 W. Union Street
Athens, OH 45701

7:30 - 9:00AM

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS

Interim Healthcare



On Wednesday, May 19th, the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce held their first in-person Business Before Hours in over a year at **Interim Healthcare**, located at 2101 E. State Street, Suite B, Athens. Interim Healthcare offers a broad range of home care, health care staffing, and other supportive services. Attendees were excited to meet face-to-face and enjoyed the warm weather and great conversations.

ATTENDEE AD

Each month, the Chamber will randomly select a business card at our monthly Business Before Hours, and the winner will receive space here in our newsletter to place a free ad. If you'd like to see your name here, enter the drawing by placing your business card in the basket when you sign in at our next networking event!

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CHAMBER NEWS



The Chamber's importance in the Athens business community was highlighted on May 20th, when Chamber President Dani Underhill was asked to lead a sit-down conversation recorded between Athens Mayor Steve Patterson and current Ohio University President Dr. M. Duane Nellis that will be featured during the welcome presentation for the 5th Annual Town Gown Summit. The City of Athens will host the 2021 OTGA Summit, a gathering of local community, government, and higher education leaders and stakeholders to be held on July 14 & 15. To learn more and register to see the full interview, please visit ohiotowngown.com.

In the Works

Chamber President Dani Underhill and the Athens Uptown Business Association (AUBA) have been working with uptown businesses to lobby the Athens City Council to approve legislation that would create a designated outdoor refreshment area, or DORA, throughout the Uptown district. This designation would soften open container restrictions Uptown and allow patrons to move out of bars, onto the streets, and even into non-drinking establishments with alcoholic beverages. To learn more about this effort to make Athens and Uptown Athens even more of a destination, check out this [recent article from The Athens News](#).



Let the Chamber help you celebrate!

Have a big announcement to make? Let us know so we can share your news! Email Kristin at kristin@athenschamber.com.

In order to stay best positioned to help the needs of our diverse membership, Chamber board members, staff, and key community partners met on May 13th for the 2021 Strategic Plan Retreat. Facilitated by Josh Torres, Executive Consultant and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio, the all-day retreat guided the creation of a 3-year strategic plan that will further strengthen the Chamber and the local business community.

CHAMBER NEWS

YAP is Back!

The Chamber is excited to announce that we are now an organizing partner for **Young Athens Professionals (YAP)**! Founded in 2009 by **Career Connections** and the **Athens Economic Development Council**, YAP's goal is to provide career-minded young adults with the opportunity to connect with area business leaders and each other.

What is YAP?

Geared towards young adults, graduate students, and young professionals in the early stages of their careers, YAP promotes social interaction and business networking. YAP supports local businesses by hosting a free monthly happy hour at a different local business each month, and the Chamber is working with our partners to create additional programming and networking opportunities throughout the year, so stay tuned!

Want to get involved?

Please spread the word to employees, colleagues, and other young professionals in your network. YAP also provides sponsorship opportunities for our happy hour events – please email youngathensprofessionals@gmail.com for details.

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A promotional poster for the YAP event. It features a background image of two wine glasses filled with a golden liquid, set against a warm, sunset-like glow. The YAP logo is at the top. The text "SAVE THE DATE!" is in large, green, italicized letters. Below it, "Thursday June 10" is in green. The venue "Ohio University Inn & Conference Center" is in white, with the address "331 Richland Avenue, Athens" below it. The time "5pm - 7pm" is in large white letters, and "Free admission | Complimentary apps" is at the bottom in white.

yap

SAVE THE DATE!

**Thursday
June 10**

**Ohio University Inn
& Conference Center**
331 Richland Avenue, Athens

5pm - 7pm

Free admission | Complimentary apps

Athens Uptown Business Association Spotlight



6 West State Street
Athens, OH 45701

Carryout

Monday - Thursday
11am - 8pm
Friday & Saturday
9am - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

Reservation Dine-in

Friday
4-9pm
Saturday
9am - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 3pm



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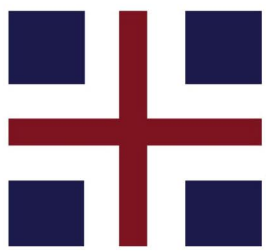


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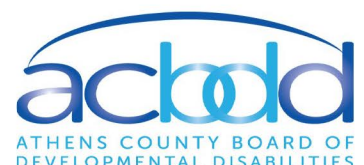
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1972 CHARTER MEMBER PROFILE

As part of a series recognizing charter members of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, this month features excerpts from an interview with Austin Phillips, President of Southeast Beverage Co.



Above: President Austin Phillips and members of the Southeast Beverage Company staff.

Southeast Beverage Company

771 W. Union Street, Athens | southeast-beverage.com | 740-593-3353

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

We distribute beverages to local businesses such as convenience stores, grocery stores, bars and restaurants. We have several types of beverages including beer, wine, spirits, and non-alcohol products.

A LONG HISTORY

My father, Andy Phillips, moved my family to Ohio in 1992 after he purchased Pico Distributing, located in Glouster, Ohio, with 25 employees. In 2010 we purchased Kerr Distributing*, and moved our offices from Glouster to their Athens facility. We currently have 78 employees servicing 19 counties in southern and central Ohio.

*Note: Kerr Distributing was an original charter member of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce; in 2010 their charter member designation was transferred to Southeast Beverage when they were acquired by that company.

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

We believe in the mission and goals of the Chamber and want to continue to see other local businesses thrive.

WHAT TO KNOW

We're a family business and are lucky to have some of the best people around working with us.

SECRETS TO SUCCESS

My father is a self-made businessman, starting as a summer helper on a beer truck in Texas, then working for a major brewery and climbing his way to a director role. He was asked what his goals were, and he answered that he wanted to own his own distributorship. He ended up getting that opportunity, and our success was because of his relentless hard work, the principals of honesty and integrity, and managing by the golden rule philosophy to treat people as you would like to be treated.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT ATHENS?

The beautiful natural features and terrain of the area. I do a lot of running, both on roads and trails, and continue to be amazed at how beautiful our surroundings are.



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS ON THE OFFICIAL ATHENS CHAMBER MAP!

We are excited to once again provide you with the opportunity to advertise in the **Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Map**, produced and printed locally through a partnership with *The Athens News* and *The Athens Messenger*. For more information on how to make sure that your full-color ad will run in the 10,000 high quality maps that are distributed widely around Athens, including in area hotels and motels and through the Ohio University Visitor Information Center and the Athens County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, click on the link below!

2021 ATHENS CHAMBER MAP INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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