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# Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce That Annual Banquet



Congratulations to Representative Dennis Bonnen, Outstanding Man of the Year and JoAnn Forse, Outstanding Woman of the Year on these well-deserved honors!



Judge Jack Brown, Chairman of the Board, presents Stephanie Sherrod, TDECU-Your Credit Union, with a plaque in recognition of being honored as Business Partner of the Year.



Major Applewhite, Offensive Coordinator and Quarterback Coach for the University of Houston, was an entertaining guest speaker!

# Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce That Annual Banquet



Congratulations to our top five ambassadors L to R:

Dr. Janice Goines, Brazosport College-Small Business Development Center—5<sup>th</sup> Place; Chris Riley, BayStar Printing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Judge Jack Brown—2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites—Ambassador of the Year! Not Pictured: Sue Machacek--4<sup>th</sup> Place



Approximately 400 were in attendance at the banquet!

# Banquet Thank You's

**Bill Cornwell & The Facts** Billy Loveless, Photography Becka Ryder, Say Soiree, Decorations Danny Hickey, Blueline Print Shop Wayne Shaw, Shaw AV Rentals Representative Dennis Bonnen, Master of Ceremonies Drew Ryder, On the River/River Point Restaurants Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency Kathi Lee Davis, Brazosport Symphony Orchestra

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# Chairman's Message



Congratulations to Representative Dennis Bonnen & JoAnn Forse, our Outstanding Man & Woman of the Year. These two individuals have contributed so much to our community and they are truly deserving of this honor!

Our Annual Membership Banquet was a huge success with approximately four hundred in attendance. Major Applewhite, Offensive Coordinator and Quarterback Coach for the University of Houston, was an entertaining guest speaker. Congratulations to TDECU-Your Credit Union, the third recipient of our Business Partner of the Year Award. As always, Representative Dennis Bonnen did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies and it was so much fun to surprise him with the Outstanding Man Award. The delicious meal was catered by On The River/RiverPoint Restaurant and was certainly enjoyed by all.

I also want to take the time to congratulate our Top Ambassadors of the Year. These individuals take time from their busy schedules to represent the Chamber at ribbon cuttings and several other events throughout the year. They are the public relations arm of the Chamber and we are so proud to have them on our team. Our Outstanding Ambassador of the Year was Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites, and the other top four Ambassadors included myself, Chris Riley, BayStar Printing; Dr. Janice Goines, Brazosport College SBDC; and Sue Machacek.

Tony Wood, and his "Taste Team" have been busy planning the event of the year. "Taste of the Town", scheduled for Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Brazos Mall, is a great way to "taste" some of the best food in the Brazosport Area. This year's event is going to be even bigger and better with twenty-nine restaurants already signed up. The verbal auction will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the food court at Brazos Mall. The bidders will be treated to a "King's Feast" and reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office at 979-265-2501. Raffle tickets will once again be sold for \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100. You should have received a letter with six raffle tickets requesting that you either purchase or sell them with the lucky winner receiving a \$5,000 shopping spree with any Chamber member. The winner will be drawn at 9:00 p.m. in the food court and does not need to be present to win. Please know how much we depend on and appreciate your support of this important Chamber event.

Safetytown, a comprehensive safety training program for children who will enter the first grade, has been planned for June 6 to 16 at Elizabet Ney Elementary. This life-saving summer program has been utilized by other cities throughout Texas because of its effectiveness in training children. Registration forms are available at every elementary campus in the Brazosport ISD School District. For more information, please contact the Chamber office at 979-285-2501.

I look forward to seeing you at the Taste of the Town!

Sincerely,

Judge Jack Brown

Chairman of the Board

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Congratulations to Quintana on the completion of their renourishment project!



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Brazosport College and Freeport LNG officials dedicated the new Brazosport College Freeport LNG Crafts Academy. The 43,000 square-foot facility is located in the Science Technlogy Corridor at Brazosport College.



Keep Texas Beautiful GCAA & Green Ribbon Project Dedication



Brazosport ISD Officials, Students and Community Leaders participated in a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new school which is scheduled to be open in 2017.



### WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR 2016 TASTE OF THE TOWN SPONSORS!

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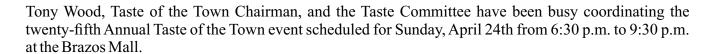






# ITS' ALMOST TIME FOR TASTE OF THE TOWN!

## GET YOU TICKETS NOW!!



The sponsors that help make this exciting event possible include:

Allstate Insurance—Vicki Melass, Altus Emergency Center, American Rice, BASF Corp., The Blueline Shop, Braskem America, Brazos Mall, Brazosport CAER, Brazosport Christian School, Brazosport ISD, Brazosport Regional Health System, CenterPoint Energy, Chevron Phillips, Coca-Cola, Del Papa Distributing (Bud Light), The Dow Chemical Company, Eco Dental Care, The Facts, Faust Distributing (Miller Lite), Freeport LNG, Gulf Chemical & Metallurgical, H-E-B, Killum Pest Control, Lake Jackson Modern Dentistry, Leo Martin Chevrolet, MSR Houston, Oak Farms Dairy, Olin Corporation, Phillips 66, Port Freeport, Shintech, SI Group, State Farm Insurance Agency—Tim Keefe, TDECU-Your Credit Union & Waste Connections.



Tana Maddox, Farmers Insurance, will be Chairing the ticket sales again this year, and has included a ticket order form in this newsletter. Please note on the ticket order form that discounts are available.

Bruce Juback, El Chico, Vendor Chair, reports that our booth spaces are filling up fast with the following vendors and sponsors who will feature their favorite "tastes." They include: American Rice, Beef O'Brady's, Brazosport Regional Health System, Brian's

Bar-B-Q, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carino's Italian, Coastal Catering, Coca-Cola, Del Papa Distributing (Bud Light), Domino's Pizza, El Chico, El Toro Mexican Restaurant, Faust Distributing (Miller Lite), Fuddruckers, H-E-B, Honey Baked Ham, Kona Ice, Luby's, McDonald's, Oak Farms Dairy, On the River Restaurant/River Point Restaurant, Panera Bread, Ryan's Family Steakhouse, Sake' To Me, Sonic Drive In,

 $Texas\ Roadhouse, Torrent\ Valley's, Whataburger\ \&\ Wurst\ Haus.$ 

Vicki Melass & Raylene Wilson, Allstate Insurance are Co-Chairing the Verbal Auction again this year. Brian Melass, Killum Pest Control & Drew Ryder, On the River/RiverPoint Restaurants, will oversee the Kings Feast, which will again be part of the verbal auction. The auction will be held in the food court from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Items valued at \$250 and above are being gathered but more donations are needed. Please call one of the Chairmen or the Chamber office if you are interested in donating an item.







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### "2016 Taste Of The Town"

Sunday, April 24, 2016 ~ Brazos Mall ~ 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

#### **Order Tickets Now!!!**



- 40 or more tickets
- \$ 10.00 each

• 20 - 39 tickets

\$ 11.00 each

• 10 - 19 tickets

\$ 12.00 each

- 1 9 tickets
- (until 4/22/16)
- \$ 14.00 each
- ( at the door)
- \$ 15.00 each

• Children 7 - 12

\$ 5.00 each

• Children 6 & under

Free

#### Notice!!!!

All tickets ordered at discount prices must be paid for by April 22, 2016. All tickets sold at the door, or paid for after this date will be full price.



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The Taste of the Town Committee, Chaired by Tony Wood, Baywood Foods, is busy planning another great event. Please make plans to attend this event on April 24, 2016, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Brazos Mall.

### TASTE OF THE TOWN RAFFLE



Many thanks to last year's Taste of the Town raffle winner BASF Corp. who generously donated their \$5,000 prize back to the Brazosport Chamber!

The Taste of the Town, to be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016, will once again include a raffle as part of this year's event. The lucky winner will receive a \$5,000.00 shopping spree with any Brazosport Area Chamber member.

Tana Maddox, Farmers Insurance, Chairman of the raffle, has sent each Chamber member six raffle tickets with a letter inviting them to purchase and/or sell the tickets. There will be 600 tickets sold at \$20 each or 6 for \$100. The raffle drawing will take place in the food court at 9:00 p.m. It is not necessary to be present to win.

We need your participation! Taste of the Town is the Chamber's major fund-raiser each year and helps to support the many projects and programs that benefit the members and the entire area.

If you have questions or need more tickets, please call the Chamber office at 285-2501.



#### Sponsored by Brazosport Center for Arts & Sciences

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Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce & Brazosport ISD Superintendent Danny Massey.

# Many Jhanks Building Donors



ur "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
Dr. Alkesh Amin	\$100.00
Angleton Decorating Center.	\$100.00
Brazosport Regional Health System	\$100.00
Brevard Company	\$100.00
Gulf Coast S & S	\$200.00
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# **COMING MAY 2016!**

Threaded Leaf Project will be opening a retail storefront in downtown Lake Jackson! We will be selling women—s blouses, various kinds of scarves, jewelry, accessories, and much more y all handmade by our friends in Cambodia and Haiti.

#### WHEN

We plan to open May 2016. Follow us on social media or visit our website to sign-up for our newsletter and keep up with the progress!

#### WHERE

We will be located at 107A This Way in downtown Lake Jackson.

#### WHY

Threaded Leaf Project believes that hope is the fuel that propels us toward our dreams, and we desire to thread that fuel y that hope y into the lives of the students and women we work with in Cambodia and Internationally.

Our Cambodia College Guys— and College Girls— Dorms help students learn the life skills necessary to safely acclimate to the challenges of adulthood in the capital city of Cambodia.

Our Cambodia Scholarship Program brings the dream of higher education into reality, helping deserving young men and women pursue a college education.

Our various Clothing, Home Goods, and Accessories lines help improve the lives of women in Cambodia, Haiti, and other countries through consistent employment and job opportunities.

#### WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

Threaded Leaf Project is a non-profit ministry based in Lake Jackson, Texas, and is not affiliated with any church, business, other non-profit, or sending agency. We rely completely on merchandise sales and donations to keep doing what we are doing. Threaded Leaf Project is 100% volunteer, 100% of all proceeds directly fund our Cambodian and International projects.

# Brazosport Independent School District EDUCATION FOUNDATION

#### Why We Are Here

Launched in fall 2014, the Brazosport ISD Education Foundation supports Brazosport ISD students and staff by providing funds for educational programs and activities that either have not been funded or have been under-funded by the district's normal operating budget.

The Foundation's funds will be used to...

- Facilitate student achievement and skill development
- Recognize and encourage staff excellence
- Expand community involvement from individuals, businesses and civic organizations

#### Who We Are... What We Do

The Brazosport ISD Education Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit tax-exempt philanthropic organization of citizens, which shares a vision of enhancing education in the Brazosport ISD. The Foundation supports the district by:

- Working to increase private support for educational activities in Brazosport ISD.
- Benefitting Brazosport ISD students and staff personnel by supporting activities not funded by tax dollars.
- Fostering creative approaches to education through private grants and annual gifts from citizens and businesses
- Awarding Foundation funds through a volunteer Board of Directors made up of business, community and educational leaders

#### **What You Could Fund**

The Brazosport ISD Education Foundation is seeking your help to raise funds for...

- Grants for Great Ideas (grants for teachers)
- Summer Fest on the Brazos (end of the year staff celebration)
- Staff development
- Endowments
- And more!

# How Students Benefit and You Gain

How will your contribution to the Brazosport ISD Education Foundation impact you, students and the entire community?

- Your donation will benefit your children and all Brazosport ISD students by funding innovative classroom programs.
- A strong donor recognition program will generate positive public opinion and appreciation for your contribution.
- You will see your investment at work immediately as the first round of teacher grants are awarded in spring 2016. Grants will be awarded annually, in the spring.
- You will provide opportunities for students to be effectively prepared to join the local workforce through better training to increase job skills.
- By enhancing academic excellence in Brazosport ISD, you will make our community an attractive place to live, work and learn.

# live, work and learn.

#### I WANT TO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION!

Join the Brazosport ISD Education Foundation and support Education in BISD!

#### By giving, you are supporting:

- ★ Grants for Great Ideas program (grants for teacher)
- ★ Summer Fest on the Brazos (end of the year staff celebration)
- ★ Specific program needs of our staff and campuses
- $\star$  Foundation Endowment fund for long term giving
- ★ And much more!

#### The Foundation has made giving easy and convenient by giving you a variety of ways to give!

- ★ Online: www.brazosportisd.net/educationfoundation Click on DONATE NOW!
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- ★ By phone: We can accept credit card donations over the phone 979-730-7150
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#### For more information about the Education Foundation:

- ★ Visit our webpage at www.brazosportisd.net/educationfoundation
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- ★ Give us a call at 979-730-7150

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