Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce

74th Annual Banquet

Guest speaker Jim McIngvale, Owner, Gallery Furniture

Speaker of the Texas House, Dennis Bonnen, served as a great Master of Ceremonies.

Nat Hickey was honored as the Outstanding Man of the Year

Heather Rimato-Morrison was honored as the Outstanding Woman of the Year.
Thank You to our Major Banquet Sponsors

Thank You to our Table Sponsors

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Banquet Thank You’s

Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the Texas House, Master of Ceremonies
Yvonne Mintz, The Facts
Billy Loveless, Photography
Deborah Janek, LJ Flowers
Drew Ryder, On the River/River Point Restaurants
Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency
Frances Schultz, Direct Effect Marketing
Tony Wood, and the Taste of the Town Committee, are busy planning our annual event scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2019 at Brazos Mall from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Auction items valued at $250 and up are being collected by Nancy Wollam, Vicki Melass and Debra Perry. If you are interested in donating an item, please contact the Chamber office at 979-285-2501. Raffle letters with 6 raffle tickets have been mailed to the membership to either purchase or sell. The winner will be chosen at the closing of the auction at 9:00 p.m. and you do not have to be present to win. The lucky winner will receive a $5,000 shopping spree with any Brazosport Chamber member. Tickets are $20 each or 6 for $100.

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, Buffalo Wild Wings, Beach Front Deck & Grill, Carino's Italian, CHI St. Luke's Brazosport, Chicken Express, Center Court Pizza & Brew, Coca-Cola, Courtyard by Marriott, Del Papa Distributing (Bud Light), Domino's Pizza, El Chico, El Toro Mexican Restaurant, Faust Distributing (Miller Lite), Growlers Pour Haus, H-E-B, Honey Baked Ham, Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches, Gigi's Cupcakes, McDonald's, On the River Restaurant/River Point Restaurant, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sake' to me Sushi Bar, Shanghai Restaurant, Taco Cabana, Texas Roadhouse, Urban Air Lake Jackson, Wal-Mart, Whataburger, Wurst Haus & more.

Be sure and purchase your Taste tickets in advance to save money. Individual tickets are $15.00 in advance and $20.00 at the door. The more you buy, the more you save, so be sure and use the ticket order form in this newsletter to order tickets.

We appreciate your support of this event as it is our major fund-raiser and helps to support the many activities and projects outlined in our 2019 Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

Joe Ripple
Chairman of the Board
We Appreciate the Support of our 2019 Taste of the Town Sponsors!

We Couldn’t Do It Without You!
Tony Wood, Taste of the Town Chairman, and the Taste Committee have been busy coordinating the twenty-eighth Annual Taste of the Town event scheduled for Sunday, April 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Brazos Mall.

The sponsors that help make this exciting event possible include:

Amber Garkow, Staybridge/Candlewood Suites, is Chairperson 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.

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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.
“2019 Taste Of The Town”
Sunday, April 28, 2019 ~ 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 4/26/19) $15.00 each
- 1 - 9 tickets (at the door) $20.00 each
- Children 6 & under Free

Notice!!!!
All tickets ordered at discount prices must be paid for by April 26, 2019. All tickets sold at the door, or paid for after this date will be full price.

Mail, Fax, or email form as soon as possible to:
Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce
300 Abner Jackson Parkway • Lake Jackson, TX 77566
(979) 285-2501 • Fax (979) 285-2505
Email chamber@brazosportchamber.org

Name _________________________________________________________________
Company Name ________________________________________________________
# Tickets ________________________ $ Enclosed ____________________________
Bill Me   Billing Address _____________________________________________
The Taste of the Town, to be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019, 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.

Amber Garkow, Staybridge/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 979-285-2501.

Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency, for the supplies for the Leadership Brazosport Non-Profit Session

Leslie Carter, True to Life Ministries, for the facility and the table flowers for the Leadership Brazosport Non-Profit Session

Butch Murrell, Coastal Machine & Mechanical, for the delicious chocolate covered strawberries for the staff for Valentine's Day!
ActionS, Inc. of Brazoria County
1524 E. Mulberry, Angleton
Breah Knape, 979-849-6132
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Gigi's Cupcakes
200 W. Hwy. 332, Ste. D, Lake Jackson
Starla Crawford, 979-543-1531
www.gigiscupcakesusa.com
Bakery/Catering/Gift Shop

Creekside Village Healthcare
914 N. Brazosport Blvd., Clute
Amy Brieden, 979-265-4794
www.creeksidevillagecare.com
Nursing Home
The Business Professionals Network group held a meeting in January with guest speaker Brian Garrett, Tom's Pawn Shop, who is pictured with Meredith King, True to Life Ministries & Co-Chair of BPN.

Brian Garrett, Tom's Pawn Shop, gave a great presentation on creating a culture and being intentional in the workplace.

The 2019 Leadership Brazosport Class visited The Center for the Arts and Sciences and Sea Center Texas in March. Pictured L to R: Brian Cole, Brazosport ISD; Premila Martin, CHI St. Luke’s Health Brazosport; Clayton Hammontree, MEGlobal; Patty Kersey, CHI St. Luke’s Health Brazosport; Andrea Raiff, The Dow Chemical Company; Christina Korenek, Clark Rotating Equipment Services; Michelle Gutermuth, Olin Corporation; Jessie Jennings, Brazosport ISD; Gabby Cuellar, TDECU-Business Services; Connie Wiegel, Port Freeport; Amber Garkow, Staybridge/Candlewood; Kelsey Mach, CHI St. Luke’s Health Brazosport; Dawn Nelson, CHI St. Luke’s Health Brazosport; David Van Buskirk, Brazosport Teachers Federal Credit Union and Matt Allen, The Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC.
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
$350: Dr. Alkesh Amin, M.D.P.A.
$300: Dairy Bar
Killum Pest Control
Kitty’s Purple Cow
Commissioner Dude & Debra Payne

$250: 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
Luyex 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
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 Dealerships-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
GRAND OPENING!

$1.00 SANDWICHES!!!*

#1 THE PEPE
#2 BIG JOHN
#3 TOTALLY TUNA
#4 TURKEY TOM
#5 VITO
#6 THE VEGGIE

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH 11 AM to 3 PM
200 W. HWY. 332  979.292.0353  LAKE JACKSON

*PRICE INCLUDES TAX. APPLIES TO PLAIN SLIMS & CLASSICS (SANDWICHES 1-6 AND J.J.D.L.T.*), ORIGINAL SIZE ONLY. LIMIT 1 PER PERSON. GOOD FOR IN-STORE PURCHASES ONLY (NO DELIVERIES).
THE CASA SOLUTION

When a child enters the child welfare system because his or her home is no longer safe due to abuse or neglect, a judge may appoint a committed volunteer to advocate for the best interest of the child in court and other settings. That volunteer is called a Court Appointed Special Advocate, or CASA.

Gulf Coast CASA is a non profit organization that recruits, screens, extensively trains, and helps CASA volunteers who advocate for our local abused and neglected children in the foster care system. As a CASA organization, we walk with our volunteers as we work to find permanent and safe homes for our children. Navigating the foster care system can be scary for a child and our CASAs, who may be the only constant adult in a child’s life, is a person the child can depend upon to make that journey less frightening.