



Testimonies about the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce

What a wonderful resource the Chamber of Commerce is to our businesses here in Florence. The Chamber is always contacting us with news of classes, information, encouragement and support. We can take in as little or as much as we have time for knowing you are always there for us, cheering us on and lifting us up. The lunch and learn meetings are invaluable. The Business After Hours get-togethers are a fantastic way to renew old acquaintances, share your business news, and most importantly relax and enjoy each other.

Thank you so much Chamber for working behind the scenes tirelessly and being our cheerleaders and our inspiration. What energy you all have, you make me smile.

A million thanks and with much admiration,
— **Charles and Wendy Korando,**
Korando Dental Group

When I feel isolated (before COVID-19 and after), due to work stacking up on my desk, I get connected with just one click at FlorenceChamber.com. I find out what is going on with other businesses and our town of Florence in general.

When I would like to have an announcement sent out to businesses in town? I go to the Chamber and "blast" out my news.

There was (and will be again), the Chamber monthly meeting with lunch. I can network with others and always come away with information on how to better handle a situation or a piece of information I can share with staff.

Go big or go home? I can reach

out-of-State customers by being a part of the Chamber, every month.

I need to know the latest laws and regulations that will affect my business. Yes, again, read the weekly blast.

If I only had someone to talk to about a difficult situation. Well, I have name after name to call. Being a Chamber Member gives me a feeling of connectedness.

These words define our Florence Chamber of Commerce: development, opportunity, engaged, evolving, making history, strength, celebration, environment, knowledge, sharing, creating our future, involved, dignity and respect, achievement, recognition, building relationships, and friendships.

There is so much more, but these words, in particular, came from an act that happened with the Chamber, and that is just this

year. So, yes I believe we are a better town because of our Florence Area Chamber of Commerce.

— **Niki Hill, Community Relations Director of Shorewood Senior Living**

Dear Bettina,
Thank you for your warm, whole-hearted invitation to the Chamber, welcome and encouragement in pursuing my direct-pay clinical practice! After twice choosing my patients' health over obedience to business authority, and being consequently separated from my patients, your encouragement has meant the most to me.

I continue to value:

News of events, businesses, and opportunities (loan, education, etc.) in Florence

Updated lists of business changes in response to pandemic shutdown (e.g., take-out availability)

Your creativity in conjuring up new ways for people and businesses to thrive.

Your optimistic cheerleading, even when events make that exceedingly hard.

Thanks a million! Best Regards,

— **John Egar,**
Siuslaw Medical Clinic

Our membership in the Florence Chamber of Commerce has yielded a number of customers throughout the years. Bettina Hannigan is a real idea machine, helping us create our Chamber webpage and in innumerable ways. We value our Chamber membership knowing there are many legislative issues handled for us by the Chamber.

— **M. Jo Hine,**

Hine Investments, Inc. | Neil's Carpet & Upholstery Cleaners | Florence Janitorial Services



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