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**May 2016**

## *Chairman's Message*

I want to thank Tony Wood, Chairman of the Taste of the Town, and his "Taste Team", for conducting another successful event which included a phenomenal "Kings Feast" and a lot of delicious food and fun for the whole family!

I want to take this time to recognize the entire Taste Committee:

Tony Wood, Baywood Foods, Chairman  
Vicki Melass & Raylene Wilson, Allstate Insurance, Auction Chairs  
Patty Sayes, Karen Juback, Andrew Keppta & Barney Woods, Brazos Mall, Logistics  
Brian Melass & Heather Rimato-Morrison, Kings Feast Chairs  
Lucilla Henderson, TDECU-Your Credit Union, Stage & Door Volunteers  
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Bruce Juback, El Chico, Vendors  
Tana Maddox, Farmers Insurance, Entry & Raffle Tickets  
Sue Machacek, Publicity & Door Volunteers  
Cheryl Jackson & Janette Hammond, CenterPoint Energy, Booth Volunteers  
Drew Ryder, On the River/River Point Restaurants, Kings Feast Support  
Loris Canahuati, Braskem America, Auction Support

This group of volunteers have served under the leadership of Tony Wood for many years and we are so thankful for their commitment and dedication.

Tony Wood, Baywood Foods, brought the idea of the Taste of the Town event to the Chamber twenty-five years ago and has Chaired this event ever since. Our heartfelt thanks to Tony who makes this event so successful and is such a great motivator that he makes the hard work seem fun!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Young Guns who were outstanding servers at the Kings Feast. We appreciate you taking the time from your busy schedule to make everyone feel like a "King"! It really made a difference.

I also want to recognize the Board of Directors for all their support as well as you, the members, for supporting this event by purchasing raffle tickets, donating or purchasing auction items, purchasing tickets and sponsoring the event. This is a team effort and it takes everyone working together to make it a success.

Sincerely,

*Jack Brown*

Judge Jack Brown

Chairman of the Board

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# *Membership Luncheon*

*A Membership Luncheon was held in May with guest speaker Al Guevara, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport and Michael McBride, President, Suburban Hospitals, CHI St. Luke's Health*

Sponsored By:



Al Guevara, President of CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; Judge Jack Brown, Brazosport Chamber Chairman of the Board; Michael McBride, President, Suburban Hospitals, CHI St. Luke's Health

Members enjoyed the presentations by Al Guevara & Michael McBride on the CHI St. Luke's Health hospital.



## *Outstanding Volunteer*

Judge Jack Brown, Chairman of the Board (Left) presents Art Vandaveer, TDECU Business Services, with an Outstanding Volunteer Certificate for securing Major Applewhite as the guest speaker at the Chamber's Annual Banquet. Many thanks to Art for his continuous support and dedication to our Chamber and our Community!

## *Thank You's*

Jon Lubke, Integrity Mortgage, for sponsoring the February Young Guns meeting.

Linda Lopez, Plantation Park, for sponsoring the April Young Guns meeting.

Nancy Moreno, Chick-fil-A, for the delicious smokehouse BBQ salads, Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and the new kale & broccoli salads. Lunch was great!

Davis Gordon, HEB, for the beautiful flowers!

# New Members

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Attorney

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Restaurant

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Robin German, 979-236-9076  
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[www.samsclub.com](http://www.samsclub.com)  
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Retail

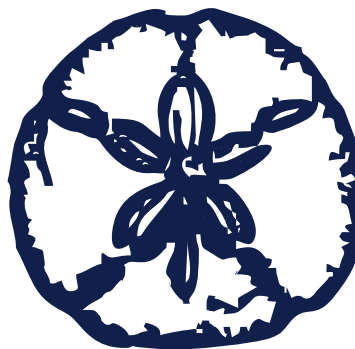
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Tim Stroud, 713-422-2720  
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### Heritage Bank Groundbreaking

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Representative Dennis Bonnen, 979-297-0600

[www.bankheritage.com](http://www.bankheritage.com)

Financial Institution



# NATIONAL — ★ DAY OF ★ — PRAYER

The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce and The Brazosport Ministerial Alliance organized the National Day of Prayer on May 5, 2016 at Clute and Freeport City Halls and the Lake Jackson Civic Center. Many thanks to Robyn Cochran, TDECU Wealth Advisors, for spear-heading this event!



Clute



Freeport



Lake Jackson

# 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
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Gulf Coast S & S .....	\$200.00
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Wayne Shaw, Shaw AV Rentals and Rosanne Scoggins, UTMB Angleton Danbury Campus Auxiliary



# NETWORK MIXERS

*Sponsored by The Facts at The Local*



Yvonne Mintz & Cindy Cornette,  
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Superintendent; Patty Sayes &  
Andrew Keppta, Brazos Mall;  
Scott Schwertner, CTMI &  
Kristen Schwertner, SBDC  
Brazosport College



Members enjoyed networking at the  
mixer.

# NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



We create chemistry

## **BASF's McGlone-Santistevan receives 'STEP' designation Award recognizes women for career excellence and leadership**

Nicole McGlone-Santistevan, Vice President of Operations - Industrial Petrochemicals for the BASF Corporation, was recently named a 2016 Science, Technology, Engineering and Production (STEP) Ahead award honoree by the Manufacturing Institute. This national honor recognizes outstanding women who demonstrate excellence and leadership in their careers and represent all levels of the manufacturing industry.

The fourth annual STEP Ahead awards honored 100 women in manufacturing from across the country, along with 30 more under the age of 30 who achieved unique accomplishments early in their careers.

McGlone-Santistevan has more than 25 years of experience in chemical manufacturing roles from research to production and manufacturing management. She excelled as the manufacturing representative for the startup of the 2-Ethylhexyl Acrylate plant in Freeport and later as the Project Leader in Germany. She led the development of two technology patents related to the optimization of the 2-Ethylhexyl Acrylate and Butyl Acrylate plants.

"Implementing projects and solving problems is at the core of what motivates me in my career," said McGlone-Santistevan. "I enjoy the teamwork found in manufacturing as a project progresses from planning and development to construction and startup."

McGlone-Santistevan serves on the Board of Directors of the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce and is active with the United Way and other local charitable organizations. She supports local programs that inspire girls to pursue their interests in science and technology. McGlone-Santistevan serves as the executive sponsor for Women in Business for BASF in Freeport. She is known among her colleagues as an open and accessible mentor, eager to share her experiences and career path. Congratulations, Nicole, on this well-deserved honor!



# NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



## **Phyllis Saathoff appointed Executive Port Director/CEO of Port Freeport**

Ravi K. Singhania, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Port Freeport, announces the selection and appointment of Phyllis Saathoff as Executive Port Director/Chief Executive Officer. Chairman Singhania noted that after several months of diligent searching and review of a number of excellent applicants, the Board reached a unanimous decision in her selection. We are delighted to have a person of her background, join us again.

Phyllis Saathoff is an accomplished executive with over 20 years of service in the port industry. With a strong finance background, combined with her operational leadership, Saathoff brings a proven track record to Port Freeport.

Saathoff began her maritime career at Port Freeport in 1992. She served as managing director, and then in April 2012, became the Interim Executive Port Director/CEO before joining the Port of Houston Authority in October 2012. During her tenure at Port Freeport, she was successful in obtaining U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit to deepen the Freeport Harbor channel to 55 feet and in financing and initiating the development of the Port's first container terminal.

Saathoff served in various capacities during her tenure at the Port of Houston Authority including Chief People Officer and Deputy Executive Director of Corporate Affairs responsible for public affairs, strategic planning, channel development, freight mobility and environmental affairs.

Saathoff was recognized as one of the Top 10 Women in Gulf Transportation by Gulf Shipper Magazine. A recognized expert in port emergency preparedness, she is the author of the *Emergency Preparedness and Continuity of Operations Planning Manual for Best Practices* for ports.

Past president of the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones and former treasurer of the Texas Gulf Ports Association, Saathoff also served on the Port Authority Advisory Council to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Saathoff earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, and is certified as a Professional Port Manager



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## Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Women In Business Luncheon

Wednesday, June 29, 2016  
Dow Academic Center  
at Brazosport College



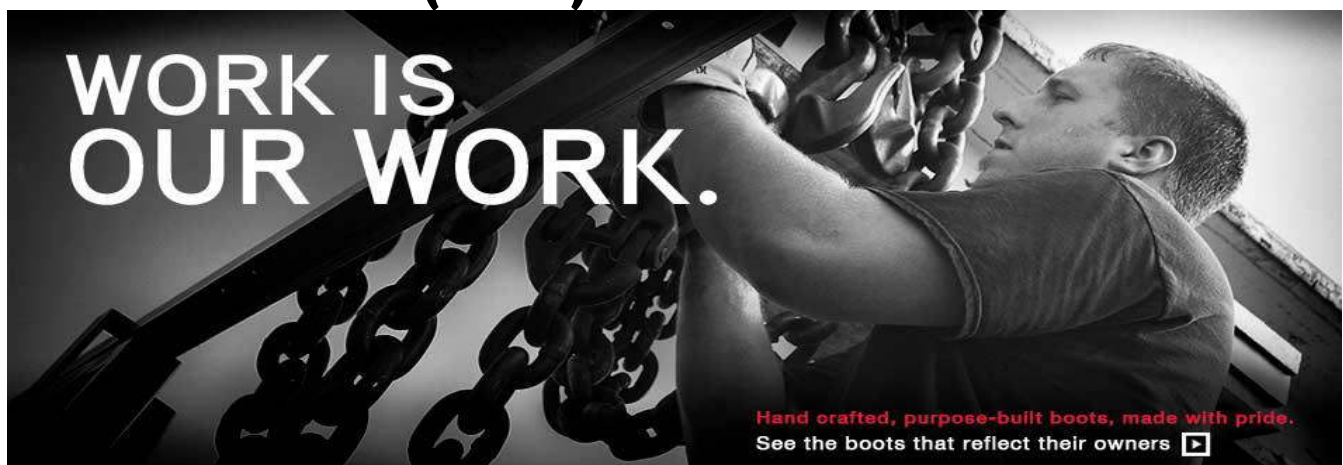
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**If you need any information or would like to become a vendor at this event, please contact  
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