




# Brazosport Area

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Brazosport Area  
The Economic Engine of Brazoria County

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**December 2018**

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**Merry Christmas**

Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce

# HOLIDAY

*Tour of Homes*

*Sunday, December 9, 2018*  
*1 - 5 pm.*



**Troy & Sabrina Brimage**  
24 Fisher, Freeport  
(from Lake Jackson, take a left on Gulf Blvd.,  
turn right on Fisher, dead ends to the house on the right!)



**John Moore & Dennis Ulrich**  
311 Arrowhead Dr., Lake Jackson  
(Northwood Subdivision)



**Mark & Rosana Chamblee**  
529 Oak Dr., Lake Jackson



**Judy Nolen**  
702 Walnut St., Lake Jackson

*Tickets \$20 each  
available at  
the Chamber Office,  
Carriage Flowers,  
Tammie's Touch &  
LJ Flower Co.*

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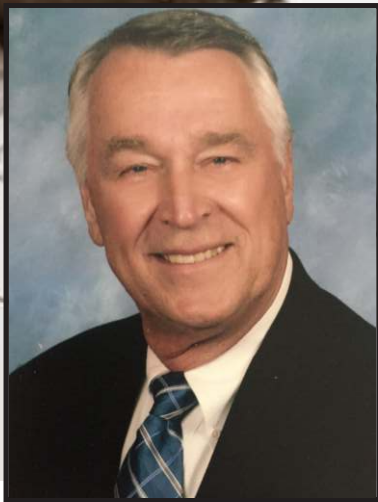
  
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# Chairman's Message.

Get into the Christmas spirit by attending the Holiday Tour of Homes on Sunday, December 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Four beautiful homes will be featured on this tour and are included on the front page of this newsletter. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office, Carriage Flowers, Tammie's Touch or LJ Flower Company for \$20.00 each. They can also be purchased at any home on the day of the event. I want to thank Jeannette Merritt, Chairperson of this event, and our major sponsors, BASF Corp., CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport, MEGlobal, Olin, Shintech & SI Group for their support.

I want to thank Chief Fred Ortiz, Lake Jackson EMS, for his excellent presentation at the membership luncheon last month. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated Chief and EMS staff in Lake Jackson.

Please make sure you have filled out and returned the member verification form which you should have received from the Chamber office. This form will ensure that we have the most up to date information on your business and will be printed in the two upcoming magazines and listed on the website as well. Please call the Chamber office if you have not received a form.

As this year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our members, on behalf of our Board of Directors, for your contribution to, and participation with, our Chamber. Without you, we would not be able to achieve the goals included in our Strategic Plan which were established to continue the economic growth and development of the Brazosport Area. Thank you for your membership investment, your valuable time and for sharing your talent for the benefit of our entire community. You are greatly appreciated!

I also want to thank our 2018 Board of Directors for their hard work and diligence this year. It's been an honor working with them and I appreciate their dedication to the Chamber and the community.

It has been a pleasure working with the Chamber staff including Sandra, Donna, Edith & Kristy. They deserve our gratitude and praise for their continued dedication and service.

Congratulations to Joe Ripple, incoming Chairman, and the 2019 Board of Directors. I wish you the best for another active and prosperous year.

I want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Bob Sipple  
Chairman of the Board  
"Partners In Progress!"



# New Members

**Blue Water Resort**

11511 Bluewater Hwy., Freeport  
Mark Joffrion, 979-239-4301

[www.bluewaterrvpark.com](http://www.bluewaterrvpark.com)

Lodging/RV Resort/Restaurant/Bar/Sports &  
Recreation

**Eye Candy Lash & Beauty Bar**

108 N. Parking Place, Lake Jackson  
Amber Cranfill, 979-267-2141

[www.facebook.com/eyecandylakejackson](http://www.facebook.com/eyecandylakejackson)  
Beauty Bar/Salon

**KPM Management**

P.O. Box 6333, Katy  
Tracy Henry, 281-685-3090

[www.kpmcommunities.com](http://www.kpmcommunities.com)

Business & Professional Services/Development/Real  
Estate Development Consulting

**Liberty Auto Land**

640 Willow Drive, Lake Jackson  
Epphilia Kennedy, 979-236-1712

<https://liberty-auto-land-inc.business.site>

Exporter/Used Car Dealer

**Mega Realty Team-TCP Real Estate**

129 Circle Way, Ste. B, Lake Jackson  
Meaghan Arceneaux, 979-709-3761

[www.megarealtyteam.com](http://www.megarealtyteam.com)

Real Estate

**Southern Gulf Solutions LLC**

1227 Hwy. 332, Clute

James Dye, 979-529-2901

[www.sogulf.ccom](http://www.sogulf.ccom)

Construction/Contractors/Concrete & Asphalt

**Trudy's Hallmark Brazos Mall**

100 Hwy. 332, Ste. 1544, Lake Jackson,  
Kunal Aggarwal, 832-969-1670

Shopping & Specialty Retail/Gift Shop

**United Rentals**

403 W. Plantation, Clute

Stephanie Arias, 979-236-4261

Industrial Equipment

**Urban Air Lake Jackson**

100 Hwy. 332 W., Ste. 1432, Lake Jackson  
Dawn Duchaney, 979-799-5461

[www.urbanairlakejackson.com](http://www.urbanairlakejackson.com)

Sports & Recreation/Children's Play, Event  
Services/Facilities/Party Center

**Pat Vice**

5215 1st Street, Crosby, 77532

713-817-9140

Individual



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## Ribbon Cuttings



### Smoothie King

200 W. Hwy. 332 W., Ste. B, Lake Jackson  
Alexis Moore, 979-292-8370  
[www.facebook.com/SKLakejackson/](http://www.facebook.com/SKLakejackson/)  
Restaurant/Health Food



### Italian Garden Grill

3 Circle Way, Lake Jackson  
LaBinot Kurtaj, 979-297-8090  
[www.italiangardengrilllakejackson.com](http://www.italiangardengrilllakejackson.com)  
Restaurant



### Eckerd's

120 Circle Way, Lake Jackson  
A.J. Patel, 979-341-9811  
[www.myeckerd.com](http://www.myeckerd.com)  
Pharmacy



### GHD Services, Inc.

459 This Way, Lake Jackson  
Beate Damm, 979-482-3000  
[www.ghd.com](http://www.ghd.com)  
Engineering Consultant/Water & Wastewater  
Operations/Environmental & Construction  
Materials

# THANK

*Whataburger-for the box of goodies we received for National Support Your Chamber Day*

*Brent Bowles, iAD Architecture, for sponsoring the Board Retreat*

*Nitin Patel & Alpesh Shukla, Staybridge Suites, for donating the meeting room for our Board Retreat*

*Gabriella Cone, The Dow Chemical Company, for sponsoring the Holiday Home Tour Homeowners luncheon*

## We Love Our Boss!



*The Chamber staff wished Sandra Shaw a Happy Bosses Day TWICE in October. She is so good to the staff that we honored her on two days with two gifts.*



## Annual Board Retreat

*The Board of Directors held their planning retreat in October at Staybridge Suites to formulate the 2019 Strategic Plan. Many thanks to Joe Ripple, 2019 Chairman of the Board, for facilitating the retreat.*



# 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

**\$950:**

BASF Corp.

**\$850:**

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:**

MSR Houston, LLC

**\$300:**

Dairy Bar

Killum Pest Control

Kitty's Purple Cow

Commissioner Dude & Debra Payne

**\$250:**

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

Brazosport Leadership Class of 2015

Brown's Auto Sales

Great American Title

McDonough Engineering

Merrill Lynch

SI Group, Inc.

State Farm Insurance—George Franklin

David & Renee Winder

**\$210:**

Snap Fitness

**\$200:**

Dr. T.E. Allen

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:**

Mejia Industrial Supply

Judge Matt Sebesta

Texas Crewboats

**\$125:**

Sandlin Broadcasting Company

**\$100:**

Baymont Inn & Suites

Beach Front Properties

Blue Water Dental Center

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

Kat Roebuck

Patty Sayes

Sorrell Construction Equipment &

Materials

State Farm Insurance—Kalen Bailey

State Farm Insurance—Wayne

Reitmeyer

TDECU-Your Credit Union

The Facts

The Source Weekly

VCA Lake Jackson Animal Hospital

Victory Insurance Agency

Village of Jones Creek

U.S. Representative Randy Weber

Robert Worley

**\$75:**

Eubanks & Company 2

**\$50:**

ABC Realty

Brown Hearing Centers

Crescent Village Healthcare

Don Davis Delearships-LJ

Dottie Duby

Em-Print Company

Payroll Vault

Red Wing Shoe Store

Spence's Medical Center Pharmacy

Total Safety U.S., Inc.

Wal-Mart Super Center

**\$40:**

Mayor Joe Rinehart

**\$25:**

Brazosport Corporate Housing

Judge Jack Brown

Red Snapper Inn

# Membership Luncheon

Sponsored by: 

*The November Membership Luncheon was held at the Dow Academic Center at Brazosport College, with guest speaker Chief Fred Ortiz, Lake Jackson EMS.*



Bob Sipple, Chief Fred Ortiz, Lake Jackson EMS & Art Vandaveer, Heritage Bank.



Many thanks to our major sponsor, Olin, and table sponsors All Smiles, BASF Corp., CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport, The Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC., Heritage Bank, Killum Pest Control & Lake Jackson EMS.

# State of the Community Luncheon

Sponsored by: 

*The State of the Community Luncheon was held at the Dow Academic Center at Brazosport College, with guest speakers Danny Massey, Brazosport ISD Superintendent and Gary Basinger, The Alliance President & CEO.*



Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director; Danny Massey, Brazosport ISD Superintendent; Gary Basinger, The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County President & CEO and Judge Jack Brown



Thank you to our Table Sponsors: BASF Corp.; Brazosport ISD; CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; The Dow Chemical Company; Heritage Bank; Liberty Auto Land and Port Freeport.

# NETWORK Mixer

*Brazosport Rotary Club's 65th Birthday Bash & Network Mixer was held November 28th at the Lake Jackson Civic Center.*



Lucy Pendon, Brazosport Rotary Club; Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber President & CEO and Heather Rimato-Morrison, Rimato Insurance & Brazosport Rotary Club President.



Fred Ortiz, Lake Jackson EMS & Bill Yenne, City Manager, City of Lake Jackson



Wayne Shaw; Heather Rimato-Morrison, Rimato Insurance & Brazosport Rotary Club President; Ravi Singhania, Port Freeport Commissioner and Corky Melass, Killum Pest Control, Inc.



Tracee Watts, Brazosport College; Serena Andrews, Brazosport College and Gabriella Cone, The Dow Chemical Company.

## ***Congratulations to the 2019 Board of Directors:***

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Chairman of the Board .....Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director  
Chair-Elect, V.C., Organizational Division.....Al Guevara, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport

### **VICE CHAIRMEN:**

Secretary/Treasurer .....Art Vandaveer, Heritage Bank  
Community Issues Division .....Judge Jack Brown, Precinct 1, Place 1  
Convention & Tourism Division.....Nancy Wollam, Representative Dennis Bonnen's Office  
Economic Development Division .....Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG  
Membership Division .....Heather Rimato-Morrison, Rimato Insurance  
Public Affairs Division .....Danny Massey, Brazosport.I.S.D.  
Past Chairman .....Bob Sipple  
President/CEO .....Sandra Shaw

### **DIRECTORS:**

#### ***Terms Expire 12/31/19:***

***Donald "Dude" Payne, Brazoria County Commissioner  
Patty Sayes, Center for the Arts & Sciences  
Brent Bowles, iAD Architects  
Scott Daigle, MEGlobal  
Meredith King, True to Life Ministries***

#### ***Terms Expire 12/31/20:***

***Yvonne Mintz, The Facts  
John Lycan, BASF Corp.  
Courtney Truman, CenterPoint Energy  
Maegan Lee, Zachry  
Gabriella Cone, The Dow Chemical Company***

#### ***Terms Expire 12/31/21:***

***Phil Holsten, Phillips 66  
Preston Phillips, Heritage Bank  
Jeff Fischels, H-E-B  
Jason Cordoba, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC  
Stacy Stanley, Offshore Oil Services***





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

Please email or Fax to:  
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979-285-2505

## 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 [www.brazosport.org](http://www.brazosport.org). There is a fee of \$500 per participant.

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## Leadership Brazosport Nominee Application

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_



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

*We Couldn't Do It  
Without You!*

“TASTE” 2018

