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A Letter From The President





We have officially reached the halfway point of 2019 and the ABA is continuing to reach new levels of success! On May 18th we held the first ever ABA Educational Outreach Cornhole Tournament. Thank

you for everyone that came out to enjoy the food, drinks and competition. We especially want to thank our sponsors Steele Creek Printing and Design, Elite Resources, Carolina Beer Temple and Cybertary. We look forward to continuing this tournament next year and hope you will join us.

In case you missed the April luncheon Tom Murray of the CRVA was on hand. We can't thank him enough for the wonderful information about our area. We had a great atmosphere and an even better speaker. Thanks again Tom! Our next luncheon will be on June 27th at the Embassy Suites Arsely. Chris Elmore will join us to speak on his success in entrepreneurship and many other topics. Please bring a guest and enjoy what will be a highly entertaining luncheon!

Now that our Cornhole Tournament is finished we turn our attention to our annual golf event. It will be held this year on September 12th at the Palisades Country Club. This is always a tremendous event and is huge for our fundraising efforts. The money that we raise goes back to Olympic High School and the feeder schools in the form of teacher grants. Please come out

and enjoy a great tournament and help our schools be the best they can be.

In closing we want to thank each of you for your support of the ABA. If you are looking for more ways to get involved please reach out to myself or any other board member. We are always looking for volunteers at our luncheons and golf tournament. We also need new Board members who want to help make a difference. Please let us know if you have any interest and we look forward to seeing you on June 27th!

Kyle Neely Founders Federal Credit Union ABA President

June Events

Calendar

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27th Membership Luncheon at Embassy Suites

Upcoming...

June 27, 2019
Membership Luncheon
at Embassy Suites

August 15, 2019

Membership Luncheon

at Embassy Suites

September 12, 2019
Annaul Golf Event at
The Palisades Country Club

Remember to visit the website for additional dates and events.



by John Griffith, Membership Chair

Bring a Friend!

Your Association is growing – since our last newsletter, we've approved four new members:

- Pfaff Molds USA
- ECM Solutions
- Steele Creek Preparatory Academy
- Courtyard by Marriott, Arrowood

At our upcoming events, please look for attendees representing these companies and welcome them to the Association.

Growth in the Association makes everyone's membership more valuable, and we'd like it to continue. One way you can participate is to bring a business associate or client

to the next luncheon, on June 27th. For this luncheon, you will have the rare opportunity to hear from Chris Elmore, a founder of AvidXchange, one of the high-tech companies that is contributing to Charlotte's and Steele Creek's rapid growth. As the Association grows, we'll be able to continue to attract high-impact representatives from business and other organizations, so I urge you to bring a non-member with you on the 27th to help spread the word about Arrowood Business Association.

We are still looking for Ambassadors to help with upcoming events, especially the September 12th Golf Tournament. If you're interested in becoming an Ambassador, please contact John Griffith (jgriffith@teamlogicit.com).

Our Website is www.arrowoodbusinessassociation.org

Tammy Wade, Golf Chair

It is that time of year to get together for our annual Educational Outreach Golf Tournament. This is being held on Thursday, September 12th at Palisades Country Club.

Please be on the lookout for out registration form coming soon.

www.arrowoodbusinessassociation.org

Will you please join our mission? Our main source of funding, beyond member dues, is the ABA Annual Golf Tournament. All of the proceeds support our educational outreach efforts.

2018 we raised over \$20,000!! Opportunities include golfers (of course), various sponsorships, raffle prizes – large and small, items.

With your support, our organization will continue to meet this tremendous need. And of course, new members (and their dues!) are always welcome.

Thanks,

Tammy Wade, Golf Chair



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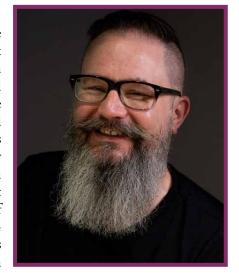




Speaker Highlight: June 20, 2019 Speaker

Chris Elmore

Chris was a millionaire at age 28...For six weeks. The first tech company he started fell like a lead balloon. He dusted himself off and with four other guys started a tech company that went from \$0.00 in revenue, three product failures to thousands of employees and a \$1.4 Billion-dollar value. His out of the box approach of putting people first



and concentrating on selling value has helped thousands.

Called a "Startup Hero" by North Carolina Business Magazine and a maverick and mold breaker by SouthPark Magazine, Chris

has written 8 books, and is a Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at UNC – Charlotte and Queens University of Charlotte. Chris serves on the boards of four startups and as a strategic advisor to Kingsmen Software Products. Chris travels the country speaking on the topics of startup success, innovation, entrepreneurship, sales, technology, and automation. In 2000, Chris started AvidXchange, a business unicorn that is now valued at \$1.4 billion. With over 1,400 employees, AvidXchange is the 9th largest fintech company in the U.S.

Chris has been on a journey to perfect a message that resonates and motivates audience since he was 18 years old. "My dad had me read the book, See You At The Top, by Zig Ziglar. I fell in love with the ideas and with making improvements in my life." "The best testimonial I can give you to hire me to speak is my wife still loves me, loves being around me, and still thinks I am funny, and we have been together since 1992".

Chris lives in Lake Wylie SC, where teaching, business, four kids and a wife keep him very busy.

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by Mike Realon

Door Prizes Needed...Thank a Teacher

We are in search of some Door Prizes.

On June 11 the Arrowood Business Association (ABA) will provide its annual "Thank You" lunch for the entire staff that serves the children at Olympic High School.

One of the highlights each year are the "Door Prizes" given to teachers as part of a drawing.

These door prizes always put a large smile on teachers' & staff's faces before they start their Summer break.

Here are a few examples of door prizes donated in the past that teachers love:

- Gift cards and certificates
- Tickets to Sporting Events (Knights, Panthers, Hornets, etc.)
- Gift Items
- Vacation Get-Aways
- Memberships
- \$\$\$\$ Ca\$h for Teachers to Survive the Summer

Please mail or deliver Door Prizes to Olympic by Friday, June 7. Please identify what the item is when mailed or delivered (i.e., \$25 Visa Gift Card, or 2 Knights Tickets with parking passes, etc.) Thanks for your generosity!

Mail to:

Olympic High School Attn: Mike Realon 4301 Sandy Porter Road Charlotte, NC 28273 FYI ... Olympic had a GREAT School Year and here are some quick highlights:

- 2nd High School in America to EVER house 5 "Distinguished" NAF Career Academies
- 511 Seniors Earned NAF "Career AND College" Ready Diplomas & Certificates
- Featured in Amazon #1 Best Selling Book What School Could Be
- Ranked in Top 1% Nationally with its Career Academy Model
- Featured in Upcoming Department of Labor & School Superintendents Study
- National Honorable Mention Lenovo Mobile App Contest
- Blue Diamond "Best in Charlotte Technology" Finalist
- Organized and hosted the Charlotte Mobility Summit with local & national leaders
- Over 15,000 Career Readiness Student Activities

Campus Visited and Toured by:

- 1. U.S. Department of Labor
- 2. National Association of School Superintendents
- 3. U.S. State Department
- 4. U.S. Department of Education
- 5. National Academy Foundation
- 6. Collins Aerospace
- 7. United Technologies Corporation
- 8. Carrier
- 9. World Affairs Council
- 10. and so Many More

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UPCOMING [EVENTS]

Upcoming Luncheons & Events

June 27

April 18

Membership Luncheon

May 18

Business AfterHours Cornhole Tournament at Arysley location

Membership Luncheon

August 15

September 12

Annual Golf Tournament

Membership Luncheon

October 17

Membership Luncheon

December 19th

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Luncheons are held at

Embassy Suites

1917 Ayrsley Town Boulevard Charlotte, NC 28273



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