




Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Economic Engine of Brazoria County

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Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce
will host it's
74TH Annual Banquet on
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
6:00 p.m. Social-Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Program
The Dow Academic Center at Brazosport College



Jim McIngvale, Owner, Gallery Furniture, will be the guest speaker at the banquet this year.

Tickets are \$75.00 each for members, \$85.00 for future members and a reserved table for 10 is \$850.00. 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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To RSVP go to www.brazosport.org
(under the membership tab choose RSVP-Annual Banquet),
call 979-285-2501 or email chamber@brazosportchamber.org
Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid billing.



Chairman's Message.

I look forward to serving as your Chairman of the Board as we embark on an active and exciting year. One of our goals this year is to come up with a plan for more housing in Southern Brazoria County. Another is to pay off our building note by the end of this year. I will be informing you of our progress in the upcoming months.

I want to invite you to attend the Chamber's 74th Annual Banquet on Tuesday, February 5th at the Dow Academic Center. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Jim McIngvale, Owner, Gallery Furniture. Reservations can be made on our website (www.brazosprt.org), or by contacting the Chamber office at 979-285-2501, or emailing chamber@brazosportchamber.org.

Congratulations to the twenty participants of the 2019 Leadership Brazosport Class. The Class kicked off with a "Get Acquainted" Session in January and will conclude with an Awards Luncheon in May. We appreciate the time that they are committing to this program to train as potential leaders of the community.

You will have a great opportunity to reward your employees or clients by providing tickets to The Taste of the Town to be held on Sunday, April 28th at Brazos Mall. Be sure and mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event!

Included in this newsletter is a list of committees and task forces along with a committee selection form. I can't tell you how important it is to get involved in the work of the Chamber so you can see first-hand how your membership dollars work directly for you. I believe you will find it both rewarding and beneficial. Give it a try!

I look forward to serving you this year and I hope you will let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas.

Sincerely,

Joe K. Ripple
Chairman of the Board



Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce

HOLIDAY

Tour of Homes



Many thanks to our Sponsors!

The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a Holiday Home Tour on December 9th and appreciate the homeowners who graciously included their home on the tour. We also appreciate the hard work of the Home Tour Chair Jeannette Merritt and the hostesses who obtained volunteers to serve at each home.

Holiday Home Tour Homeowners



L to R: Mark Chamblee, Judy Nolen, Dennis Ulrich, John Moore and Sabrina Brimage.

Holiday Home Tour Hosts



L to R: Sue Merritt; Jeannette Merritt, Home Tour Chair; Sue Cornell and Leslie Barber.

Outstanding Volunteers



The Board of Directors named the Holiday Home Tour Committee as Outstanding Volunteers for their hard work on making this event a success! L to R: Joe Ripple, Chairman of the Board, Sue Cornell, Coldwell Bankers United; Jeannette Merritt, Gateway Mortgage & Chairman of the Holiday Home Tour; Leslie Barber, Cordoba Law Firm. Not Shown: Sue Merritt & Lance Olshovsky, Alamo Title Company.



Lance Olshovsky, pictured with Jeannette Merritt, Holiday Tour of Homes Chair, was also a host at one of the homes on the Holiday Tour of Homes.

New Members

Brazosport Breakfast Lions Club

P.O. Box 244, Clute
Ron Martin, 979-236-8817
Non-Profit

Casa Quintana

905 N. Avenue J, Freeport
Mescal Leija, 979-388-3162
www.casaquintana.sandalwoodliving.com
Apartment Complex

Gulf Coast 5 Star RV Resort

2501 FM 523, Oyster Creek
Sondra (Sunny) Rocheleau, 979-730-3381
<https://gulfcoast5star.com>
RV Resort

Lake Jackson Farmers Market

110 South Parking Place, Lake Jackson
Fred Ortiz, 281-924-0596
<http://www.lakejacksonfarmersmarket.com>
Farmers Market

Wings Over Texas Bar & Grill

605 W. Plantation Drive, Clute
Arely Mendoza, 979-265-2418
<https://www.facebook.com/wingsovertexasbarandgrill>
Restaurant



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Ribbon Cuttings



Trudy's Hallmark

100 Hwy. 332 W., Ste. 1544, Lake Jackson
Krunal Aggarwal, 832-969-1670
Gift Shop/Shopping & Specialty Retail



TitleMax

1247 N. Velasco, Angleton,
Ronda De Los Santos, 979-864-3580
www.titlemax.com
Financial/Consumer Lending



Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park

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

Sports & Recreation/Party Center/Children's Play



McDonald's—Freeport

923 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport
Josie Beltran, 979-233-2381
Restaurant

Ribbon Cuttings



Eye Candy Lash & Beauty Bar
108 N. Parking Place, Lake Jackson
Amber Cranfill, 979-267-2141

www.facebook.com/eyecandylakejackson
Beauty Bar/Salon



Wings Over Texas Bar & Grill
605 W. Plantation Drive, Clute
Arely Mendoza, 979-265-2418

www.facebook.com/wingsovertexasbarandgrill
Restaurant

THANK

Jeff Fischels, H-E-B, for the delicious cake for Christmas!

Brent Bowles, iAD Architects, for the delicious box of homemade cookies for Christmas!

Butch Murrell, Diversified Plant Services, for the delicious homemade goodies!

Courtyard by Marriott, for the awesome goodie basket!

Amber Garkow, Staybridge Suites/Candlewood Suites, for the delicious box of cookies!

Sarah Bolton, SerenityLight Recovery, for the cups full of goodies!

Barbara Easley & Christina Montes, Townplace Suites by Marriott, for the festive gift basket!

Bob & Lori Sipple, for the holiday gifts!

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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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The Dow Chemical Company

Gulf Coast S&S

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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

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Judge Matt Sebesta

Texas Crewboats

\$125:

Sandlin Broadcasting Company

Servpro of Galveston & Lake Jackson

\$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

Creskide Village Healthcare

Don Davis Delearships-LJ

Dottie Duby

Em-Print Company

McDonough Engineering Corporation

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

Membership Luncheon with guest speaker Rich Wells, Vice President of U.S. Operations & Site Director of Texas Operations, The Dow Chemical Company.



Nancy Wollam, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen's Office; Guest Speaker Rich Wells, The Dow Chemical Company and Joe Ripple, Brazoria County and Chairman of the Board.



Thank you to our major sponsor: The Dow Chemical Company and our table sponsors: BASF Corp., Brazosport College, Brazosport ISD, CHI St Luke's Health Brazosport, Port Freeport, iAD Architects and Turner Industries Group, LLC.

Brazosport Chamber *Executive Committee* **SERVES** *Hospital*

Members of the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee served CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport Hospital Leadership Team as part of the "Working Lunch" purchased at the Taste of the Town Auction.



Pictured L to R: Bob Sipple; Judge Jack Brown; Al Guevara, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport and Art Vandaveer, Heritage Bank.

2019 BRAZOSPORT CHAMBER Board of Directors



*We would like to welcome the 2019 Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors!*

Pictured L to R Seated: Chairman of the Board, Joe Ripple, Brazoria County and Sandra Shaw, President & CEO. 1st Row, L to R: Courtney Truman, Centerpoint Energy; Heather Rimato-Morrison, Rimato Insurance; Gabriella Cone, The Dow Chemical Company; Stacy Stanley, Offshore Oil Services, Inc.; Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG and Judge Jack Brown, Precinct 1, Place 1. 2nd Row, L to R: Preston Phillips, Heritage Bank; Art Vandaveer, Heritage Bank; Jason Cordoba, The Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; Bob Sipple, Past Chairman; Patty Sayes, The Center for the Arts & Sciences; Nancy Wollam, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen's Office; Donald "Dude" Payne, Brazoria County Commissioner; Phil Holsten, Phillips 66; Jeff Fischels, H-E-B; Brent Bowles, iAD Architects & Danny Massey, Brazosport ISD. Not pictured: Al Guevara, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; Scott Daigle, MEGlobal; Yvonne Mintz, The Facts and Meredith King, True to Life Ministries.

BRAZOSPORT CHAMBER SUPPORTS BISD BOND ISSUE



At the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, the Brazosport ISD Bond Issue was unanimously endorsed. Pictured L to R: Joe Ripple, Brazoria County; Brent Bowles, iAD Architects; Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG; Patty Sayes, Center for the Arts & Sciences; Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber President & CEO and Danny Massey, Brazosport ISD Superintendent.



LOCAL CHAMBERS & THE ALLIANCE MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS BONNEN

Representative Dennis Bonnen met with representatives from the Brazoria County Chambers of Commerce and The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County to discuss legislative issues of concern.



Pictured L to R: Gary Basinger, The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County; Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce; Representative Dennis Bonnen; Amanda Gutierrez, Sweeny Chamber of Commerce; Callie Venable, West Columbia Chamber of Commerce and Ashley Lancaster, Brazoria Chamber of Commerce.

CONGRATULATIONS

Corner

Brazosport ISD has been selected as a finalist for the Holdsworth Center's leadership training program, a 5-year program focused on developing a strong talent pipeline and leadership development system within districts. The Holdsworth Center is a Texas educational leadership nonprofit funded by a \$100 million donation from H-E-B Chairman and CEO Charles Butt. This will be the second cohort for this intensive and exclusive training.

"We are very proud to have been selected as one of only 14 districts across the state to move forward in this prestigious program. Without the leadership, unity and support of our board and staff members this would not have been possible," said Danny Massey, Brazosport I.S.D.



H-E-B NATIONWIDE FAVORITE

Congratulations to H-E-B, for being named America's fourth favorite grocery store, according to customer data science company Dunnhumby. The January 2019 report surveyed about 7,000 U.S. households online to compare 56 different chains from around the country. What makes this ranking even more remarkable is the fact that H-E-B only operates in the State of Texas. Trader Joe's ranked first, Costco second and Amazon was third. H-E-B was the only traditional grocer on the list.



2019 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 (BPN)**—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 2019.
- **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.
- **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 in May.
- **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.
- **Southern Brazoria County Housing Committee**—In Conjunction with the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County, develop a committee including industry, city manager and mayors, investors, realtors, etc. who have vested interest in future housing development for the Brazosport Area. Compile information on available property zoned residential. Meet with potential investors, developers and builders to promote these areas for development.
- **State of the Community**—Host a luncheon in October or November of 2019 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 28th 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.

2019 Committees & Task Forces

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Lake Jackson, TX 77566

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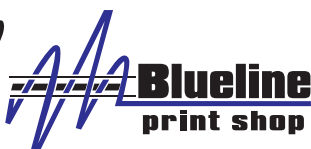
- ☐ The Ambassador's
- ☐ Annual Meeting Task Force
- ☐ Brazoria County Day Support Committee
- ☐ Brazosport Professionals Network (BPN)
- ☐ Capital Projects Campaign
- ☐ Government Affairs Committee
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“TASTE” 2018

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Boost your business using online marketing.

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WE'LL DISCUSS:

- Changes Google has made and how they affect your online presence
- Why incorrect listings can cost you customers
 - How to engage with your customers via Social Media
 - How email and text campaigns can help increase revenue
 - Discover why your website must be adaptive and responsive
 - The new trend in using Artificial Intelligence to generate leads



PRESENTED BY

Amber Reitz

Business Development Coordinator



DATE & TIME

February 6, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.



LOCATION

**Brazosport
Chamber of Commerce**
300 Abner Jackson Parkway
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

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This report will show you how your business looks across the internet.

Please RSVP at diane.smith@dexyp.com or feel free to call at **832.883.0278**
Give your company name and the person(s) attending.



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