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Congratulations to Outstanding Volunteer Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency, for taking the time from her busy schedule to serve as Master of Ceremonies at so many ribbon cuttings. We appreciate you so much!

Many thanks to those members who answered the membership survey this year. Your response was greatly appreciated and the answers were used to formulate the 2019 Strategic Plan at the Board Retreat

which was held on October 19th.

I would like to invite you to attend the State of the Community Luncheon on Wednesday, November 28th at 12:00 noon at the Dow Academic Center. The guest speakers will be Danny Massey, Superintendent, Brazosport I.S.D. and Gary Basinger, Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County. For reservations, please contact the chamber office or make your reservation on-line at Brazosport.org.

I am pleased to announce that our 2019 Annual Banquet has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th at the Dow Academic Center. The guest speaker will be Jim McIngvale, owner of Gallery Furniture. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

As the Thanksgiving holiday is near, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce. Without our members, our organization would cease to exist so thank you so much for your contributions that make this organization so effective.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Sincerely,

Robert "Bob" Sipple Chairman of the Board



### Outstanding Volunteer



Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance, was recognized as Outstanding Volunteer for attending and serving as Master of Ceremonies at several of the ribbon cuttings this year.

### Brazosport Professionals L mile

The Brazosport Professionals Network met in August with guest speaker Stephanie Sherrodd, President & CEO, TDECU-Your Credit Union, who shared her perspective on leading organizations and teams through change and growth.



L to R: Meredith King, True to Life Ministries & Co-Chair, B.P.N. and guest speaker Stephanie Sherrodd, President & C.E.O., TDECU-Your Credit Union



Many thanks to BASF Corp. for sponsoring the B.P.N. luncheon in August.

The Brazosport Professionals Network met in September with guest speaker Danny Massey, Superintendent, Brazosport I.S.D.



Brittany Rosenbaum, B.I.S.D. Education Foundation, Danny Massey, Superintendent, B.I. S. D. & Gabriella Cone, Dow Texas Operations & luncheon sponsor.



Brittany Rosenbaum, B.I.S.D. Education foundation, introduces guest speaker Danny Massey, Superintendent, B.I. S. D.

## Membership Luncheon

Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Programs addressed the topic of "Investing in Rural America to expand Economic Opportunities."



L to R: Bob Sipple, Brazosport Chamber Chairman of the Board; Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta; Judge Jack Brown; Art Vandaveer, TDECU-Business Services; Megan Morris, USDA-Angleton Office; Catrina Southall; Angela Richardson Woods, USDA; Mike Wilson, Port Freeport; Fred Ortiz, Lake Jackson EMS; Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director; C.J. Snipes, Clute City Manager.



Thanks to TDECU Business Services for sponsoring the luncheon and Art Vandaveer for organizing this event!

## Ave FORECAST

The Pre-Legislative Luncheon Co-Sponsored by the Economic Development Alliance and the Alvin, Angleton, Brazoria, Brazosport Area, Pearland, Sweeny, West Columbia Chambers of Commerce. The guest speakers were State Senator Larry Taylor, State Senator Joan Huffman, State Representative Dennis Bonnen & State Representative Ed Thompson.







L to R: Callie Venable, West Columbia Chamber of Commerce; Judge Matt Sebesta, Master of Ceremonies; Johanna McWilliams, Alvin-Manvel Chamber of Commerce; State Senator Larry Taylor; Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber; State Representative Dennis Bonnen; Ashley Lancaster, Brazoria Chamber of Commerce; State Representative Ed Thompson; State Senator Joan Huffman; Michelle Allison, Angleton Chamber of Commerce; Gary Basinger, The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County & Carol Bucek, Pearland Chamber of Commerce.

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Brazosport College, The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County and the Angleton, Brazoria, Brazosport Area, Sweeny and West Columbia Chambers of Commerce held a 50 Year Anniversary Luncheon for Brazosport College with guest speaker Dr. Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School



Dr. Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School, spoke about "Unpacking the Supreme Court: History, Hierarchy and Headlines"



A large crowd attended the 50th Anniversary Luncheon for Brazosport College



Dr. Millicent Valek, President, Brazosport College















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#### THANK

Gabriella Cone, Dow Chemical Company, for sponsoring the Brazosport Professionals Network luncheon meeting in September.

TownePlace Suites by Marriott, for the goodie bag.

Ruth Dunlap, Honey Baked Ham, for the delicious cookies.

#### Sandra Shaw was Named a Paul Harris Fellow!



Congratulations to Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber President & C.E.O., for being named a Paul Harris Fellow by The Brazosport Rotary Club in appreciation for her numerous contributions to the Brazosport Community. Pictured: Sandra Shaw (Left) and Barbara Franklin, Brazosport Rotary Club.

#### BACH Luncheon



Sandra Shaw attended the BACH Luncheon in September. L to R: Sandra Shaw, President & CEO, Brazosport Chamber, Temple Grandin, guest speaker, Nancy

Wollam, Representative Dennis Bonnen's Office & Jim McIngvale, Gallery Furniture.

# NETWORK Mixer

Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex held a Network Mixer in October to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week at the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge.



Friends of the Brazoria & San Bernard Wildlife Refuges



Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber President & C.E.O.; Ravi Singhania, Port Freeport Commissioner and Ed Barrios, Friends of Brazoria & San Bernard Wildlife Refuges.



Debbie & Mike Lopeman, Grape Taste Restaurant owners



Shane Pirtle, Port Freeport Commissioner & Linda Pirtle, Dow Chemical Company

## Many Jhanks Building Donors

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.

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Mayor Joe Rinehart

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Brazosport Corporate Housing Judge Jack Brown

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#### Leadership is not a title, It's a responsibility

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#### 2019 Leadership Brazosport

The Chamber is accepting nominations for the 2019 Leadership Brazosport program. The purpose of Leadership Brazosport is to identify and motivate emerging leaders, and to develop their potential for community leadership by exposing them to realities and opportunities of our community.

The program begins in January 2019 and culminates with an Awards Luncheon in May. There are a limited number of participants, so please email, fax, or submit this form online at <a href="https://www.brazosport.org">www.brazosport.org</a>. There is a fee of \$500 per participant.

#### **Leadership Brazosport Nominee Application**

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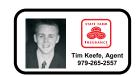
























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