Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce

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Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 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.
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.brazospirt.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
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.
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
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
Eye Candy Lash & Beauty Bar
108 N. Parking Place, Lake Jackson
Amber Cranfill, 979-267-2141
www.facebook.com/eyecandylakejackson
Beauty Bar/Salon

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Restaurant

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!
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
$1,150: 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
Luyxcx 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
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
Creekside 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.

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.
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 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.

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.
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.

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• **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.

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**2019 Committees & Task Forces**

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COMPANY: ______________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________ ZIP: ___________________

PHONE: ___________________ FAX: ___________________

E-MAIL: _________________________________________________________

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

We Couldn’t Do It Without You!
Taking Your Business To The Next Level Online
Boost your business using online marketing.

Once upon a time, all you needed to run a successful business was a good product and nice storefront. Times have changed. Now, running a business in today’s mobile environment, while maintaining a personal life can feel like an impossible task. Our secret weapon, Thryv, is an all-in-one management software, built for small business.

We want to make it possible for you. Please join us for this education event, to help you work in today’s world.

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

Please RSVP so you can receive a Digital Presence Scan of your business. 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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