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Chairman's Message



I am honored to begin this year as your Chairman of the Board and want to take this opportunity to thank Brent Bowles for his excellent leadership in 2015. He is a hard act to follow.

Please join me in congratulating your Board of Directors on their appointments and in adding a special welcome to those who are new in their tenure of service. As you might expect, we've drafted an ambitious Strategic Plan for this coming year and there will be lots of opportunities for involvement. I'd like to encourage all of you to consider getting involved in chamber work. The very best way to do that is through participation on a committee. Included inside this newsletter is a variety of committees and task forces for you to choose from.

Each year, we emphasize a theme for our work. Keeping everything in mind that we've collectively experienced in this great community in recent months, I've selected "proud past bold future" as the Chamber's slogan for 2016. All of us can be proud of our past accomplishments, and since our economy appears to be healthy and the indicators anticipate this trend to continue well into the future, we can expect nothing less than a bold future.

As a reminder, our Mission Statement is to "Provide unified support and promotion of the Brazosport Community for economic prosperity." Our Vision Statement is "The center of influence for a prosperous community." The Chamber staff and Board of Directors are committed to striving toward an economically strong and prosperous community for many years to come. If all of us work together for the good of the organization and are focused on this mission it will be attained. We greatly appreciate your membership and look forward to an exciting new year as we celebrate our proud past in anticipation of our bold future!

Sincerely,

Jack Brown
Judge Jack Brown
Chairman of the Board

Outstanding Volunteers



The Holiday Home Tour Committee was named Outstanding Volunteers for their contributions to the success of the Holiday Home Tour. Pictured are Co-Chairs Jeannette Merritt, Heritage Bank, Judge Jack Brown, Chairman of the Board & Vicki Melass, Allstate Insurance. Not Shown: Home Hostesses Lesley McGehee, Sue Merritt, Helen Jones and Leslie Barber

Holiday Home Tour Homeowners

Many thanks to the homeowners who graciously opened up their beautiful homes for the Brazosport Area Chamber's Holiday Home Tour held in December. The homeowners were presented paintings of their homes as a token of appreciation from the Chamber. Standing L to R: Christy Frey; Jason and Stacey Suazo; Tammy and David Funderburg; and Emily Gray representing Jennifer and Jason Culverhouse.



Holiday Home Tour Co-Chairman & Hostesses



Thank you to the hostesses Sue Merritt, Helen Jones, Tour of Homes Co-Chair Jeannette Merritt, Leslie Barber, Tour of Homes Co-Chair Vicki Melass.

Thank You's

Davis Gordon, H-E-B, for the delicious coconut cake!

Tom Chaffin, for the bag of chocolate candy!

Brent Bowles, iAD Architects, for the yummy Christmas cookies!

Butch Murrell, for the holiday containers of scrumptious candy!

Art Vandaveer, for the awesome Christmas cookies!

Deepak Patel, Comfort Suites, for the box of Christmas goodies!

2016 Board OF Directors



Back, L TO R: Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites; David Winder, Dow Texas Operations, Nancy Wollam, Representative Dennis Bonnen's Office; Phil Holsten, Phillips 66; Brazoria County Commissioner Donald "Dude" Payne; Jeff Kuhn, Zachry; Jeff Strader, Port Freeport; Danny Massey, B.I.S.D. Superintendent;
Front, L to R: Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director; Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG; Vicki Melass, Allstate Insurance; Loris Canahuati, Braskem; Judge Jack Brown, Chairman of the Board; Yvonne Mintz, The Facts; Nicole McGlone-Santistevan, BASF Corp. and Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber.

Many Thanks to our Building Donors



Our “Retire the Debt” building campaign is an on-going campaign until the building note is paid in full. We will continue to list our donors in future publications. The following are the donations received so far this year. We are so grateful to these members for their contributions to the Chamber as well as the community.

Gordon & Nancy Wollam.....	\$325.00
Comfort Suites.....	\$250.00
2015 Leadership Brazosport Class.....	\$220.00
Allstate Insurance Agency – Vicki Melass.....	\$200.00
Snap Fitness 24-7.....	\$110.00
Angleton Decorating Center.....	\$100.00
Brazosport Regional Health System.....	\$100.00
Brevard Company.....	\$100.00
Gulf Coast S & S.....	\$200.00
McDonough Engineering.....	\$200.00
On The River/River Point Restaurants.....	\$100.00
Sorrell Construction.....	\$100.00
Victory Insurance Agency.....	\$100.00
Texas Crewboats.....	\$100.00
Art Vandaveer.....	\$75.00
ABC Realty.....	\$50.00
Baymont Inn & Suites.....	\$50.00
Dairy Bar.....	\$50.00
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Total Safety US, Inc.....	\$50.00
Dr. T.E. Allen.....	\$25.00
Judge Jack Brown.....	\$25.00
Commissioner Dude Payne.....	\$25.00
Red Snapper Inn.....	\$25.00

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Daphne Brown-Woodard, 281-877-2335
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Ray Wagner, 979-308-1054
www.kingofkleen.net
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Women's Care of Brazosport

210 Lake Road, Ste. 200, Lake Jackson

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Brent or Dimple Bowers, 979-299-3370

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Al Guevara, Brazosport Regional Health System & Mike Golden, First National Bank.

Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites & Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber President & C.E.O.



Scott Briner, Brazosport Regional Health System



Dr. Shirley Lima & Dr. J. Mini Rekhi
Brazosport Women's Care and Al Guevara, Brazosport Regional Health System



NETWORK MIXERS

Sponsored by Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport



L to R: Bob Sipple, JBS Sales; Commissioner David Linder; Robert Worley, The Alliance; Sean Stockard, The Alliance; Wayne Shaw, Shaw AV Rentals

Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber & Beth Journey, Angleton Chamber



Bill Yenne, Lake Jackson City Manager & Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites

Commissioner Donald "Dude" Payne, Tracey Harris and Jeff Bilyeu, Gulf Coast Regional Airport



2016 COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND HELP OUR COMMUNITY GROW & PROSPER

The following list of committees and task forces give you an opportunity to become personally involved in the work of the Chamber. Through your involvement, you will be able to see first-hand how your membership dues are invested in the numerous activities and projects the Chamber undertakes, and the effect it has on the area. Please look over the following list, make your selection(s), and e-mail or fax the committee selection form. You will be placed on the Committee list and a notice of each meeting will be e-mailed, and a reminder call made, for your convenience.

- **The Ambassadors**--Serve as the public relations arm of the Chamber at ribbon cutting ceremonies and various Chamber events throughout the year.
- **Annual Meeting Task Force**--Coordinate the annual meeting scheduled in February 2016.
- **Brazoria County Day Support Committee**—Support the Brazoria County Day in Austin event in conjunction with the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County and the six other Chambers of Commerce in Brazoria County, to be held at Fiesta Gardens on March 7, 2017.
- **Capital Projects Campaign**—Raise the necessary funding to retire the debt on the Chamber facility.
- **Governmental Affairs Committee**—Keep informed of local, state, and federal legislation affecting our business community and recommend appropriate action to the Chamber Board of Directors.
- **Holiday Tour of Homes**—Host a tour of some of Brazosport's finest and most unique homes in December of 2016.
- **Housing Development Committee**--Compile information from developers and builders to create a database of homes available in the Brazosport Area to be distributed to industry employees seeking housing.
- **Leadership Task Force**—Conduct the 2017 Leadership Brazosport Class designed to develop the future leaders of the community.
- **Lodging & Attractions Committee**--Gather and exchange information to cross-promote attractions.
- **Major Industry Sessions**—Chamber liaison meets with area industry managers in conjunction with Brazoria County Petrochemical Council to address industrial needs and concerns and establish how the Chamber can assist with these issues.
- **Mayors & City Managers Sessions**—Mayors and City Managers from the eight cities in the Brazosport area meet quarterly to discuss municipal activities and needs and enhance communication between the Chamber and cities.
- **Membership Luncheons**—Present luncheons throughout the year with speakers on various issues affecting the business community.
- **National Prayer Day**—Work with the Brazosport Ministerial Alliance to implement prayer sessions in each of the cities on National Prayer Day.

- **Safetytown Coordinating Committee**--Provide an organized, educational safety program for children having completed kindergarten.
- **Shop Local First**—Encourage shopping locally to support businesses that make up the fabric of our community.
- **State of the Community**—Host a luncheon in October of 2016 providing reports on various sectors of the Brazosport economy.
- **Taste of the Town**--Promote member restaurants by allowing attendees to sample the variety of cuisines offered throughout the Brazosport area at the Chamber's only major fund-raiser, celebrating its 25th year.
- **Transportation Committee**—Improve area transportation by meeting with TXDOT, Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport, Brazoria County Engineer and Port Freeport on transportation, signage and infrastructure issues and projects needed for the area.
- **Women In Business Luncheon**---Present luncheons that foster opportunities for networking and personal and professional growth.
- **Young Guns**—Provides an opportunity for young professionals to get involved in the Chamber and business community, network and build strong business relationships, in order to support the next generation of business owners and community leaders.

2016 Committees & Task Forces

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- ☐ The Ambassador's
- ☐ Annual Meeting
- ☐ Brazoria County Day Support Committee
- ☐ Capital Projects Campaign
- ☐ Government Affairs Committee
- ☐ Holiday Tour of Homes
- ☐ Housing Development Committee
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