



Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce

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Brazosport Area
The Economic Engine of Brazoria County

"Brazosport Area... A Treasure at the Rainbow's End"

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March 2019

Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce **74TH Annual Banquet**



Guest speaker Jim
McIngvale, Owner,
Gallery Furniture



Joe Ripple, Brazoria
County, Chairman of
the Board



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



Speaker of the Texas House,
Dennis Bonnen, Judge Jack
Brown, Precinct 1, Place 1 &
Cindy Cornett, The Facts, tied
as Ambassadors of the Year.



Nat Hickey was honored as the
Outstanding Man of the Year



Heather Rimato-Morrison was
honored as the Outstanding
Woman of the Year.

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Thank You to our Major Banquet Sponsors



Thank You to our Table Sponsors

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CenterPoint Energy

CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport

City of Clute

City of Freeport

Dooling Machine

The Dow Chemical Company

First State Bank

Freeport LNG

Great American Title

Heritage Bank

iAD Architects

Lake Jackson EMS

MEGlobal

Port Freeport

*Sorrell Construction Equipment
& Materials*

TBT Real Estate

TDECU-Your Credit Union

The Facts

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



Chairman's Message.

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

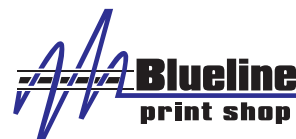

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“TASTE” 2019

WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR 2019 TASTE OF THE TOWN SPONSORS!

*We Couldn't Do It
Without You!*



ITS' ALMOST TIME FOR TASTE OF THE TOWN!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!



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:

All Smiles, Altus Emergency Center, Ashley Homestore, BASF Corp., Blueline Print Shop, Braskem America, Brazos Mall, Brazosport CAER, Brazosport Christian School, Brazosport Independent School District, The Center for the Arts & Sciences, CenterPoint Energy, Chevron Phillips, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport, Coca-Cola, Community Health Network, Cordoba Law Firm, P.L.L.C., CycleWorks, Del Papa Distributing (Bud Light), Dow Chemical Company, Faust Distributing (Miller Lite), Freeport LNG, H-E-B, Lake Jackson Dermatology, Lake Jackson Modern Dentistry, MEGlobal, MSR Houston, Olin Corp., Phillips 66, Port Freeport, Riviana Foods, Inc., Shintech, SI Group, Inc., State Farm Insurance—Tim Keefe, Staybridge Suites/Candlewood Suites, The Facts, UTMB-Angleton Campus, Waste Connections & Yaklin Ford.



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.





“TASTE” 2019

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“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
(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 _____

TASTE OF THE TOWN RAFFLE



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.

THANK

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!

New Members

ActionS, Inc. of Brazoria County

1524 E. Mulberry, Angleton
Breah Knape, 979-849-6132

www.actionsinc.org

Non-Profit/Elderly Transportation/Homebound
Services/Senior Centers

Dooling Machine Products Texas, LLC

225 CR 792, Freeport

Joseph Pavlovsky, 979-233-9436

www.doolingmachine.com

Machine & Fabrication Shop

Lander Graphics

415 Daffodil Street, Lake Jackson

Mark Lander, 979-417-5550

www.landergraphics.com

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410 Magnolia Lane, Richwood

Dr. Mathias Tchamengo, 281-433-5858

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Jamie Crandall, 281-341-7755

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Fishing Charter



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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

Brazosport Professionals Network



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 Chamber Brazosport Area Leadership BRAZOSPORT



The 2019 Leadership Brazosport Class held their Non-Profit Session at True to Life Ministries. Pictured L to R: Jeffrey Spoor, First State Bank; Matt Allen, The Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; Clayton Hammontree, MEGlobal; Leslie Carter, True to Life Ministries; Gabby Cuellar, TDECU Business Services; Amber Garkow, Staybridge/Candlewood Suite; Deborah Ewing, Brazosport College; Dawn Nelson, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; Premila Martin, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; Christina Korenek, Clark Rotating Equipment Services; Jessie Jennings, Brazosport ISD and Connie Wiegel, Port Freeport.

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.

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

\$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

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

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Payroll Vault

Red Wing Shoe Store

Spence's Medical Center Pharmacy

Total Safety U.S., Inc.

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\$40:

Mayor Joe Rinehart

\$25:

Brazosport Corporate Housing

Judge Jack Brown

Red Snapper Inn

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\$1.00 SANDWICHES!!!*

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**APRIL 11, 2019
6 - 10 PM**

AT COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, LAKE JACKSON

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



DINNER • MUSIC • AUCTION • CASH BAR

\$50

**INCLUDES MEAL
& \$10K CHIPS**

\$1000 Sponsor Table of 8

**Includes Meal, Wine on Table, Logo in program and
marketing material and \$10K Chips**

APRIL 11, 2019 • 6:00PM – 10:00PM
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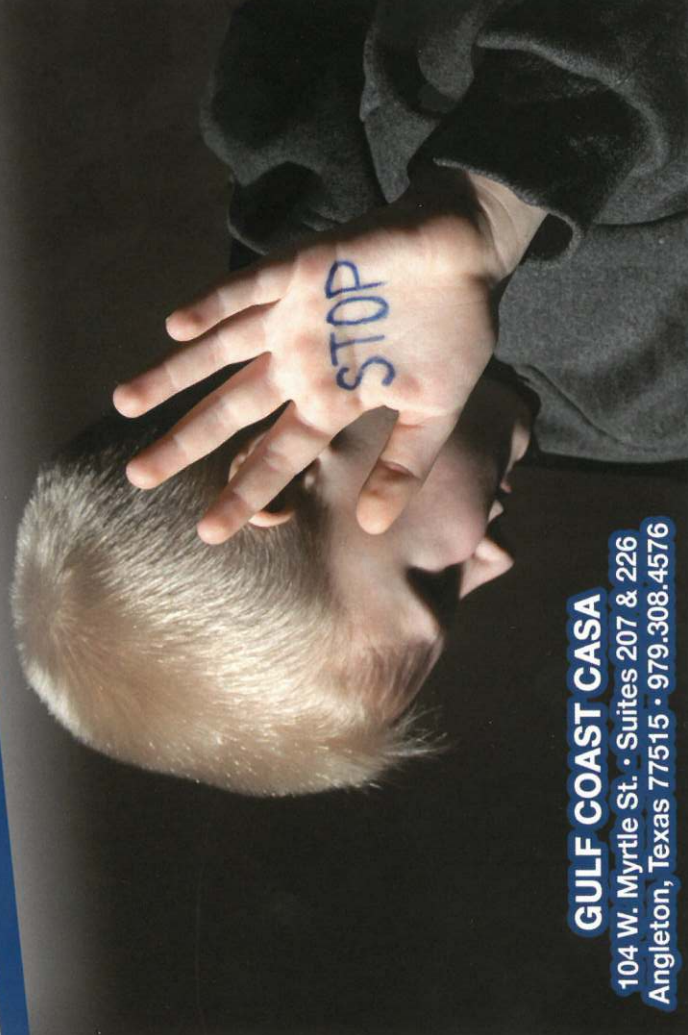
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GULF COAST CASA - 979.308.4758**



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.



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