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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

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Heritage Bank

MEGlobal

Port Freeport

Restwood Memorial Park & Funeral Home

TDECU - Business Services

The Dow Chemical Company

The Facts

Banquet Thank Yous

Representative Dennis Bonnen, Master of Ceremonies

Yvonne Mintz, The Facts

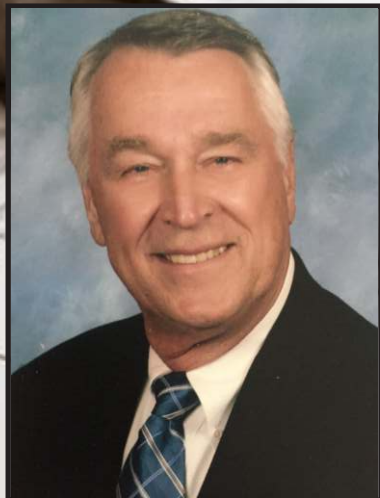
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Drew Ryder, On the River/River Point Restaurants

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Chairman's Message.

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



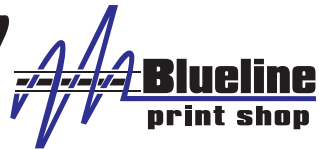
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“TASTE” 2018

WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR 2018 TASTE OF THE TOWN SPONSORS!

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Without You!*



ITS' ALMOST TIME FOR TASTE OF THE TOWN!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!



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.

The sponsors that help make this exciting event possible include: All Smiles, Altus Emergency Center, BASF Corp., Baywood Foods, The Blueline Shop, Braskem America, Brazos Mall, Brazosport CAER, Brazosport Christian School, Brazosport Independent School District, CenterPoint Energy, Chevron Phillips, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport, Coca-Cola, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC, CycleWorks, Del Papa Distributing (Bud Light), The Dow Chemical Company, Events All Around, The Facts, Faust Distributing (Miller Lite), Freeport LNG, H-E-B, Lake Jackson Dermatology, Lake Jackson Modern Dentistry, MEGlobal, MSR Houston, Oak Farms Dairy, Olin Corp., Phillips 66, Port Freeport, Riviana Foods, Inc., Shintech, SI Group, Inc., State Farm Insurance—Tim Keefe, Staybridge Suites/Candlewood Suites, Stephen F. Austin Community Health Network, Waste Connections & Yaklin Ford.



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 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.





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“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
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Name _____

Company Name _____

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“TASTE” 2018

TASTE OF THE TOWN RAFFLE



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.

Outstanding Volunteers



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.

New Members

Anchor Safe & Lock Company
110A Garland Street, Lake Jackson
Ruben Sanchez, 979-297-2413
Locksmith/Security

Capital Title of Texas
130-A Parking Way, Lake Jackson
Kim Caldwell, 979-236-2628
www.capitaltitle.com
Title Company

Creekside Village
914 N. Brazosport Blvd., Clute
Amy Brieden/Brittni Athey, 979-265-4794
www.creeksidevillagecare.com
Skilled Nursing Facility & Long-Term Care

Dex YP
2200 W. Airfield Drive, Dallas, TX
Diane Smith, 832-883-0278
www.dexyp.com
Advertising/Social Media/Email Marketing

Knights of Columbus #6812
P.O. Box 1412, Lake Jackson
M.C. Dougherty, 979-709-2923
Non-Profit

Oak Village Healthcare
204 Oak Drive S., Lake Jackson
Charles Brieden/Brittni Athey, 979-297-0425
www.oakvillagecare.com
Skilled Nursing Facility & Long-Term Care

Open Mortgage
2508 N. Velasco Street, Ste. C, Angleton
Lisa Blake, 979-267-7055
<https://lisablake.openmortgage.com/>
Financial/Real Estate/Mortgage

Revered Texan Hearth & Home, LLC
1005 Sycamore Street, Lake Jackson
Karen Krug-Cook, 979-266-9982
Personal Services/Homes/Assisted Living/Elderly
Caregivers/Health Care Services

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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

Woodlake Nursing & Rehabilitation
603 E. Plantation Drive, Clute
Tami Fitzgerald/Brittni Athey, 979-265-4221
Skilled Nursing Facility & Long-Term Care



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159 S. Hwy. 288, Lake Jackson
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Transportation/Personal Assistant Service



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Insurance

THANK

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!



Board of Directors



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.

Brazosport Professionals Network



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.

Membership Luncheon



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.



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 & TDECUC-Business Services.

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

\$1150:

Gordon & Nancy Wollam

\$1,100:

The Dow Chemical Company

Gulf Coast S&S

Leo Martin Chevrolet

\$850:

BASF Corp.

\$750:

American Realty

CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport

\$650:

Corky & Vicki Melass

\$600:

First National Bank

Dr. Perry Mueller

\$550:

Blue Water Dental Care

Kid's Way Clinic

Art & Lynn Vandaveer

\$500:

Representative Dennis & Kim Bonnen

Brazosport CAER

CenterPoint Energy

K&S Restaurants

Nalco

Shintech

Bob & Lori Sipple

\$451:

Comfort Suites

\$450:

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\$300:

Killum Pest Control

Kitty's Purple Cow

\$250:

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

Brazosport Leadership Class of 2015

Brown's Auto Sales

Dairy Bar

Great American Title

McDonough Engineering

Merrill Lynch

Commissioner Dude & Debra Payne

SI Group, Inc.

State Farm Insurance—George Franklin

David & Renee Winder

\$210:

Snap Fitness

\$200:

Angleton Decorating & Upholstery Center

Clute Pawn & Jewelry

Freeport Welding & Fabrication, Inc.

iAD Architects

Luycx Plumbing

Sharon Rogers

TJ's Lube

Tom's Pawn

Wells Fargo Advisors—Gary Foose

\$150:

Dr. T.E. Allen

Mejia Industrial Supply

Judge Matt Sebesta

Texas Crewboats

\$125:

Sandlin Broadcasting Company

\$100:

Baymont Inn & Suites

Beach Front Properties

Brazosport Pediatric Clinic, PA

Brevard Company

Tom Chaffin

D-Square Foundation Repair

Freeport-Lakewood Funeral Homes

Goodpaster's & Associates

Infinity Construction Services, LP

\$100 Continued:

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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The Source Weekly

VCA Lake Jackson Animal Hospital

Victory Insurance Agency

Village of Jones Creek

U.S. Representative Randy Weber

Robert Worley

\$50:

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Creekside Village Healthcare

Don Davis Delearships-LJ

Dottie Duby

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