



CHAMBER NEWS

SPRING 2023

BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES

CM Keyes Dental Clinic
Established 1/03/1995

Scott's Appliance Repair
Established 01/01/2008

Fred Clement Welding
Established 01/01/2015

Chapala Restaurant
Established 01/03/2001

The Hooker Advance
Established 02/01/1904

PCHC Dental Clinic
Established 02/22/2022

Southern Office Supply
Established 03/01/1985

Roberts Brothers Funeral Home
Established 03/01/2003

MoTown's Music and Sound
Established 03/01/2003

Hooker American Legion Bingo
Established 03/05/2022

Petty & Carrillo, PLLC
Established 03/31/1964

Mills' Ideal Foods
Established 05/01/1989

Brown & Associates Insurance
Established 05/01/2005

Ekkel Diesel Repair
Established 05/01/2018

Hooker Chamber Gift Shop
Established 05/14/1992

Congratulations to these hometown businesses and members. We appreciate your membership and your contribution to our community.

Chamber Membership

Our 2023 membership drive is just wrapping up. As I write this newsletter we have 55 active members this year, four of which are new. I am thankful for all our community-minded chamber businesses and individuals, and I encourage you to be active in your organization. I am so proud of all the things we accomplish as a volunteer group.

Your membership dues help fund the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July activities, Halloween celebration, and Christmas events. Dues also allow us to promote our town and businesses with advertisements, drawings, and support for other community events. Of course, there are times we ask for donations for prizes and giveaways. We do feel they help provide a glimpse of what our members have to offer, and we appreciate the donations you provide.

Your involvement is also important. If you have comments, ideas, want to help with events, or just want to keep up with what is happening, you are encouraged to contact any of our officers, and attend our monthly meetings.

I hope you have renewed your membership. If you have not, please contact me and I will be happy to assist. We certainly don't want you to miss out on all that membership offers, but we cannot include non-renewing members in the roster. A list of 2023 members is on our website at www.hookerokcofc.net or just click the link below.

[Chamber Membership List | HookerCofC \(hookerokcofc.net\)](#)

Mary Beth Puyear

Planning for 4th of July

It's still early, but with the severe drought continuing it is looking less likely every day that we will be able to have a fireworks display this 4th of July. Of course, we will still plan for the chamber hotdog feed and free swimming. But if we are not able to have fireworks it will be up to chamber members to decide if an alternative evening entertainment is offered. If you have an idea or would like to help with an event to help Hooker celebrate Independence Day, be sure to let us know or attend the next chamber lunch on May 4th and join our planning discussion.

2023 Easter Egg Hunt

We had a fun Chamber Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1st. Several chamber members and good-hearted community members filled eggs, hid eggs and handed out prizes, and kids had a ball hunting them. The Easter Bunny made an appearance to greet kids and take pics with them, and the Ekkel Diesel Repair train carried kids of all ages around the park in style. The event ended with the drawing for the Chamber Easter Basket, won by Juan Moreno. Thank you to Laneta Adams, Sarah Barnes, Dr. David Jones, Linda Brown, Joe Torchia, Shellie Shorb, business prize donors, and everyone who helped make this event a success!



2023 Chamber Banquet

Chamber members were treated to a fun evening of food and bingo at the chamber banquet on January 28th. Oklahoma Smoke served up delicious BBQ, and the Hooker American Legion Bingo crew provided the entertainment with a special “chamber” version of the game. Members of the Year announcements were also made. Winners were: Business of the Year—First National Bank of Hooker; Business Person of the Year—Mary Beth Puyear; New Business of the Year—PCHC Dental Clinic; Chamber Supporter of the Year—Wendell Mills; Chamber Volunteer of the Year—Sheila Blankenship. We extend a special thank you to Sheila Blankenship, Laneta Adams and Linda Brown for all their work in planning the banquet and making sure everything got done.

Membership Meetings

Mark your calendar to attend the monthly chamber membership meetings on the first Thursday of each month at noon at the Chamber Gift Shop, 102 W Highway 54. Catch up on chamber happenings, have some lunch and enjoy visiting with other chamber members. See you there!

2023 Chamber Officers:

Mary Beth Puyear, President
Brenda Romero, Vice President
Craig Adams, Treasurer
Sheila Blankenship, Secretary

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2023 Chamber Events

Events are subject to change and updates will be made as needed.

January 28	Chamber Banquet
April 1	Easter Egg Hunt
July 4	4 th of July Celebration
September 9	Hooker Car Show by Hooker Car Club
September 30	Chamber Golf Tournament
October 31	Halloween Trunk or Treat
December 2	Christmas Parade
December 7	Christmas Cookie Crawl

Member Business Promotion

Gold and Silver Chamber members are eligible for 2 promotions per year on our website and member communications. For more info, contact Mary Beth at (580) 522-1655 or mail@hookerokcofc.net

CHAMBER COMMERCE CASH IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR GIFTS, PRIZES AND AWARDS. GIVE A GIFT THAT PROMOTES SHOPPING LOCALLY! SEE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HOOKER TO PURCHASE. NO PURCHASE FEES. ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS CAN ACCEPT COMMERCE CASH.