

Thursday February 21st, 2024

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2023 AMBASSADORS















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Ambassador of the Quarter



Joy Simpson
Jan. - March.



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Jul. - Sept.



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Oct. - Dec.

Thank you to the Ambassador sponsors:







New 2024 Ambassadors



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John Gonzalez



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LaTrina Howell



Stacey Keaton



Scott Herndon

2023 In Review

34

Ribbon Cuttings & Groundbreakings

2 CONFERENCE ONE

Events

58

New Members

407

Total Membership

29 8

Keystone Investors 89.4%

Retention Rate Exceeded By

20%

New Member Budget Exceeded

By

5.5%

Renewal Budget

2023

Social Media

Facebook

Since Dec 2022

128,294

16.3%

Total Reach

Increase

Content Interaction

97.4%

Increase

+658 Followers Instagram Since Dec 2022

4,105

Total Reach

Increase

13.6%

Content Interaction

100%

Increase

+118 Followers

Tik Tok Since Dec 2022

184

Average Views Per Video

+44Followers



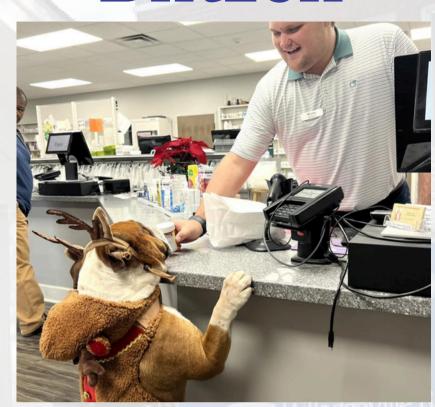
2023 Social Campaigns

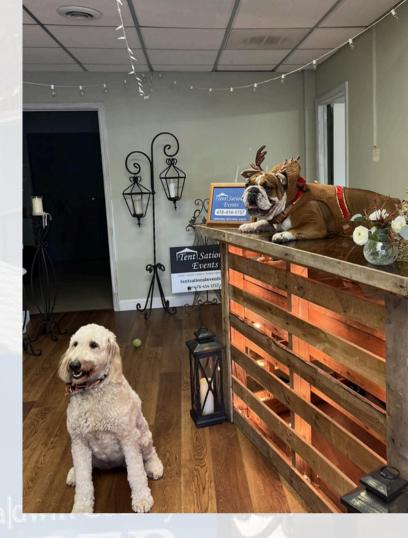
Chamber TV











Business of the week



BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

The Briary Flower Shop 3015 Heritage Pl Suite B, Milledgeville, GA 31061 Thank you
Thursday



Pillar 1

CULTIVATE, COLLABORATE, & CONNECT

Chamber

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Build relationships, engage businesses and grow connections
- 2. Lead by example with newer business models for a changing economy
- 3. Connect business members with other similar business structures and needs

INITIATIVES:

- Revamp Ambassador Program
- Incorporate Member Buddy Program
- New Member Orientation
- Professional Headshot Event with Lifescapes Photography

Grade

Α+

Community

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Cultivate stronger relationships with Development Authorities
- 2. Connect with younger generations and provide them with opportunities to engage with community leaders and learn about the wide variety of career fields and jobs that are here in Milledgeville-Baldwin County
- 3. Create intergenerational connections

INITIATIVES:

- Expanded Leadership Programs
- Created 501(c)3 Foundation
- Participated in PROPEL (Planning Rural Opportunities for Prosperity and Economic Leadership)

<u>Grade</u>

Pillar 2

EDUCATE, EMPOWER, & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Chamber

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Enable businesses to empower employees and achieve success
- 2. Create opportunities to retrain and redevelop how people work and contribute after the Pandemic
- 3. Be the intermediary between the business community as well as primary and secondary educational institutes

INITIATIVES:

- Held Employ Baldwin with over 25 vendors and over 150 job seekers
- Partnered with GCSU School of Continuing & Professional Studies to host business workshops

Grade

Α+

Community

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To attract, develop and retain qualified leaders and workforce for the future economic success of the business community
- 2. Build programs for entrepreneurship training and strategic mentorship programs
- 3. Create resources to help guide new businesses into the business world

INITIATIVES:

<u>Grade</u>

Α+

- Continue the CREATE (Cultivating Rural Entrepreneurs and Transforming Economies) Program
- Work Force Readiness C+
- Students in Business

Pillar 3

PROVIDE, PROSPER, & PROTECT

Chamber

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Ensure businesses have the tools they need to prosper locally
- 2. Provide resources, innovative technology, and economic relationships to help guide people and businesses to the business world
- 3. Be a central hub to bring the business community, primary, and secondary educational Institutes as well as Community Leaders together to ensure we continue to provide our businesses with the tools they need to be successful

INITIATIVES:

- Implemented a new Member Management system (GrowthZone)
- Updated Graphics

<u>Grade</u>

В

Д+

Community

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Attract students from our local educational institutions to stay in the community
- 2. Create awareness of opportunities for businesses

INITIATIVES:

- Community Guide
- Helped Revitalize Keep Milledgeville Baldwin Beautiful

<u>Grade</u>

Α-

Д+

CHAMBER & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN: YEAR 3

CULTIVATE, COLLABORATE, & CONNECT

- Apply for GACCE Chamber Recertification
- Revamp our Membership Levels & Benefits
- PROPEL Year 2
 - Workforce Summit
- 100 Visits in 100 Days

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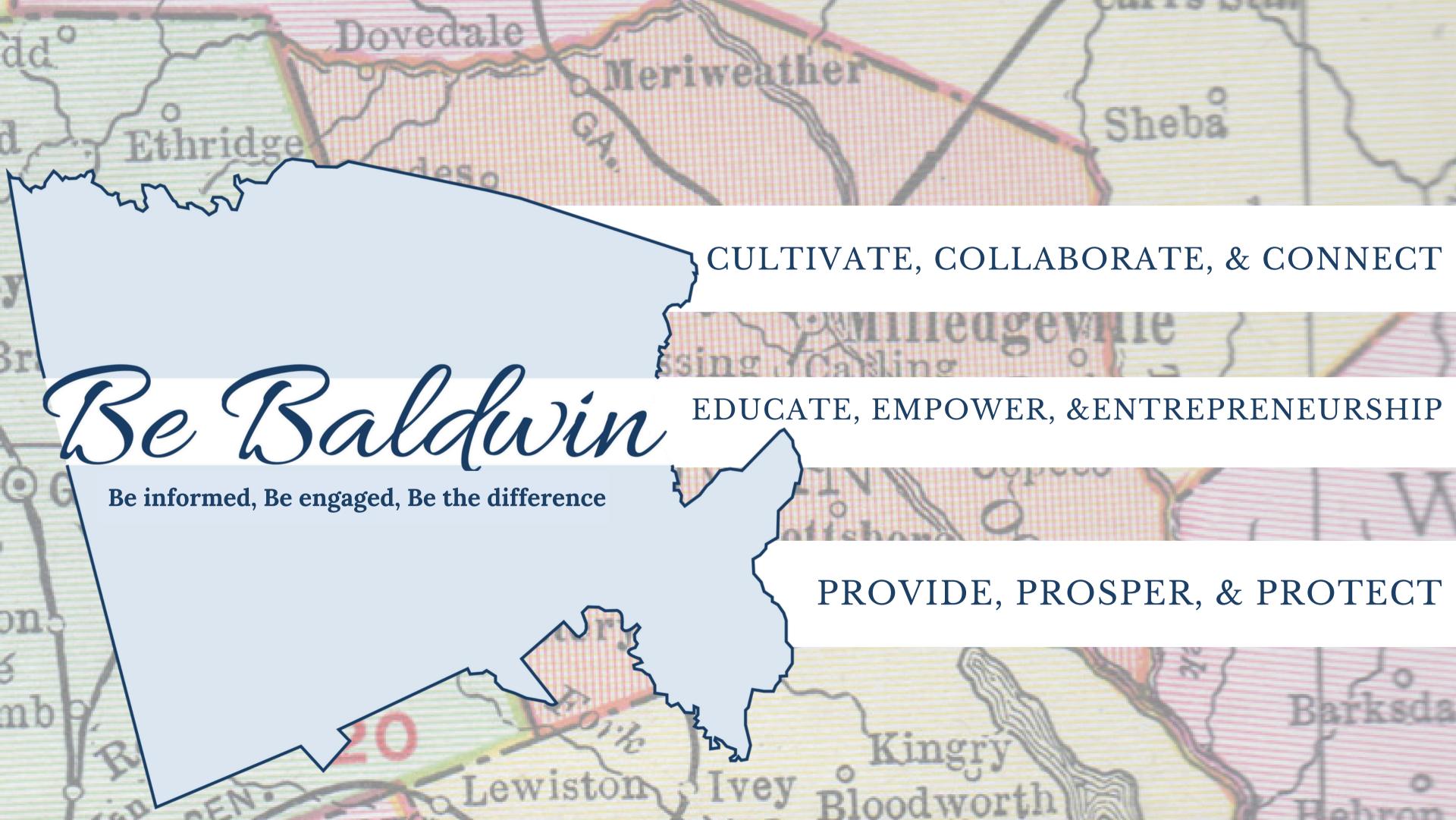
EDUCATE, EMPOWER, & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- CREATE
 - Continue Start-up Mixer
 Classes
 - Engage College Students
- Implementation of Workforce Readiness Progam and Students in Business

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PROVIDE, PROSPER, & PROTECT

- Creation of Advocacy Commitee
- Membership & Events Surveys
- Better utilize member database system features: GrowthZone
- Wayfinding Signage Master Plan





Together we can be informed, be engaged, and be the difference.