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June 2017

Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce 72nd Annual Banquet



Jamey Rootes,
President of the
Houston Texans, was
the guest speaker at
the banquet.



Many thanks to
Representative Dennis
Bonnen for serving as a great
Master of Ceremonies!



Congratulations to Commissioner Donald "Dude" Payne, Outstanding Man of the Year and Ann Johnston, Outstanding Woman of the Year on these well-deserved honors



Congratulations to Chris Riley, BayStar Group, Ambassador of the Year!



Incoming Chairman of the Board David Winder

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Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce 72nd Annual Banquet

Outstanding Volunteer



The Board of Directors recognized Lucilla Henderson, TDECU-Your Credit Union, as the Outstanding Volunteer of the Month for securing our Annual Banquet speaker and for her many years of service to the Chamber and the community. Pictured are: David Winder, The Dow Chemical Company & Chairman of the Board & Lucilla Henderson, TDECU-Your Credit Union

Banquet Thank You's

Representative Dennis Bonnen, Master of
Ceremonies
Yvonne Mintz, The Facts
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Chairman's Message



The Annual Chamber Banquet was a huge success with more than 350 community members in attendance. I want to congratulate our Outstanding Man of the Year Commissioner Dude Payne and our Outstanding Woman of the Year Ann Johnston. They have both contributed so much to our community and they are truly deserving of this honor!

The guest speaker at our Banquet was Jamey Rootes, President of the Houston Texans, who was very entertaining. Chris Riley, BayStar Group, was honored as Ambassador of the Year for dedicating many selfless hours to the Chamber. I also want to thank Representative Dennis Bonnen who served as an exceptional Master of Ceremonies. 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 Sandra Shaw who was recognized for her 40 years of tenure at the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce. Sandra is an outstanding representative of our Chamber and our community. We are proud to have her on our team and appreciate all of her dedication and tireless efforts over the years.

Our Taste of the Town event was a tremendous success! Our next newsletter is dedicated to this event so be sure and watch for the July issue in your in-box.

Another upcoming event sponsored by the Chamber is Safetytown. This comprehensive safety training program for children who will enter the first grade, has been planned for June 5 to 15 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 B.I.S.D. School District. For more information, please contact the Chamber office at 979-285-2501.

Sincerely,

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David Winder Chairman of the Board Our future is NOW! Chamber Brazosport Area

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The Facts celebrated Leaders Under 40 with a Chamber Network Mixer



Yvonne Mintz, The Facts & Wayne Shaw



Trish Thompson, The Dow Chemical Company & Michael Morris, The Facts



Brazosport ISD Superintendent Danny Massey & Dan Schaefer, Brazosport ISD



Tabitha Ray, BASF; Karla Christman, BISD; Kelli Smith, Brazoria County Pct. 1; Randy Smith, Clute Municipal Judge



Integrity Mortgage Group held their Party on the Patio & Network Mixer at 108 This Way in Downtown Lake Jackson



Allison Hemphill and John Lubke, Integrity Mortgage Group, and Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber



A huge crowd attended the IMG Party on the Patio & Network Mixer



Local favorite Cole Deggs provided entertainment for the evening.



Integrity Mortgage Group served 1500 pounds of crawfish to their guests.



The Leadership Brazosport Class Health Session at CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport



Front row, left to right: John White, CHI St. Luke's; Al Guevara, President and CEO, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; Shannon Haltom, CHI St. Luke's; Daniel Gonzalez, TDECU; Desire' Risinger, TDECU; Brittany Rosenbohm, Brazosport ISD Education Foundation; Rachel Arthur, Brazosport ISD; Kari Mays, Bancorp South Mortgage; Bryan Frazier, Brazoria County Parks Department; Tamara Rice, CHI St. Luke's; Back row left to right: Preston Phillips, Heritage Bank: Andrew Keprta, Brazos Mall; Brian Martin, SI Group; Doug Wright, SI Group; Greg Deatrick, Olin.

Congratulations Leadership Byazosport Graduates

The 2017 Leadership Brazosport Awards Ceremony was held in May at Wurst Haus Restaurant where participants received their graduation certificate and commemorative gift



Lto R: Neldia Ahlquist, Leadership Co-Chair; Kari Mays, Bancorp South; Daniel Gonzalez, TDECU; Preston Phillips, Heritage Bank; Dawn Gourley, Freeport LNG; Rachel Arthur, Brazosport ISD; Tracee Watts, Brazosport College; Desire Risinger, TDECU; Andrew Keprta, Brazos Mall; Brittany Rosenbohm, BISD Education Foundation; Greg Deatrick, Olin Corp; Nikki Maddox, Co-Chair; Doug Wright, SI Group



Thank you to Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance (left) and Nikki Maddox, Farmers Insurance for Co-Chairing the Leadership Brazosport program

Brazosport Professionals C Vetwork

Many thanks to Curtis Swisher, Brazosport College, for hosting the Foundations of Leadership workshop at the Brazosport Professionals Network May meeting. Also, our gratitude goes out to First State Bank-Clute & Plantation Park Apartments for sponsoring the venue for this meeting.



Guest Speaker Curtis Swisher with Meredith King, True to Life Ministries and BPN Co-Chair



Meredith King, True to Life Ministries and BPN Co-Chair; Jordan Strother, Aaron Groves & Jeffrey Spoor all from First State Bank-Clute



Thank you to our meeting sponsors First State Bank-Clute & Plantation Park Apartments

Membership Luncheon

Membership Luncheon with guest speakers Terry Jung & Michael Langley, Lone Survivor Foundation

Sponsored By:



David Winder, The Dow Chemical Company and Chairman of the Board; Art Vandaveer, TDECU; Michael Langley, Development Manager and Terry Jung, Executive Director both with Lone Survivor Foundation





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