

2018



CHAIRMAN'S DINNER

APRIL 17, 2018

ERIE MEYER CIVIC CENTER

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GUMBO HOSTS INAUGURAL CHAIRMAN'S DINNER WITH GOVERNOR IVEY

On April 17, GUMBO hosted the inaugural GUMBO Chairman's Dinner with special guest, Governor Kay Ivey, at the Erie Meyer Civic Center. Over 125 business, community and political leaders were in attendance.

The event began with a private reception at the Gulf Shores Museum where Governor Ivey visited with each person. Attendees of the reception included premiere sponsors of the event including SH Enterprises, Columbia Southern University, Vulcan, Inc., the Coastal Alabama Chamber of Commerce and the South Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce Gateway Initiative.

Following the reception, attendees enjoyed an elegant dinner catered by Gulf Shores Diner. Martin Christie of [Christie Strategy Group](#) emceed the program. Martin has represented GUMBO before the legislature and Executive branch in Montgomery for almost 15 years. Martin discussed the positive impact GUMBO has had on the Gulf Coast and in Montgomery and outlined the many successes the organization has enjoyed in the past.

Following Martin's presentation, Bubba Lee honored outgoing GUMBO Board Chairman, Anthony Kaiser. Anthony has served GUMBO as Board Chairman since 2004. With Anthony's leadership and support from our stakeholders and the entire Board, GUMBO has become the premier organization representing the Gulf Coast in Montgomery and Washington, D.C., proclaiming the uniqueness and importance of South Baldwin County. After this year, Vulcan Inc.'s Tommy Lee will transition into the role as Chairman of the Board, and Anthony will continue serving as a member of the Board. We all appreciate and thank Anthony for his leadership and tireless work on behalf of GUMBO over the past 14 years.

Following the recognition of Anthony, GUMBO Board Member, Patrick Bussey, recognized GUMBO-endorsed candidates and others in attendance.

Following the recognition of candidates, Sheila Hodges of SH Enterprises, introduced Gov. Ivey via video, as she could not be in attendance. Sheila hailed Gov. Ivey's accomplishments and commitment to the state, emphasizing her special relationship with Alabama's Gulf Coast.

Gov. Ivey addressed the crowd as friends and emphasized her dedication to South Baldwin County. She spoke of her desire to improve education, from Pre-K to career-ready. As a former teacher, Gov. Ivey knows the importance of a quality education, starting with Pre-K as the foundation. She also spoke of the decreasing unemployment rate since becoming Governor, now at a record low of 3.5 percent. She emphasized the importance of economic development, especially to Baldwin County, and highlighted the Toyota-Mazda plant that will bring 4,000 jobs to North Alabama. She said she hopes to continue attracting large economic development projects to the state, and she understands the potential of the Baldwin County megasite.

Gov. Ivey was complimentary of and grateful to GUMBO for our continued strong support. She vows to be a conservative fighter and continue to "steady the ship of state."

Thank you to Michelle Stancil for capturing the success of the event through photos. To view the entire collection, click [here](#).

2018 GUMBO-ENDORSED CANDIDATES

STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

Governor Kay Ivey
Twinkle Cavanaugh (Lt. Governor)
Attorney General Steve Marshall

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

Jeb Ball, District 1
Joe Davis, District 2
Tucker Dorsey, District 3

ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Sen. Greg Albritton, SD 22 (R - Atmore)
Chris Elliott, candidate for SD 32 (vacated by Sen. Trip Pittman)
Sen. Del Marsh, SD 12 (R - Anniston)
Sen. Jabo Waggoner, SD 16 (R - Vestavia)
Sen. Greg Reed, SD 5 (R - Jasper)
Sen. Billy Beasley, SD 28 (D - Clayton)
Sen. Rodger Smitherman, SD 18 (D-Birmingham)
Sen. Vivian Figures, SD 33 (D - Mobile)
David Sessions, candidate for SD 34 (vacated by Sen. Rusty Glover)
Jack Williams, candidate for SD 35 (vacated by Sen. Bill Hightower)
Mary Scott Hunter, candidate for SD 2 (vacated by Sen. Bill Holtzclaw)
Rep. Mac McCutcheon, HD 25 (R - Monrovia)
Rep. Steve Clouse, HD 93 (R - Ozark)
Sam Jones, HD 99 (vacated by Rep. James Buskey)
Rep. Adline Clarke, HD 97 (D - Mobile)
Rep. Barbara Drummond, HD 103 (D - Mobile)
Rep. Bill Poole, HD 63 (R - Tuscaloosa)
Rep. Rod Scott, HD 55 (D - Fairfield)
Rep. Chris Pringle, HD 101 (R - Mobile)
Chip Brown, candidate for HD 105 (vacated by Rep. David Sessions)
Rep. Anthony Daniels, HD 53 (D - Huntsville)
Rep. Napoleon Bracy, HD 98 (D - Mobile)
Rep. Joe Faust, HD 94 (R - Fairhope)
Rep. Alan Baker, HD 66 (R - Brewton)
Rep. Harry Shiver, HD 64 (R - Bay Minette)
Rep. Steve McMillan, HD 95 (R - Gulf Shores)
Rep. Thomas Jackson, HD 68 (D - Thomasville)
Matt Simpson, candidate for HD 96 (vacated by Rep. Randy Davis)

BALDWIN COUNTY SHERIFF

Hoss Mack

Gulf United Metro Business Organization (GUMBO) is a coalition of local business leaders, chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus and tourism/travel organizations who are committed to the intelligent growth and development of south Baldwin County, Alabama. Our mission is to foster better communication between area business leaders and government officials at the local, state and federal levels to enhance the growth and sustainability of south Baldwin County and provide economic opportunity for our citizens.