

*“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” – Mahatma Gandhi*

My inspiring vision for the year ahead: Explosively grow our membership through unified community service initiatives, including our signature fundraising events like The Big Cheese and Putt-Putt Palooza. These support vital Community Partners: Arnette House, Champions for Champions, Isaiah 117, Ora Clubhouse, Crime Stoppers, Southeastern Youth Fair, and VOCAL.

At the midpoint of 2026, The Big Cheese raised over \$8,000 for our community partners. Membership continues to grow, and by lifting Ocala and Marion County together, we unleash extraordinary growth and stronger bottom lines for every member. We look forward to finishing 2026 strong.

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller*

We are more than a networking group—we are a trusted family, fueling each other’s success and challenges through unbreakable relationships rooted in loyalty and trust. We are especially proud of our Scholarship Fund, empowering local high school seniors.

*“Trust is the glue of life. It’s the most essential ingredient in effective communication.” – Stephen Covey*

Let’s ignite this year with intention, impact, and unstoppable Momentum!

Together, we rise.

Sincerely,

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