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Outstanding Volunteers!

The Taste of the Town Committee was named Outstanding Volunteers for leading another successful event this year! L to R: Heather Rimato-Morrison, Rimato Insurance—Kings Feast; Jordan Strother, First State Bank—Door Collections; Debra Perry, State Farm Insurance-George Franklin—Auction; Vicki Melass—Auction; Bruce Juback, El Chico—Vendors; Raylene Wilson, Steve Wolverton Allstate Insurance Agency—Auction; Wayne Shaw—Auction Presentation; Karen Juback, Brazos Mall—Logistics; Karla Christman, Brazosport ISD—Kings Feast Student Volunteers; Cindy Cornette, The Facts—Publicity; Patty Sayes, The Center for the Arts & Sciences—Ice Volunteers; & Chairman Joe Ripple, Brazoria County. Not Shown: Nancy Wollam, Speaker Dennis Bonnen’s Office—Auction, Jannette Hammond, CenterPoint Energy—Beer Booth Volunteers, Lucilla Henderson, TDECU—Door Volunteers, Amber Garkow, Staybridge/Candlewood Suites—Raffle & Ticket Sales.

The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors named Annette Medina and Danny Hickey, both with The Blueline Print Shop, as Outstanding Volunteers for graciously donating all of the Taste of the Town printed materials. L to R: Chairman of the Board Joe Ripple, Brazoria County, Annette Medina & Danny Hickey, The Blueline Print Shop.
The Chamber will be co-sponsoring the upcoming Safetytown Program this summer. This comprehensive safety training program is for children who will enter the first grade and has been scheduled for June 3rd to 13th at A.P. Beutel Elementary in Lake Jackson. This life-saving summer program has been utilized by other cities throughout Texas because of its effectiveness in training children. Registration forms have been distributed throughout all of the elementary campuses in the B.I.S.D. School District. For more information, please contact the Chamber office at 979-285-2501.

I would like to invite you to attend our next membership luncheon scheduled on June 20th, 12:00 noon, at the Dow Academic Center. The guest speaker will be James Bass, Executive Director, TxDOT. The Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House, will introduce him. You can make your reservations online at Brazosport.org or by contacting the Brazosport Chamber office at 979-285-2501.

Be sure and mark your calendars for the Chamber's 75th Anniversary Kick-Off Dinner & Dance Celebration on November 8th at the Dow Academic Center from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Cole Degges Band will perform and tables of ten cost $850.00 or individual reservations are $75.00 each. There is limited seating so please be sure and make your reservations online at Brazosport.org or by contacting the Chamber office at 979-285-2501.

I wanted to let you know that our Taste of the Town event was a tremendous success this year with more ticket and raffle sales than ever before! Our next newsletter will be entirely dedicated to this event so be sure and watch for the June issue in your in-box.

I want to thank all of you for your continued dedication and support of the Brazosport Chamber!

Sincerely,

Joe Ripple
Chairman of the Board
The 2019 Leadership Brazosport Class pictured with The Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House on the House Floor. Pictured front row L to R: Tracee Watts, Brazosport College & Leadership Brazosport Co-Chair; Patty Kersey, CHI St. Luke’s Health Brazosport; Edith Fischer, Brazosport Convention & Visitors Council; Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance & Leadership Brazosport Co-Chair; Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber. 2nd Row L to R: Kelsey Mach, CHI St. Luke’s Health Brazosport; Premila Martin, CHI St. Luke’s Health Brazosport; Gabby Cuellar, TDECU Business Services; Connie Wiegel, Port Freeport; Deborah Ewing, Brazosport College; Donna Hargraves, Brazosport Chamber; Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen. 3rd Row L to R: Michelle Gutermuth, Olin Corp.; Andrea Raiff, Dow Chemical Company; Jeffrey Spoor, First State Bank; Matt Allen, The Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC & Brian Cole, Brazosport I.S.D.
The 2019 Brazosport Chamber Leadership Brazosport Class visited Freeport LNG. L to R: Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency & Leadership Brazosport Co-Chair; Christina Korenek, Clark Rotating Equipment Services, Deborah Ewing, Brazosport College; Gabby Cuellar, TDECU-Business Services; Michelle Gutermuth, Olin Corporation; Amber Garkow, Candlewood/Staybridge Suites; David Van Buskirk, Brazosport Teachers Federal Credit Union; Jeffrey Spoor, First State Bank; Tracee Watts, Brazosport College & Leadership Brazosport Co-Chair and Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG.

The 2019 Brazosport Chamber Leadership Brazosport Class visited the Dow Chemical Company Pack Studios. L to R: Leslie Carter, True to Life Ministries; Michelle Gutermuth, Olin Corporation; Christina Korenek, Clark Rotating Equipment Services, LLC; David Van Buskirk, Brazosport Teachers Federal Credit Union; Gabby Cuellar, TDECU-Business Services; Jeffrey Spoor, First State Bank; Amber Garkow, Candlewood/Staybridge Suites; Deborah Ewing, Brazosport College; Tracee Watts, Brazosport College & Leadership Brazosport Co-Chair and Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency & Leadership Brazosport Co-Chair

The 2019 Brazosport Chamber Leadership Brazosport Class had their Health Session at CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport. L to R: Leslie Carter, True to Life Ministries; Michelle Gutermuth, Olin Corporation; Jeff Spoor, First State Bank; David Van Buskirk, Brazosport Teachers Federal Credit Union; Al Guevara, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; Clayton Hammontree, MEGlobal; Amber Garkow, Candlewood/Staybridge Suites; Gabby Cuellar, TDECU-Business Services; Christina Korenek, Clark Rotating Equipment Services, LLC; Dawn Nelson, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport & Connie Wiegel, Port Freeport.
The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Brazosport Class Awards Ceremony was held on May 9th at Wurst Haus Restaurant. Congratulations to the graduates L to R: David Van Buskirk, Brazosport Teachers Federal Credit Union; Jessie Jennings, Brazosport I.S.D.; Brian Cole, Brazosport I.S.D.; Michelle Gutermuth, Olin Corp.; Andrea Raiff, Dow Chemical Company, Premila Martin, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; Kelsey Mach, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; Clayton Hammontree, MEGlobal; Christina Korenesk, Clark Rotating Equipment Services, LLC; Gabby Cuellar, TDECU Business Services; Jeffrey Spoor, First State Bank; Patty Kersey, CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport; Leslie Carter, True to Life Ministries; Deborah Ewing, Brazosport College; Amber Garkow Staybridge/Candlewood Suites; Connie Wiegel, Port Freeport; Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency & Leadership Brazosport Co-Chair and Matt Allen, The Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC.

Leadership is not a title, it’s a responsibility
Giovanna Swisher, Baird, gave a presentation on Best Practices for savings, retirement and college funds to the Brazosport Professional's Network group. Pictured are: Giovanna Swisher, Baird and Meredith King, True to Life Ministries.

The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Co-Hosted the National Day of Prayer at several cities in the Brazosport Area. Many thanks to Fred Ortiz, Help, Inc., for Chairing this event. Photo: The National Day of Prayer held in Lake Jackson

Congratulations to the Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport for being recognized as Texas' General Aviation Airport of the Year by the Texas Department of Transportation!
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Allison Hemphill, 979-864-8000
Education Foundation

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Brandi Sullivan, 979-529-9851
www.BrazosCrossingApts.com
Apartment Complex

Bridwell Wellness Center
113 Abner Jackson Parkway, Ste. C, Lake Jackson
Aaron Bridwell, 979-480-9922
www.bwcchiropractic.com
Chiropractic/Wellness/Massage Therapy /Physical Therapy

Gulf Coast Casa
104 W. Myrtle Street, Ste. 226, Angleton
Roslyn Jones, 979-308-4576
www.casa-mw.org
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Coastal Family Medicine
230 Parking Way, Lake Jackson
Samantha Gonzalez, 979-487-2135
www.coastalfamilymedicineLJ.com
Family Physician

Chicken Express—Lake Jackson
105 Winding Way, Lake Jackson
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Crescentwood Apartments
100 Lakeview Drive, Clute
Lindsey Richardson, 979-265-8799
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Indoor Playground/Party Venue

Krave'm Cakes
113 N. Parking Place, Lake Jackson
Krista Friemel, 979-236-4441
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McDonald's—Clute
1028 Dixie Drive, Clute
David Torres, 979-297-3824
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www.mpptexas.com
Patrick Gorman, 210-758-0909
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Non-Destructive Inspection Corp.
617 S. Lazy Lane, Clute
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www.ndictexas.com
Industrial, Manufacturing/Petrochemical Inspections

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22 Circle Way, Lake Jackson
Kamisha Jackson, 979-709-0186
Clothing & Accessories
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410 Magnolia Lane, Richwood
Dr. Mathia Tchamento, 281-433-5858
www.nchihomes.com
High Quality Single Family Rental
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Brazoria County Dream Center
792 S. Hwy. 288-B, Clute
Terri Willis, 979-388-0280
www.bcdreamcenter.org
Non-Profit

Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches
200 W. Hwy. 332, Lake Jackson
Kevin McGovern, 979-292-0253
www.jimmyjohns.com
Restaurant

McDonald’s—Clute
1028 Dixie Drive, Clute
David Torres, 979-297-3824
https://www.facebook.com/mcdonalds1028dixiedr/
Restaurant

Blue Water RV Resort
11511 Bluewater Hwy., Freeport,
Mark Joffrin, 979-239-4301
www.bluewaterrvpark.com
RV Resort/Restaurant/Sports & Recreation
Ribbon Cuttings

WORKish/Coworking and Business Lounge
210 Lake Road, Ste. 100A, Lake Jackson
Devin Randon, 979-529-2320
Meeting & Event Management

Krave’m Cakes
113 N. Parking Place, Lake Jackson
Krista Friemel, 979-236-4441
https://www.facebook.com/KravemCakes
Bakery/Party Catering/Classes

TAP Industrial Services
626 Mockingbird Lane, Clute
Thomas Friudenberg, 979-266-9085
www.tapindustrialservices.com
Contractors, Scaffolding, Insulation, Specialty Coatings

Brazoria County Library System
912 N. Velasco, Angleton TX
Tom West, 979-864-1505
www.bcls.lib.tx.us
New Administration Office
At the regularly scheduled meeting held May 16th, Port Commissioners voted to accept the 2019 Economic Impact Analysis performed by Texas A&M Transportation Institute. The study was based upon 2017 data and revealed a statewide economic impact of 150,651 jobs, federal tax revenues of $3.2 billion, and a total economic output of $98.8 billion, double the economic output reported in the last analysis performed in 2016.

“Brazoria County and the surrounding area have experienced a substantial amount of growth since the 2016 TTI study. Billions of dollars have been invested in the petrochemical industry which, coupled with the addition of new tenants and new infrastructure at Port Freeport, have expanded production capabilities and contributed to higher employment, sustaining the economic growth and competitiveness of Port Freeport and the Freeport Harbor Channel,” said Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO.

The results of the study estimate the total economic impact that the Freeport Harbor Channel has on local, statewide, and national economies through the operation of and investment in leased and privately-owned terminals. The impacts of the study are provided as direct, indirect and induced effects of the operations along the Freeport Harbor Channel and are reported in terms of employment, production, income, and tax revenues. The economic impact of Port Freeport to the U.S. economy is 279,780 jobs, federal tax revenues of $5.4 billion, and a total economic impact output of $149 billion. Port Freeport 2017 exports exceeded $1.48 billion, up by nearly 58 percent from the previous year.

“The Port Commission is pleased to see the results of the updated economic impact study which clearly shows the value of the Freeport Harbor Channel to the entire region,” said Port Commission Chairman Paul Kresta. “These results, combined with the future investments expected at the Port and in the region, it is safe to say we can look forward to many more years of prosperity for Port Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas and the nation.

The Economic Impact Analysis Report in its entirety can be found at www.portfreeport.com/about/economic-impact.
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  
Gordon & Nancy Wollam  
$1,100: The Dow Chemical Company  
Gulf Coast S&S  
Leo Martin Chevrolet  
$1,000: American Realty  
$950: BASF Corp.  
$850: 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  
MSR Houston, LLC  
Art & Lynn Vandaveer  
$500: Representative Dennis & Kim Bonnen  
Brazosport CAER  
CenterPoint Energy  
K&S Restaurants  
Nalco  
Shintech  
Bob & Lori Sipple  
$451: Comfort Suites  
$300: Dairy Bar  
Killum Pest Control  
Kitty's Purple Cow  
Commissioner Dude & Debra Payne  

$350: Dr. Alkesh Amin, M.D.P.A  
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Brazosport Leadership Class of 2015  
Brown's Auto Sales  
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Merrill Lynch  
SI Group, Inc.  
State Farm Insurance—George Franklin  
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iAD Architects  
Luycx Plumbing  
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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  
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Village of Jones Creek  
U.S. Representative Randy Weber  
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$75: Eubanks & Company 2  
$50: ABC Realty  
Brown Hearing Centers  
Creekside Village Healthcare  
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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
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We Couldn’t Do It Without You!