

Nominees – Board of Directors

Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce

2010-2012

Callie Chessor is currently employed with InnLink LLC Central Reservation Service Corporate office as a Revenue Manager located in Hendersonville. Since 1991 InnLink has been the trusted partner connecting hoteliers with a variety of services to build their business. InnLink serves over 2000 hotels, resorts, inns, bed & breakfasts, condominiums and extended-stay properties nationwide. Prior to working for InnLink, Callie



was the Director of Sales and Marketing at the Holiday Inn Express, Nashville North.

Prior to working in the hospitality industry, Callie had 15 years of retail experience, three years as a real estate office manager and owned and operated Southern Pines Bed & Breakfast in Clarksville TN. She obtained her BA in Marketing and an Associate's degree in Business from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

Callie and her husband David reside in Gallatin, TN. She has two grown daughters Jaime and Christina. She also has two stepdaughters Jessica and Desire' and five grandchildren, Bailey, Emma, Tristen, Hunter and Sophia. Callie currently serves on the executive board of directors for the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce as the Vice-Chair of Promotions.

Cathy Hardaway is the President of Cumberland Builders, an award-winning residential building company. She grew up in Hendersonville and attended Hendersonville public schools. Cathy worked in the banking industry for six years and has, for the past 24 years, worked in the family construction business.



Since 1986, Cathy has directed her company's involvement with Project Pencil, a community service project that links businesses and other resources to help supply Metro Nashville Public School students with enrichment opportunities, school supplies, and encouragement. She has served with other organizations including being the Local Director on the board of the Middle TN Home Builders Association since 2002, Past board member of the East Area Business Council, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of Twelve Stones Crossing Neighborhood Ladies Club and Secretary/Treasurer of Life Style Real Estate Advisors, Inc.

Dr. Megan Johnson grew up Hendersonville and graduated from Hendersonville High School in 1999. She then attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, graduating in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science. Dr. Johnson moved to St. Louis, MO and received a second Bachelor of Science degree in Human Biology,



as well as a Doctorate of Chiropractic from Logan College of Chiropractic. After owning a private practice in Hendersonville, she decided to walk away and pursue a career as a Neurophysiologist. Dr. Johnson works in the operating room with Neurosurgeons, monitoring patient's neurophysiology to help improve surgical outcomes. Dr. Johnson enjoys spending time volunteering in the community, shopping, and hanging out with her family.

Dr. Charles Lea Dr. Charles Lea has been a fixture in higher education in the Sumner County community for 18 years.



After serving as Academic Vice-President and Interim President at Chattanooga State Community College Charles moved to Sumner County in 1991 to join Hal Ramer and the staff at Volunteer State as Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

Under his leadership the college became the fastest growing college in the state for 10 years in a row. Numerous expansions in the curriculum occurred. Dr. Lea established the first distance education program and Dual Enrollment program at the college. Today both initiatives are considered state and regional models of "best practice".

In June 2007 Dr. Lea retired from Vol State but not from higher education. After a year of consulting and teaching, Dr. Lea was instrumental in locating a new campus of Union University to Hendersonville. Today he serves the university as Executive Director and Professor of Educational Leadership.

Dr. Lea earned his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and his Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration from the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Dr. Lea has served on the graduate faculty of both the University of Memphis and Tennessee State University. In addition he is a frequent conference speaker at state, regional and national meetings and conferences.

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Charles and his wife Rita have two grown children, Lewis who lives in Hendersonville, and Lauren who lives in West Palm Beach Florida.

Dr. Lea has been very active in both church and civic endeavors in the mid-state. He currently serves on the Board of Hendersonville Medical Center, is Vice-President of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Workforce Investment Regions Youth Council, a member of the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and deacon and Sunday School teacher at his church.

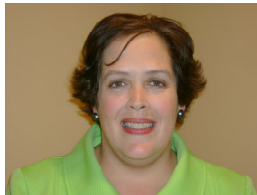
Dr. Lea is passionate about his community, church, and Union University.

Garry May is the Managing Partner with the Chop House Restaurant in Hendersonville and Murfreesboro. Working his way up through the company, Garry began his journey in 1996 as a first assistant in the Chattanooga location. A quick study, he became General Manager in 2001 in Dayton, OH and then moved to the Knoxville location. In 2005, he became the Managing Partner of the Murfreesboro location, opened the Hendersonville location in 2007 and since 2009 has been Managing Partner of both locations.

Garry attended McCallie High School in Chattanooga and went on to graduate from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. Hotel and Restaurant Administration with a minor in Business.

Garry has been involved with the Chamber's Taste of Hendersonville since 2007 and in 2009 the Chop House was named Best National Restaurant.

Michele Owens has been with GreenBank for nine years. Michele is the Branch Manager of the Indian Lake Branch. She is committed to providing superior customer service and understands that successful businesses form a close relationship with their bank officer. She can facilitate your every banking need such as business checking, merchant services, remote deposit and credit lines to name a few.



Michele is a member of the Hendersonville Morning Rotary Club who also volunteers for many civic organizations. You will see her around town at various civic events, school functions, football games and Chamber of Commerce activities.

Gilda York is the owner of Ambassadors Formalwear by



Gilda, a retail formalwear business specializing in the sale and rental of men's formalwear. She has 30 years experience working in the men's formalwear industry and is a certified wedding director, planner, and consultant. Gilda is also a founding member of the Tennessee Wedding & Event Specialist Association (TWESA).

Gilda is very active in several community and civic organizations. She is a member of the Goodlettsville, Madison-Rivergate, and Hendersonville Chambers of Commerce. She is a member of the Goodlettsville Chamber's Board of Directors and is a past Board member and President of the Madison-Rivergate Chamber. Gilda is also a member of the Madison-Rivergate Chamber's Women in Business and is a member and past president of the Madison Kiwanis Club. She is a member of the Kings Daughters and Sons and is currently serving as a member of the King's Daughter Child Development Center's Board of Directors, and is the incoming Chairman for the Center's Board of Directors.

Gilda grew up in Madison, TN and is a graduate of Madison High School. She attended Middle Tennessee State University. She has been married to her husband, Bob for 29 years. They have two married children and one grandson.