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OUTSTANDING Volunteers

Barbara Franklin & Lucy Pendon, Co-Chairs of Safetytown and Neldia Ahlquist & Nikki Maddox, Co-Chairs of the Leadership Brazosport Program, were named Outstanding Volunteers for their extensive efforts on these two very successful programs.



L to R: David Winder, The Dow Chemical Company & Chairman of the Board; Barbara Franklin, Community Foundation of Brazoria County & Lucy Pendon.

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Chairman's Message.



I hope this newsletter finds your family, home and business safe and dry. Due to the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, we have had to reschedule the joint Legislative Session Wrap-Up Luncheon. It will be held on Friday, October 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at The Pearl Event Center, 2500 N. Hwy. 288, Angleton. This luncheon is Co-Sponsored by the Angleton and Brazosport Area Chambers of Commerce. The guest speakers will be State Senator Larry Taylor, State Representative Dennis Bonnen, State Representative Ed Thompson & State Senator Joan Huffman. Please call or e-mail the Angleton or Brazosport Chambers to make your reservations.

Congratulations to Outstanding Volunteers Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency and Nikki Maddox, Farmers Insurance Agency, for Co-Chairing the 2017 Leadership Brazosport Program. This is a very time-intensive program and we appreciate their willingness to devote their time and expertise to this invaluable training program for future leaders.

The Council of Chambers (the 7 Chambers in Brazoria County), will host a ribbon cutting for the Brazoria County Fair on Friday, October 13th, at 6:00 p.m. Be sure and join us as we celebrate the opening of the 2017 Brazoria County Fair which will be held through October 21st.

Many thanks to those Board members who answered the membership survey this year. Your response was greatly appreciated and the answers will be used to formulate the 2018 Strategic Plan at the Board Retreat on November 3rd.

I am pleased to announce that our 2018 Annual Banquet has been scheduled for February 8th at the Dow Academic Center. The guest speaker will be John David Rainey, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of PayPal. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Sincerely,

David Winder
Chairman of the Board

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Brazosport *Professionals Network*

Many thanks to Danny Massey, Brazosport Independent School District Superintendent, for being the guest speaker and for sponsoring the venue for the Brazosport Chamber Brazosport Professionals Network meeting.



Pictured are: Danny Massey, Brazosport Independent School District Superintendent; Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber President & CEO and Meredith King, True to Life Ministries & BPN Co-Chair.

Members are welcome to attend the Brazosport Professionals Network group on the 2nd Friday of each month at various locations. Call or e-mail the Chamber office to get placed on the meeting notification list.



New Members

Captain Mark's Seafood Market
603 W. Second Street, Freeport
Mark Friudenberg, 979-233-0555
www.facebook.com/Capt.Mark'sSeafoodMarket
Seafood Market, Bait

Captain Mark's Bastrop Marina
P.O. Box 2793, Freeport
Mark Friudenberg, 979-233-4091
www.facebook.com/Capt.Mark'sBastropMarina
Marina

Edward Jones Investments—Brandon Lovell
115 N. Dixie Drive, Ste. 420, Lake Jackson
Brandon Lovell, 979-299-0119
www.edwardjones.com/Brandon-Lovell
Financial Advisor

Front Line Power Construction, LLC
4202 Chance Lane, Rosharon
Ted Triplett, 281-710-9155
www.front-linepower.com
Electrical Contractor

Glencoe Restoration Group, LLC (GRG Storm Pro)
14090 Southwest Freeway, Sugarland
Bruce Williams, 832-707-7126
Construction—Flood Related Services
www.grgstormpro.com

Great American Cookie/Pretzel Maker
100 Hwy. 332 W., Ste. 1508, Lake Jackson
979-480-0449
www.greatamericancookies.com;
www.pretzelmaker.com
Food Specialty

The Pearl Events Center
2500 N. Hwy. 288, Angleton
Craig Howard/Kaitlyn Barrick, 979-464-9300
Event Services/Facilities

Setpoint Integrated Solutions
2024 N. Brazosport Blvd., Richwood
Mike Agnew, 979-316-2814
www.SetpointIS.com
Valve Repair & Services

Judge Randy Smith
1018 Old Angleton Road, Clute
979-799-5129
Elected Official

Texas Carpet Surgeons
William Jones
979-264-8924 or 877-542-5326
www.txcarpetsurgeons.com
Carpet, Tile & Grout Cleaning

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100 Hwy. 332 W., Ste. 1508. Lake Jackson
979-480-0449

www.greatamericancookies.com; www.pretzelmaker.com
Food Specialty



Big Kountry Shooting
2100 FM 2004
Richwood, TX 77531
Eric Kinnear, 979-265-4044
www.bigkountrys shooting.com
Indoor Gun Range



Coastal Pediatric Dentistry
56 Flag Lake Plaza, Lake Jackson
Dr. Ginger Stagg, 979-297-5437
www.cpdoftexas.com
Pediatric Dentist

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 since 2011 to date. We are so grateful to these members for their contributions to the Chamber as well as the community.

\$2,500:

Freeport LNG

\$1,100:

The Dow Chemical Company

Gulf Coast S&S

Leo Martin Chevrolet

\$925:

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\$850:

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CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport

\$650:

Corky & Vicki Melass

\$600:

Dr. Perry Mueller

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Kid's Way Clinic

\$500:

Representative Dennis & Kim Bonnen

Brazosport CAER

CenterPoint Energy

First National Bank

K&S Restaurants

Nalco

Shintech

Bob & Lori Sipple

\$451:

Comfort Suites

\$450:

MSR Houston, LLC

Art & Lynn Vandaveer

\$300:

Killum Pest Control

\$250:

Dr. Alkesh Amin, M.D.P.A.

Brazosport Leadership Class of 2015

Brown's Auto Sales

Great American Title

Kitty's Purple Cow

McDonough Engineering

Merrill Lynch

Commissioner Dude & Debra Payne

SI Group, Inc.

State Farm Insurance—George Franklin

David & Renee Winder

\$200:

Angleton Decorating & Upholstery Center

Clute Pawn & Jewelry

Dairy Bar

Freeport Welding & Fabrication, Inc.

iAD Architects

Sharon Rogers

TJ's Lube

Tom's Pawn

Wells Fargo Advisors—Gary Foose

\$160:

Snap Fitness

\$150:

Luycx Plumbing

Mejia Industrial Supply

Judge Matt Sebesta

Texas Crewboats

\$125:

Sandlin Broadcasting Company

\$100:

Dr. T.E. Allen

Brazosport Pediatric Clinic, PA

Brevard Company

Tom Chaffin

D-Square Foundation Repair

Freeport-Lakewood Funeral Homes

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Goodpaster's & Associates

Infinity Construction Services, LP

Offshore Oil Services

On the River/River Point Restaurants

Port Freeport

Prather & Harlan A/C

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Patty Sayes

Sorrell Construction Equipment &

Materials

State Farm Insurance—Kalen Bailey

State Farm Insurance—Wayne

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TDECU-Your Credit Union

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The Source Weekly

VCA Lake Jackson Animal Hospital

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Village of Jones Creek

Robert Worley

\$50:

ABC Realty

Baymont Inn & Suites

Brown Hearing Centers

Creskide Village Healthcare

Don Davis Delearships-LJ

Dottie Duby

Em-Print Company

Payroll Vault

Red Wing Shoe Store

Total Safety U.S., Inc.

Wal-Mart Super Center

\$40:

Mayor Joe Rinehart

\$25:

Brazosport Corporate Housing

Judge Jack Brown

Eubanks & Company 2

Red Snapper Inn

You did it! *Congratulations*

Brazosport ISD Receives 15 Distinctions from the Texas Education Agency

Seven schools in Brazosport Independent School District have earned a total of 15 Distinctions according to the 2017 Texas Education Agency accountability ratings. Fifteen distinctions are the most ever earned by BISD campuses. Ten of the distinctions came in the areas of Student Progress and Closing Performance Gaps, which are the two areas most impacted by the district's ongoing intervention and Professional Learning Communities initiatives.

Brannen Elementary, who finished in the top 4.5% of campuses in the state, earned every possible distinction including Reading, Math, Student Progress, Closing Performance Gaps and Postsecondary Readiness. Speaking of campuses that earned all possible distinctions this year, TEA Commissioner Mike Morath stated, "Amazing work takes place in classrooms across our state every school day, but especially on these campuses where every possible distinction has been earned."

Roberts Elementary and Long Elementary received three out of five distinctions each. Griffith and Polk Elementaries, along with Lanier Middle School and Freeport Intermediate School earned one distinction each. Distinctions are awarded to campuses that not only receive the highest accountability rating, but are also in the top quartile of similar campuses across the state. Distinctions are awarded in the following areas: Academic Achievement in English Language Arts/Reading; Academic Achievement in Mathematics; Academic Achievement in Science; Academic Achievement in Social Studies; Top 25 Percent: Student Progress; Top 25 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps; and/or Postsecondary Readiness.

"This is more great evidence of the high quality of education BISD students are receiving," said BISD Superintendent Danny Massey.

School district and campus accountability ratings for 2017 can be viewed online at <http://tea.texas.gov/2017accountability.aspx>.

You did it! *Congratulations*



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Brannen Elementary - 5 out of 5 Distinctions

- Reading
- Math
- Student Progress
- Closing Performance Gaps
- Postsecondary Readiness

Roberts Elementary - 3 Distinctions

- Math
- Student Progress
- Closing Performance Gaps

Long Elementary - 3 Distinctions

- Math
- Student Progress
- Closing Performance Gaps

Griffith Elementary - 1 Distinction

- Closing Performance Gaps

Polk Elementary - 1 Distinction

- Closing Performance Gaps

Lanier Middle - 1 Distinction

- Student Progress

Freeport Intermediate - 1 Distinction

- Student Progress

Congratulations to Brazosport I.S.D. Superintendent Danny Massey & Staff Members of Jane Long Elementary, O.A. Fleming Elementary, Lanier Middle School and Freeport Intermediate. We are very proud of your academic achievement!

NEWS *from our* Members

If you have any news about your company, please email this information to donna@brazosportchamber.org, so we can include it in our newsletter.



PORT FREEPORT CELEBRATES RAIL GROUNDBREAKING

Port Freeport and their honored guests joined together for a groundbreaking ceremony marking the commencement for construction of the Phase 1 of the Parcel 14 Rail Development. The rail project has been one of the port's long term strategic objectives for many years and will enhance landside accessibilities and supply chain efficiencies for the Port's current and future users and for Brazoria County's Petrochemical Industry.

Parcel 14 is a 250-acre site adjacent to State Highway 36 (SH36) traversing between FM 1495 and the Brazos River Diversion Canal. The site will be developed into a multimodal industrial park complete with new warehousing facilities for plastic resins packaging, cross-docking activities and distribution centers. Additional areas of the site have been earmarked for new vehicle processing and storage. Union Pacific Railroad will offer manifest train service on the new rail infrastructure.

Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO, said, "In addition to adding rail capacity to Port Freeport's infrastructure portfolio, the new rail facility will enhance our partnerships with area industry, and will be the first step in future connections to the Texas International Trade Corridor."

In July, Port Freeport Commissioners approved the issuance of a notice to proceed to James Construction for the \$21 million Parcel 14 Rail Development Project. Approximately 21,000 linear feet of rail track will be constructed consisting of a 6,000-foot lead track spurring from the Union Pacific main line at Cherry Street, that crosses SH 36, and then connects to three ladder tracks of approximately 5,000 feet each.

"The Port is pleased to begin work with James Construction on this new rail project to support the business needs of our current and future customers and create jobs and economic prosperity for the area. With the opening of the expanded Panama Canal and the oil and gas renaissance experienced in this region and the new resin production coming on line, growth at Port Freeport will continue," said Port Freeport Chairman Paul Kresta.

The construction is scheduled to begin August 2017, with the new rail infrastructure being fully operational by July 2018.

WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR 2017 TASTE OF THE TOWN SPONSORS!

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Without You!*



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