

Below is a listing of Commerce Lexington's ongoing events and programs.

@330: If you've been struggling with a challenge or issue, want to learn best practices from other professionals, brainstorm ideas, or if you just want to expand your network - the Business Resource Roundtables may be just what you need. This event is held monthly September – May.

Access Loan Program: Commerce Lexington and the area's leading banks and financial institutions have teamed up in the Access Loan Program to improve your odds of getting approval for a loan that matches your business needs. There are no guarantees, but you will know what your chances are of securing the credit you desire.

An Evening in the Bluegrass: This event brings members of Commerce Lexington, Central Kentucky elected officials, local chambers and economic development groups together to discuss and network the issues and needs of Central Kentucky. All state legislators and their staffs are invited to the reception. Other invitees include the Governor's Office and staff, Commerce Lexington Board of Directors and Trustee Members, and regional business and government leaders.

Annual Dinner: Enjoy this annual winter event when over 1000 members gather to recognize outstanding volunteers, meet Commerce Lexington leadership, and start a brand-new year.

Business Owners Advisory Board: Commerce Lexington is pleased to provide this no-cost program to its members. "BOAB" is made up of 8-10 Commerce Lexington members who meet monthly to share business concerns and challenges in a confidential and non-competitive environment.

Business Link: At this popular "after hours" event members enjoy food, fun, and networking in an informal setting. Business Links are held six or seven times per year and are hosted and sponsored by Commerce Lexington member businesses.

Business on the Green: Held in August each year, this golf tournament plays host to over 300 players and is one of Commerce Lexington's most popular events. Members can participate through volunteer opportunities or various sponsorship opportunities. The day is filled with great golf, fun, networking, and friendly competition.

EMERGE: The EMERGE conference engages the next generation leaders of Central Kentucky – our young professionals – to leverage their thoughts, ideas, and strategies for the betterment of our community and region. This full-day event brings together young professionals and entrepreneurs with emerging leaders, business professionals, and community leaders.

In2Lex: Commerce Lexington Inc.'s economic development division, with the assistance of several engineering and high-tech companies in Lexington, has started a new high-tech networking group called In2Lex. The purpose of the group is for high-tech employees in Lexington to network with each other and learn more about the resources and innovative activities in Lexington.

Kentucky Regional Tour: In 2009, Commerce Lexington Inc. revived a long-ago tradition of visiting other areas of Kentucky when two busloads of political and business leaders from the Bluegrass Region toured Eastern Kentucky. Each fall a delegation from Commerce Lexington visits a different region of the state. As in the past, the focus of this two-day trip is to listen and learn from the leaders in each of the cities and locations visited.

Leadership Central Kentucky: A program designed to: educate and inform individuals on issues and opportunities for all our region's communities; create awareness and understanding of how each county's actions affect the others; and to help foster a regional vision for the Bluegrass.

Leadership Lexington: You can become one of 35 leaders selected each year to participate in an intensive 10-month program, in which you will learn more about the key issues in the community.

Leadership Visit: For over 70 years, Commerce Lexington's Leadership Visit has helped expose Central Kentucky's leaders to the best ideas of similarly sized communities throughout the United States, yielding valuable lessons that have been applied to the improvement of the Bluegrass Region. This three-day trip has become the most valuable opportunity to bring community leaders, decision makers, and ideas together to make positive changes in our community.

Minority Business Opportunity Exchange: An event designed to connect majority companies, Commerce Lexington members, and the community at-large with minority business vendors.

New Member Luncheon: This program offers new members an opportunity to learn more about Commerce Lexington, to meet and network with other Commerce Lexington members, and a chance to introduce their business in an informal atmosphere. This event is held on a bi-monthly basis.

Public Policy Luncheons: A unique opportunity for Commerce Lexington members and guests to network over lunch and hear from leading state and national officials about current events and critical issues confronting our region, state, and country. 2008 speakers included U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Governor Bevin. This event is held four times per year.

Salute to Small Business Awards Luncheon: This annual celebration recognizes small business' many contributions. This event features annual award categories including green initiatives, innovation, longevity, minority business, non-profit, young entrepreneur, and more.

Spotlight: This quarterly event is designed as an interactive forum on a "hot button" issue of the day. It allows the audience to ask questions of some of the community's top leaders in an informal setting.

Venture Club: Hosted by Commerce Lexington, the Lexington Venture Club is proud to be a catalyst by which entrepreneurs, service providers, and investors can work together to develop a strong economy in Lexington. Successful ventures result from strong personal contacts. Experience has shown that what investors and entrepreneurs need most are each other!

Washington Fly-In: Invitation-only event - Central Kentucky business, government and community leaders travel to Washington D.C. to meet with key congressional leaders to advocate for our unified, regional federal legislative agenda. The "Fly-In" takes place over two days and includes issue updates from representatives in D.C.; meetings with our Kentucky Congressmen and Senators; and a highly anticipated "Kentuckians in Washington Annual Summer Reception".