

# JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### **UPCOMING MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | NOON - 1 PM BROADWAY BALLROOM | 115 30TH AVE E

Stay tuned for more information on our February speaker! Watch your email or follow our Facebook page for updates.

RSVPs are required. RSVP to ypalexandria@gmail.com by noon on Wednesday, January 24th.

## **WINTER SOCIAL EVENT**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 7:15 PM

Join us to cheer on the Alexandria Blizzard! We have the VIP area reserved for AAYP members plus one guest. VIP access includes special seating, a catered meal, plus four drink tickets!

Tickets are FREE for members and \$30 for non-members. Limited spots are available for the game, and they will fill up fast! RSVP today to ypalexandria@gmail.com (please indicate if you are RSVPing for a non-member.)

Did you know? AAYP's annual membership is only \$35 per year, so if a non-member is interested in attending this social - they could become a member for just \$5 more! Not only would they get to attend the game for free, but they would also be part of an awesome networking group and take advantage of other member benefits!

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

**Luke Elliot** 

**Douglas County Library** 

#### **CONNECT GROUPS**

Join us at our monthly Connect Groups! Connect Groups are a great way to get to know your fellow young professionals in a more casual environment.

We have a new location for our evening Connect Groups! Starting January 2024, we will meet at Copper Trail Brewing Co. located downtown Alexandria at 205 Broadway St.

#### JANUARY CONNECT GROUPS

January 18 | 5 - 6 PM Copper Trail Brewing Co. \*NEW LOCATION\*

> January 25 | 7 - 8 AM Common Ground Coffee House

#### FEBRUARY CONNECT GROUPS

February 15 | 5 - 6 PM Copper Trail Brewing Co.

February 22 | 7 - 8 AM Common Ground Coffee House

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

AAYP was able to give back this holiday season by donating to several non-profit organizations.

- \$500 to Alexandria Area Young Life
- \$250 to Jingle Bells Foundation
- \$250 to Santa for Seniors
- \$250 for Salvation Army of Douglas County
- Numerous items and monetary donations to Outreach Food Shelf
- Plus, we purchased gifts for 4 kids through United Way of Douglas and Pope Counties Holiday Gift Program







### **UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS**

#### Wake Up Alexandria!

Friday, January 5 from 7:30-8:30 am Alexandria Police Department | 501 3rd Ave. W Nonprofit of the Day: Santa for Seniors

#### **Member Open House**

Stop by to pick up your 2024 membership materials, visit with staff and enjoy some cider and treats! Never been into the Chamber office or not a current member? Stop by and see what we have to offer!

Alexandria Chamber | 206 Broadway St.

#### Wake Up Alexandria!

Friday, January 19 from 7:30-8:30 am Alomere Pavilion | 207 18th Ave. E Nonprofit of the Day: Titus II, Inc.

Hello Neighbor is an initiative brought to you by Living Alexandria Area and Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce with a simple purpose - to help new & existing residents integrate into the community.

Learn more about Hello Neighbor at helloneighbormn.org.



# **INTRODUCING THE 2024 AAYP LEADERSHIP TEAM!**



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**LAUREN JOHNSON CHAMBER LIAISON** ALEXANDRIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To enrich the lives of Alexandria area young professionals in their 20s and 30s through networking, education and community involvement.