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September 2016

SafetyTOWN



Over the past twenty-eight years, thousands of children have graduated from the Safetytown Program and now their children are benefiting from this program as well. A huge thank you to two very dedicated individuals, Barbara Franklin and Lucy Pendon, who have Co-Chaired this event for twenty-eight years and the other Safetytown Council members for hosting another successful event.

This comprehensive safety-training program for children, who will enter the first grade, was held in Lake Jackson at Ney Elementary from June 6th through June 16th with approximately 140 incoming 1st graders attending and included 3 bi-lingual classes from Brazosport I.S.D.

Many thanks to the Council members who have contributed so much time and effort to the success of this program! We believe that the lessons learned in this program have helped our children live healthier lives in a safer environment.

We appreciate the outstanding efforts of the 2016 Safetytown Council:

Chairs: Barbara Franklin & Lucy Pendon
Registration: Abby Bundick
Facilities & Community Services: Smokey Royce
Equipment Logistics: Ray Garza
CAER & T-Shirts: Tabitha Ray
BISD/Bi-Lingual: Denise Babb
Supplies: David Landsborough, Mike Coburn and Steve Elbert
Hospital Auxiliary: Mary Ann Strouthwolf
Directors: Mary Bouche
Administrator: Sharon Hill



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Chairman's Message



Congratulations to the Chamber staff on winning 1st Place for the Chamber website and 3rd Place for the Strategic Plan at the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Conference in June. This is the 43rd Award of Excellence that the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce has received in the past twenty-two years.

I would also like to congratulate our Outstanding Volunteers Barbara Franklin & Lucy Pendon, and their entire committee, for conducting another successful Safetytown Program. This program has been Co-Chaired by these two ladies for twenty-eight years and we appreciate their dedication to the program and their commitment to the safety of our children.

I hope you received the information that the Chamber sent you regarding the U.S. Department of Labor, Fair Labor Standards Act, Overtime Regulation that is set to go into effect December 1, 2016. Among other things, this new regulation will increase the threshold at which salaried (exempt) employees must be paid overtime from \$455 a week (\$23,660 per year) to \$913 a week (\$47,476 a year). This salary threshold will automatically be raised every three years. Please contact the Chamber if you did not receive this information or need additional information on this important new regulation.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Brazoria County Transportation Summit Co- Sponsored by The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County and The Brazoria County Council of Chambers. It will be held on September 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Dow Academic Center. The keynote speaker will be Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, and reservations can be made by contacting The Alliance at garyb@eda-bc.com.

Our fifth annual "Experience Brazosport" magazine has gone to print and will soon be available for distribution. This full-color magazine features recreational, dining and historic opportunities in Brazosport. Please stop by the Chamber office to pick up your copy or view it on-line at <http://www.Brazosport.org>.

Sincerely,

Jack Brown

Judge Jack Brown
Chairman of the Board

"Brazosport Chamber of Commerce.....Proud Past....Bold Future!"



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New Members

Band Geeks
107 West Way, Ste. 30, Lake Jackson
Mia Godinho, 979-799-8530
www.bandgeeks.net
Music Store/Musical Instrument Rental

Brazoria County Friends of NRA
3202 CR 290, Angleton
Sarah Lamb, 979-319-5950
www.friendsofNRA.org
Non-Profit Foundation

Cornerstone Builders
P.O. Box 1457, Lake Jackson
Roger Smith, 979-297-4433
www.cornerstonebltrs.com
Home Builder, Residential/Commercial,
Contractors/Buildings/General Contractor

Corvis International Services, LLC
2711 Kingsbury Park Ln, Spring
Jennifer Nolen, 832-454-3132
Transportation

Costco Wholesale
3500 Business Center Drive, Pearland
Alex Martinez, 281-707-7020
www.costco.com
Wholesale Retail

CycleWorks
106 Dixie Drive, Clute
Ben Madary, 979-922-5220
www.CycleWorksTexas.com
Retail

Duckie and the Grackle
145 Oyster Creek Drive, Ste. 09, Lake
Jackson
Cherie McBride, 979-236-8153
www.duckieandthegrackle.com
Arts, Culture & Entertainment/Apparel &
Accessories/Boutique

Eubanks & Company 2
1924 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport
Louise Eubanks, 979-871-4119
FRC/Nomex Safety Supplies

Foster Fence
2230 S. Velasco, Angleton
Alan Ratjen, 979-864-3779
www.fosterfence.com
Fence Company

Kristy Platt Agency—Farmers Insurance
102-B Parking Way, Lake Jackson
Kristy Platt, 979-529-9492
www.kristyplattagency.com
Insurance

Kumon
805 Hwy. 332, Clute
Hemang Patel, 830-385-2171
Educational Center

Papa John's
121 Hwy. 332, Lake Jackson
Michael McCauley, 979-285-9222
Restaurant

Plantation Park Apartments
100 Cactus Street, Lake Jackson
Linda Lopez, 979-297-2222
www.plantationparkapts.com
Apartments

Stress-Free Organizing Solutions
Laurie Munnelly, 617-816-1453
Business & Professional/Interior
Decorating/Consulting/Moving &
Storage

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Kelly Services

122 West Way, Ste. 400, Lake Jackson
Gary Stevens, 979-230-9373
www.kellyservices.com
Employment Agency



Eubanks & Company #2

1924 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport
Louise Eubanks, 979-871-4119
FRC/Nomex Safety Supplies



Red Wing Shoe Store

106 Hwy. 332 W., Lake Jackson
Nelson Whittington, 979-480-0944
www.redwingshoes.com
Retail



Honda of Lake Jackson Power Equipment

215 W. Hwy. 332, Lake Jackson
Rod Hall, 888-546-2493
www.hondaoflakejacksonpowerequipment.com
Power Equipment

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Threaded Leaf

107A This Way, Lake Jackson
Maury & Erica Mcown, 979-248-8252
www.threadedleafproject.org
Non-Profit



The Box by SPCA of Brazoria County

101 N. Parking Place, Lake Jackson
Stacey Suazo, 979-529-9758
www.spcabc.org
Modern Thrift Shop & Adoptable Cats



**Mabee Foundation Telemetry Unit on the 4th
floor of CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosort**
100 Medical Drive, Lake Jackson
Al Guevara, 979-297-4411
www.chistlukesbrazosport.org
Hospital



Liberty Tree Realty
98 Parking Way, Lake Jackson
Kimmy James, 979-417-6955
www.LibertyTreeRealty.com
Real Estate

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Blessed & Beautiful Boutique

632 S. Main Street, Clute

Patty Martinez, 979-316-3190

www.facebook.com/blessedandbeautifulboutique

Boutique



Vintage Souls Resale Shop

113-A Oyster Creek Drive, Lake Jackson

Eileen Linnett, 979-888-0777

www.facebook.com/BestResaleShopEver

Resale Shop



CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport Emergency Room

100 Medical Drive, Lake Jackson

Al Guevara, 979-297-4411

www.chistlukebrazosport.org

Hospital Emergency Room



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Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Recognized for Media and Communications Excellence



Local Chambers from across the state of Texas gathered Monday, June 20, 2016 for the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE) Annual Excellence Awards. The awards honor organizations for exceptional efforts in marketing, communications and media outreach.

The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce was honored as the best in Texas, winning first place for its website. In addition to this, the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce placed third in the category of brochures.

“This is an extremely competitive process,” said Ray Hernandez, TCCE Vice-Chairman of Communications whose leadership division oversees the process. “This year we had a large number of entries from around the state and judges that were attentive to every detail. Rest assured the winners had to demonstrate their best. A victory tonight truly indicates the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce is the best in 2016 in websites, and third in brochures.”

The overall competition had more than 200 entries from which the best were judged by panels of experts in the specific field around the state. “This honor demonstrates the phenomenal work done by the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce organizationally and in the community” said Eddie McBride, 2016 TCCE Board Chairman and President/CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

Sandra Shaw, President & CEO, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce stated “I want to thank Dorian Speed, Up To Speed, who developed the website, and the Chamber staff, Donna Hargraves, Edith Fischer & Kristy Cours, that assisted in the design of the website and consistently keeps the information up to date. I was so excited to win both awards and honored to have the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce receive state recognition.”

This is the 43rd Award of Excellence that the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce has received in the past twenty-two years.

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. 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
American Realty	\$200.00
Gulf Coast S & S	\$200.00
American Realty	\$200.00
McDonough Engineering.....	\$200.00
Art Vandaveer	\$125.00
Snap Fitness 24-7.....	\$110.00
Dr. Alkesh Amin.....	\$100.00
Angleton Decorating Center.....	\$100.00
Blue Water Dental Center	\$100.00
Brazosport Regional Health System.....	\$100.00
Brevard Company.....	\$100.00
Dairy Bar	\$100.00
Kitty’s Purple Cow	\$100.00
On The River/River Point Restaurants.....	\$100.00
Sorrell Construction.....	\$100.00
Victory Insurance Agency.....	\$100.00
Texas Crewboats.....	\$100.00
ABC Realty.....	\$50.00
Baymont Inn & Suites.....	\$50.00
Em-print.....	\$50.00
Dairy Bar.....	\$50.00
Goodpaster’s & Associates.....	\$50.00
Luycx Plumbing.....	\$50.00
MSR Houston.....	\$50.00
Payroll Vault	\$50.00
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

MEGlobal



Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce President & C.E.O., presents Ramesh Ramachandran, President of MEGlobal, with a silver engraved western boot, welcoming MEGlobal to their first location in the United States.

Government Affairs Committee

Representative Dennis Bonnen was the guest speaker at the Govt. Affairs Committee meeting on August 26, 2016. L to R: Judge Jack Brown, Chairman of the Board, Representative Dennis Bonnen & Ravi Singhania, Government Affairs Committee Chairman.



Young Guns



Thank you to Debra Perry, George Franklin-State Farm Insurance, for sponsoring the August Young Guns Meeting. Pictured are: Meredith King, True to Life Ministries, Young Guns Co-Chair; Debra Perry, George Franklin-State Farm Insurance and Brian Melass, Killum Pest Control, Young Guns Co-Chair.



Thank You!

**CHI St. Luke's
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Judith Pepper, Director, CHI St. Luke's Health, Brazosport Health Foundation, was the guest speaker at the Women in Business Luncheon in June.



Patty Sayes, Chair, Women in Business; Guest Speaker Judith Pepper & Sandra Shaw, President & CEO, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce



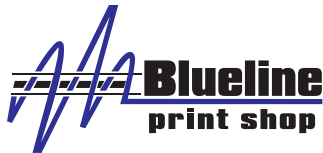
Approximately 100 women attended the Women in Business Luncheon June 29th

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Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Luncheon

Thursday, October 20, 2016
Dow Academic Center
at Brazosport College

Guest Speakers Include:

Judge Matt Sebesta, Brazoria County Judge
Brazoria County Update

Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO, Port Freeport
Port Freeport Update