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The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce will host it's 73rd Annual Banquet on Thursday, February 8, 2018 6:00 p.m. Social-Cash Bar 7:00 p.m. Program Dow Academic Center



John Rainey, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of PayPal Holdings, will be the guest speaker at the banquet this year.

Tickets are \$60.00 each for members, \$70.00 for future members and a reserved table for 10 is \$700.00. Reservations can be made on our website www.brazosport.org, or by contacting the Chamber office at 979-285-2501, or emailing chamber@brazosportchamber.org.

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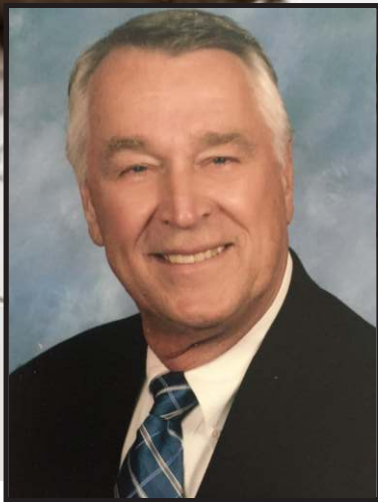
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Chairman's Message.

The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce has a membership base of more than seven hundred members and is committed to the economic prosperity of the Brazosport Area. I am privileged to begin 2018 as the Chairman of the Board and want to thank David Winder and the 2017 Board of Directors for their excellent leadership.

I want to offer a special welcome to the 2018 Board of Directors and thank them for their loyalty and dedication to serve. We have drafted an ambitious Strategic Plan for this year and there will be plenty of opportunities for involvement. I'd like to encourage all of our members to consider getting involved in the work of the Chamber. The very best way to do that is through participation on a committee or task force. I have included an outline of the 2018 Strategic Plan in this newsletter describing the purpose or goals of each committee or task force. Once you have selected an area of interest, return the committee selection form to begin receiving meeting reminders. Most of them will only require one hour of time each month.

I would like to invite you to attend the annual banquet on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the Dow Academic Center. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be John Rainey, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of PayPal Holdings.

Please find included in this newsletter a list of the current committees and task forces along with a committee selection form. Again, let me encourage you to get involved with the work of the Chamber and help make a difference in our community. I think you will find it both rewarding and beneficial.

I chose the slogan "Partners In Progress" this year since the Brazosport Chamber, along with our members, work together for the economic development of the area.

I look forward to serving you this year as we all play a role in working together as "Partners In Progress".

Sincerely,

Robert "Bob" Sipple
Chairman of the Board



Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce

HOLIDAY

Tour of Homes

Holiday Home Tour Hosts



Many thanks to our Holiday Home Tour Hosts Lance Olshovsky; Christy Spence; Nancy Wollam; Jeannette Merritt, Home Tour Chair; Sue Merritt & Leslie Barber

Holiday Home Tour Luncheon



The homeowners of the Holiday Home Tour met for a luncheon at the Chamber office. Thank you to The Dow Chemical Company for sponsoring this luncheon. Thank you to the homeowners for graciously agreeing to have their homes on this year's tour.

Holiday Home Tour Homeowners



Rod & Luz Hall



Stephen Smith



Brad & Erica Stephens



Walter & Elsa Branson



Dr. Bruce & Mary Meyers ~3~

New Members

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bouncy-blvd.business.site
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211 Parking Way, Lake Jackson
Amber Laughrey, 979-292-8272
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Assistant Services

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Patti Cardenas, 979-299-1990
Insurance

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Talbot, Joe

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THANK

Cindy Suggs, BASF Corp., for sponsoring the venue for the Brazosport Professional Network meeting in December.

David Winder, The Dow Chemical Company, for sponsoring the lunch for the Brazosport Professional Network meeting in December.

H-E-B, for the beautiful holiday cake!

Meredith King, True to life Ministries & Refresh Boutique, for the holiday goodie box!

Loris Canahuati, Braskem, for the delicious pecan pie!

Bob & Lori Sipple, for the holiday poinsettias!

Brazosport Professionals Network

Thank you to BASF Corp. for sponsoring the Brazosport Professionals Network venue and The Dow Chemical Company for sponsoring the lunch in December. David Winder, The Dow Chemical Company, was the guest speaker at the B.P.N. December meeting. He made an informative presentation on Social Media Marketing. Many thanks to David for sharing his expertise!



Guest Speaker David Winder, The Dow Chemical Company and Meredith King, True to Life Ministries & B.P.N Co-Chair.



Many thanks to BASF Corp. and The Dow Chemical Company for sponsoring the December B.P.N meeting.

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.

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Wal-Mart Super Center

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Mayor Joe Rinehart

\$25:

Brazosport Corporate Housing

Judge Jack Brown

Eubanks & Company 2

Red Snapper Inn

The Pearl Event Center Network Mixer

The Pearl Event Center hosted a joint Network Mixer with the Greater Angleton, Brazosport Area, Alvin/Manvel & Pearland Chambers of Commerce.



Jay Gibson, The Dow Chemical Company; Dr. Bruce Meyers & Mary Meyers, Brazosport Ear, Nose & Throat



Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber; Johanna McWilliams, Alvin/Manvel Chamber & Beth Journeay, Angleton Chamber



Justin Graves, Carriage Inn & Shelly Crosby, Care Builders at Home Lake Jackson

Table 24 Network Mixer



Kathryn Gibson, General Manager & Yari Cateura, Executive Chef, Table 24



Troy McCraray; Shelly Crosby, Carebuilders at Home Lake Jackson & Wayne Shaw.



Fran George, Great American Title Company & Jeannette Merritt, Gateway Mortgage Group

UrbanEve Network Mixer



UrbanEve staff: Jennifer Culverhouse, Owner; Liz Stevenson, Salon Coordinator; Shawnda Hall, Regional Team Leader.



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Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites, poses with an UrbanEve Salon & Boutique employee

Brazosport Chamber Board SERVES Hospital Leadership

The Brazosport Chamber Executive Board served CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport Leadership Team at their annual planning session. Many thanks to CHI St. Luke's for purchasing this item at the Taste of the Town auction.



Bob Sipple, Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Judge Jack Brown and David Winder did an outstanding job as servers.



Bob Sipple; Judge Jack Brown; Al Guevara, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; David Winder, The Dow Chemical Company & Chairman of the Board and Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG.

2018 COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES
PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND HELP OUR COMMUNITY GROW & PROSPER

The following list of committees and task forces give you an opportunity to become personally involved in the work of the Chamber. Through your involvement, you will be able to see first-hand how your membership dues are invested in the numerous activities and projects the Chamber undertakes, and the effect it has on the area. Please look over the following list, make your selection(s), and e-mail or fax the committee selection form. You will be placed on the Committee list and a notice of each meeting will be e-mailed, and a reminder call made, for your convenience.

- **The Ambassadors**--Serve as the public relations arm of the Chamber at ribbon cutting ceremonies and various Chamber events throughout the year.
- **Annual Meeting Task Force**--Coordinate the annual meeting scheduled in February 2019.
- **Brazoria County Day Support Committee**—Support the Brazoria County Day in Austin event in conjunction with the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County and the six other Chambers of Commerce in Brazoria County, to be held at Fiesta Gardens in March, 2019.
- **Brazosport Professionals Network**—Provides an opportunity for professionals to focus on leadership and business development in order to promote success, excellence, and innovation among our community's leaders.
- **Capital Projects Campaign**—Raise the necessary funding to retire the debt on the Chamber facility.
- **Governmental Affairs Committee**—Keep informed of local, state, and federal legislation affecting our business community and recommend appropriate action to the Chamber Board of Directors.
- **Holiday Tour of Homes**—Host a tour of some of Brazosport's finest and most unique homes in December of 2018.
- **Leadership Task Force**—Conduct the 2019 Leadership Brazosport Class designed to develop the future leaders of the community.
- **Lodging & Attractions Committee**--Gather and exchange information to cross-promote attractions.
- **Major Industry Sessions**—Chamber liaison meets with area industry managers in conjunction with Brazoria County Petrochemical Council to address industrial needs and concerns and establish how the Chamber can assist with these issues.
- **Mayors & City Managers Sessions**—Mayors and City Managers from the eight cities in the Brazosport area meet quarterly to discuss municipal activities and needs and enhance communication between the Chamber and cities.
- **Membership Luncheons**—Present luncheons throughout the year with speakers on various issues affecting the business community.

- **National Day of Prayer**—Work with the Brazosport Ministerial Alliance to implement prayer sessions on National Prayer Day
- **Safetytown Coordinating Committee**--Provide an organized, educational safety program for children having completed kindergarten.
- **Shop Local First**—Encourage shopping locally to support businesses that make up the fabric of our community.
- **State of the Community**—Host a luncheon in October of 2018 providing reports on various sectors of the Brazosport economy.
- **Taste of the Town**--Promote member restaurants by allowing attendees to sample the variety of cuisines offered throughout the Brazosport area at the Chamber's only major fund-raiser, celebrating its 27th year.
- **Transportation Committee**—Improve area transportation by meeting with TXDOT, Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport, Brazoria County Engineer and Port Freeport on transportation, signage and infrastructure issues and projects needed for the area.

2018 Committees & Task Forces

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- ☐ The Ambassador's
- ☐ Annual Meeting Task Force
- ☐ Brazoria County Day Support Committee
- ☐ Brazosport Professionals Network
- ☐ Capital Projects Campaign
- ☐ Government Affairs Committee
- ☐ Holiday Tour of Homes
- ☐ Leadership Task Force

- ☐ Lodging & Attractions Committee
- ☐ Membership Luncheons
- ☐ National Prayer Day
- ☐ Safetytown Coordinating Committee
- ☐ Shop Local First
- ☐ State of the Community
- ☐ Taste of the Town
- ☐ Transportation Committee

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