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The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce
73rd Annual Banquet

Guest speaker John David Rainey, Executive Vice President and C.F.O. of PayPal Holdings.

State Representative Dennis Bonnen served as a great Master of Ceremonies.

Dave Winder, Dow Chemical Company & Past Chairman of the Board

Judge Jack Brown, Chairman of the Ambassadors, presented Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites, with the Ambassador of the Year Award.

Nate Moore accepts the Outstanding Woman of the Year award for his late wife Evelyn Wright Moore from State Representative Dennis Bonnen

L to R: Kristy Cours, Administrative Secretary, Sandra Shaw, President & C.E.O., Edith Fischer, Director of Tourism & Donna Hargraves, Executive Vice President
## Thank You to our Major Banquet Sponsors

- BASF Corporation
- Braskem America
- Brazosport College
- Brazosport ISD
- CenterPoint Energy
- CHI St. Luke’s Health Brazosport
- City of Clute
- First State Bank
- Freeport LNG
- Great American Title
- Heritage Bank
- MEGlobal
- Port Freeport
- Restwood Memorial Park & Funeral Home
- TDECU - Business Services
- The Dow Chemical Company
- The Facts

## Banquet Thank You's

- Representative Dennis Bonnen, Master of Ceremonies
- Yvonne Mintz, The Facts
- Billy Loveless, Photography
- Becka Ryder, Decorations
- Drew Ryder, On the River/River Point Restaurants
- Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency
- Frances Schultz, Direct Effect Marketing
Everyone had a great time at our annual banquet last month. John Rainey, E.V.P. & C.F.O., PayPal Holdings, was the guest speaker and he gave an interesting & informative presentation.

We were so proud to recognize the late Evelyn Moore as Outstanding Woman of the Year for her many accomplishments throughout her lifetime. This great leader is certainly missed but will never be forgotten. I also want to take this time to congratulate our Outstanding Man of the Year, Earl Shipp, for this well-deserved honor. As always, Representative Dennis Bonnen did a fantastic job entertaining the crowd as the Master of Ceremonies. Congratulations also to Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites, who was named Ambassador of the Year. We appreciate his dedication to the Brazosport Area and the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce.

I wanted to inform you that the Board of Directors unanimously voted to support Port Freeport's $130 million-dollar bond issue. This would be used to deepen the channel from 45 to 55 feet and extend an additional 2 miles offshore into the channel. This would also benefit the Port's clients using its public docks but also be of great benefit to our industrial neighbors.

This Bond will also be extremely beneficial to assure that the waterway is navigable and operating safely and that the Port can handle business from modern cargo ships thus continuing the growth of Port Freeport that has been, and will continue to be, a huge part of the economic stability of the Brazosport Area.

I also want to note that local taxes would not be affected by this bond issue.

Tony Wood, Taste of the Town Chairman, and his Taste Team, have another great event planned for Sunday, April 29th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Brazos Mall. There are over twenty-five vendors signed up so plan to come hungry! Many thanks to the thirty-nine sponsors that help make this event possible. Items valued at a minimum of $250.00 are being collected for the live auction, so please call the Chamber office if you would like to donate an item. The auction will be held in the food court from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. where auction participants will be treated like royalty at the “Kings Feast.” The Grand Finale of the event will be the raffle drawing for a $5,000 shopping spree with any Chamber member.

I want to close by thanking you, the members, for your support this year as we continue to work as “Partners in Progress.”

I look forward to seeing you at the Taste of the Town!

Sincerely,

Bob Sipple
Chairman of the Board
WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR 2018 TASTE OF THE TOWN SPONSORS!

We Couldn’t Do It Without You!
Tony Wood, Taste of the Town Chairman, and the Taste Committee have been busy coordinating the twenty-seventh Annual Taste of the Town event scheduled for Sunday, April 29th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Brazos Mall.


Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites, is Chairman of the ticket sales this year, and has included a ticket order form in this newsletter. Please note on the ticket order form that discounts are available.

Bruce Juback, El Chico, Vendor Chair, reports that our booth spaces are filling up fast with the following vendors and sponsors who will feature their favorite “tastes.” So far they include: Affairs to Remember, Allstar Pizza, Beach Front Deck Bar & Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carino's Italian, Center Court Pizza, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport, Chicken Express—Angleton, Coca-Cola, Courtyard by Marriott, Del Papa Distributing (Bud Light) Domino's Pizza, El Chico, El Retaco, El Toro Mexican Restaurant, Faust Distributing (Miller Lite), Growlers Pour Haus, H-E-B, Honey Baked Ham, McDonald's, Oak Farms Dairy, On the River Restaurant/River Point Restaurants, Panda Express, Riviana Foods, Inc., Shanghai Restaurant, Texas Roadhouse, Whataburger & Wurst Haus.

Nancy Wollam, Chair, and her verbal auction team are busy collecting some great items for the auction. Heather Rimato-Morrison, Rimato Insurance, will oversee the Kings Feast which will again be part of the verbal auction. The auction will be held in the food court from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Items valued at $250 and above are being gathered but more donations are needed. Please call one of the Chairmen or the Chamber office if you are interested in donating an item.
“2018 Taste Of The Town”
Sunday, April 29, 2018 ~ Brazos Mall ~ 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Order Tickets Now!!!

The following discounts are available now!

- 40 or more tickets          $ 12.00 each
- 20 - 39 tickets             $ 13.00 each
- 10 - 19 tickets             $ 14.00 each
- 1 - 9 tickets (until 4/27/18) $ 15.00 each
  (at the door)                $ 20.00 each
- Children 6 & under          Free

Notice!!!!
All tickets ordered at discount prices must be paid for by April 27, 2018. All tickets sold at the door, or paid for after this date will be full price.

Mail or Fax form as soon as possible to:
Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce
300 Abner Jackson Parkway · Lake Jackson, TX 77566
(979) 285-2501 · Fax (979) 285-2505

Name _________________________________________________________________
Company Name  ________________________________________________________
# Tickets ________________________ $ Enclosed  ____________________________
Bill Me ☐  Billing Address   _____________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________
The Taste of the Town, to be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018, will once again include a raffle as part of this year's event. The lucky winner will receive a $5,000.00 shopping spree with any Brazosport Area Chamber member.

Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites, has sent each Chamber member six raffle tickets with a letter inviting them to purchase and/or sell the tickets. There will be 600 tickets sold at $20 each or 6 for $100. The raffle drawing will take place in the food court at 9:00 p.m. It is not necessary to be present to win.

We need your participation! Taste of the Town is the Chamber's major fund-raiser each year and helps to support the many projects and programs that benefit the members and the entire area.

If you have questions or need more tickets, please call the Chamber office at 285-2501.

The Holiday Home Tour Committee was named Outstanding Volunteers for their contributions to the success of the Holiday Home Tour Event. Pictured L to R: Sue Merritt, Jeannette Merritt, Nancy Wollam and Jason Cordoba (accepting for Leslie Barber). Not pictured are Christy Spence and Lance Olshovsky.
Anchor Safe & Lock Company
110A Garland Street, Lake Jackson
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Diane Smith, 832-883-0278
www.dexyp.com
Advertising/Social Media/Email Marketing

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M.C. Dougherty, 979-709-2923
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TRA-CON General Construction & Design
Troy Tracy, 979-373-1801
Remodeling/Residential/Commercial

The UPS Store
117 Hwy. 332, Ste. J, Lake Jackson
Susie Downs, 979-297-4877
Packing & Shipping

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Tami Fitzgerald/Brittni Athey, 979-265-4221
Skilled Nursing Facility & Long-Term Care
Ribbon Cuttings

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Shannon Davis, 979-297-7300
www.marriott.com/ljncy
Hotel/Event Services/Restaurant

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Jay Burridge, 979-266-0000
www.housecalltransportation.com
Transportation/Personal Assistant Service

Patti Cardenas Insurance Agency
469 This Way Street, Lake Jackson
Patti Cardenas, 979-299-1990
Insurance
Villages of Lake Jackson Apartments named Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce as Business of the Month and brought us a beautiful plant! Thank you so much for this honor!

Butch Murrell, Diversified Plant Services, for the delicious chocolate covered strawberries on Valentine's Day!

Tom Chaffin, for the yummy chocolates!

The Brazosport Area Chamber Board of Directors met in February and welcomed new Board Members: L to R Maegan Lee, Zachry; Gabriella Cone, Dow Chemical Company; Courtney Truman, CenterPoint Energy & Jason Cordoba, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC.

The Brazosport Area Chamber Board of Directors met in February and unanimously voted to support Port Freeport's $130 million-dollar bond issue.
Meredith King, True to Life Ministries and BPN Chair & guest speaker Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport.

Members of the Brazosport Business Professionals Network attended the meeting in January to hear a presentation by Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport.

Meredith King, True to Life Ministries and BPN Chair & guest speaker Jennifer Culverhouse, UrbanEve.

Everyone enjoyed the presentation by Jennifer Culverhouse, UrbanEve, on Team Culture at the February Business Professionals Network meeting.
Thank you to our Major Sponsor, Dow Chemical Company and our Table Sponsors: BASF Corp., Brazosport Independent School District; Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; iAD Architects, Port Freeport & TDECU-Business Services.

Guest speaker Rich Wells, Vice President of U.S. Operations & Site Director of Texas Operations, Dow Chemical Company

Judge Jack Brown; Rich Wells, Dow Chemical Company; Bob Sipple & Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director.
Ur “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
$1,150: Gordon & Nancy Wollam
$1,100: The Dow Chemical Company
$850: Gulf Coast S&S
$750: Leo Martin Chevrolet
$650: BASF Corp.
$600: American Realty
$550: CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport
$500: Corky & Vicki Melass
$600: First National Bank
$500: Blue Water Dental Care
$451: Art & Lynn Vandaveer
$450: Comfort Suites
$450: MSR Houston, LLC
$300: Killum Pest Control
$300: Kitty’s Purple Cow

$250: Dr. Alkesh Amin, M.D.P.A.
$250: Brazosport Leadership Class of 2015
$210: Snap Fitness
$200: Angleton Decorating & Upholstery Center
$200: Clute Pawn & Jewelry
$190: Freeport Welding & Fabrication, Inc.
$190: iAD Architects
$190: Luycx Plumbing
$175: Sharon Rogers
$175: T.J’s Lube
$175: Tom's Pawn
$175: Wells Fargo Advisors—Gary Foose
$150: Dr. T.E. Allen
$150: Mejia Industrial Supply
$150: Judge Matt Sebesta
$150: Texas Crewboats
$125: Sandlin Broadcasting Company
$125: State Farm Insurance—Kalen Bailey
$125: State Farm Insurance—Wayne
$125: TDECU-Your Credit Union
$125: The Facts
$125: The Source Weekly
$125: VCA Lake Jackson Animal Hospital
$125: Victory Insurance Agency
$125: Village of Jones Creek
$125: U.S. Representative Randy Weber
$125: Robert Worley
$100: ABC Realty
$100: Brown Hearing Centers
$100: Creekside Village Healthcare
$100: Don Davis Delearships-LJ
$100: Dottie Duby
$100: Em-Print Company
$100: Payroll Vault
$100: Red Wing Shoe Store
$100: Total Safety U.S., Inc.
$100: Wal-Mart Super Center
$50: Mayor Joe Rinehart
$25: Brazosport Corporate Housing
$25: Judge Jack Brown
$25: Eubanks & Company 2
$25: Red Snapper Inn

$100 Continued: Offshore Oil Services
$100 Continued: On the River/River Point Restaurants
$100 Continued: Port Freeport
$100 Continued: Prather & Harlan A/C
$100 Continued: Kat Roebuck
$100 Continued: Patty Sayes
$100 Continued: Sorrell Construction Equipment & Materials
$100 Continued: State Farm Insurance—Kalen Bailey
$100 Continued: State Farm Insurance—Wayne
$100 Continued: Reitmeyer
$100 Continued: TDECU-Your Credit Union
$100 Continued: The Facts
$100 Continued: The Source Weekly
$100 Continued: VCA Lake Jackson Animal Hospital
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