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Hello Brazosport Chamber Members and Business Community, what an unprecedented time we are in! Few if any could have predicted that as we began 2020 with hope and optimism that we would see our worlds turned upside down, personally and professionally. It has indeed been a stressful time, but at the same time, we have seen our community remain focused on the task at hand. When directed to scale back or even temporarily close our businesses, as a community we did what needed to be done. This resulted in a depressed business climate, but it was done in the interest of safety and concern especially for the vulnerable populations among us. The results have been impressive. Although predictions and illness models at the outset was frightening, we have largely not seen the massive surge of illness that was originally forecast. This is great news, and the credit for this is due to the cooperation of our entire community.

We now appear to be on the precipice of a return to "normal". More and more of our businesses have been allowed to open back up, even if not yet at 100%, but at least hopeful that we will get there soon. I feel certain that there is a pent up demand for goods and services that we will all soon be seeing in our shops. There is indeed a light at the end of this dark tunnel. But it will take time and more patience to get back to where we were—I know we'll get there. Now, more than ever, we want to do all we can to support our local businesses and resume shopping with vigor and by keeping it local.

What does the future hold? Time will tell. We have been fortunate in our part of the county that the number of COVID-19 cases has been relatively low. With the relaxation of the restrictions, we hopefully will not experience a major spike in cases because the baseline level was not high to begin with. Additionally, I think our community will practice common-sense measures, such as frequent handwashing and wearing a face covering when out in public. If we can do this, we will buy a little more time for effective pharmacologic treatments to be developed and ultimately, a vaccine. We'll get there! And I know in the Brazosport community, we'll hang together and support each other and get on the other side of this stronger than ever!

I want to thank all in the Brazosport business community for your sacrifices and acknowledge that the pain and suffering has been severe. I pray with confidence for the better times that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

Al Guevara

Al Guevara
Chairman of the Board
"United for Growth"



BRAZOSPORT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

75th Annual Banquet



Joe Ripple, Brazoria County, 2019 Chairman of the Board.



Joe Ripple served as a great Master of Ceremonies



Judge Jack Brown presents Amber Garkow, Staybridge/Candlewood Suites with a gift as Ambassador of the Year. She tied with Cindy Cornette, The Facts



Sandra Shaw presents Cindy Cornette, The Facts with a gift as Ambassador of the Year. She tied with Amber Garkow, Staybridge/Candlewood Suites



Jazz Sunday did a great job entertaining the crowd.



Karla Christman, Bisd & Danny Massey, Bisd Superintendent, were both honored as the Outstanding Woman & Outstanding Man of the Year.

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Port Freeport

Sentinel Midstream

Setpoint Integrated Solutions

The Facts

UTMB Health

Angleton- Danbury Campus



Banquet Thank You's

Joe Ripple, Brazoria County, Master of Ceremonies

Yvonne Mintz, The Facts

Billy Loveless, Photography

Deborah Janek, LJ Flowers

Drew Ryder, On the River/River Point Restaurants

New Members

Edward Jones

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Is Your Business Reopening?

Let us help you get the word out! Come by the Chamber office to pick up your complimentary sign, snap a photo, and send it to us to share.

Do you have new hours?
New procedures in place?
Promotions?

Let us know
so we can share!



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Coronavirus / COVID-19 Information Hub

www.twc.texas.gov Texas Workforce Commission Information for COVID-19
Employers, Jobseekers and Child Care

www.gov.texas.gov/coronavirus Office of the Texas Governor, Gregg Abbott

www.txbiz.org/corona Texas Association of Business COVID-19 Business Resource
Tool Kit

www.irs.gov/coronavirus Coronavirus Tax Relief from IRS

Shop local. We're in this together.

Local businesses need your support now more than ever.



Get it to go. Order from your local restaurants and bars via delivery service, to-go, or curbside pickup.



Shop small online. Websites haven't closed and it's important to leave positive reviews for local vendors and businesses.



Buy in advance. Purchase gift cards or book services from local businesses to use at a future date.



Stay looped in. Keep up with your memberships, and with services that are still offered online.



Follow along. Your favorite local businesses are online and sharing specific ways you can support them.



Say thank you. Many business owners and workers are risking their health to provide critical products and services. Be thankful.

Coronavirus - COVID-19 Business Recovery Loans

"Local Banks Helping Local Business"

These Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce financial institution members are offering Disaster Recovery Loans for Businesses in Brazoria County!



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Governor Abbott's Opening Texas Timeline

as of May 6th



----- 6 FEET -----



OPEN NOW

Churches, Weddings, & Funerals

AT 25% CAPACITY

*These occupancy limits do not apply to the outdoor areas of a wedding reception

Restaurants

DINING OPEN TO 25% CAPACITY

*Delivery and Pick-up available

Retail Stores, Shopping Malls & Movie Theaters

AT 25% OCCUPANCY

*Food court dining and playground remain closed

MAY 8TH

Salons & Barbershops (hair, nails, & tanning)

MAINTAIN SIX FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCING AT 25% CAPACITY

MAY 18TH

Office Buildings

5 OR LESS INDIVIDUALS OR 25% OF TOTAL WORKFORCE

Gyms & Exercise Classes

AT 25% CAPACITY

*Locker rooms & shower facilities closed

Non-Essential Manufacturing Services

AT 25% OCCUPANCY

COVID-19

PROTECT YOURSELF



USE FACE MASK



WASH YOUR HANDS

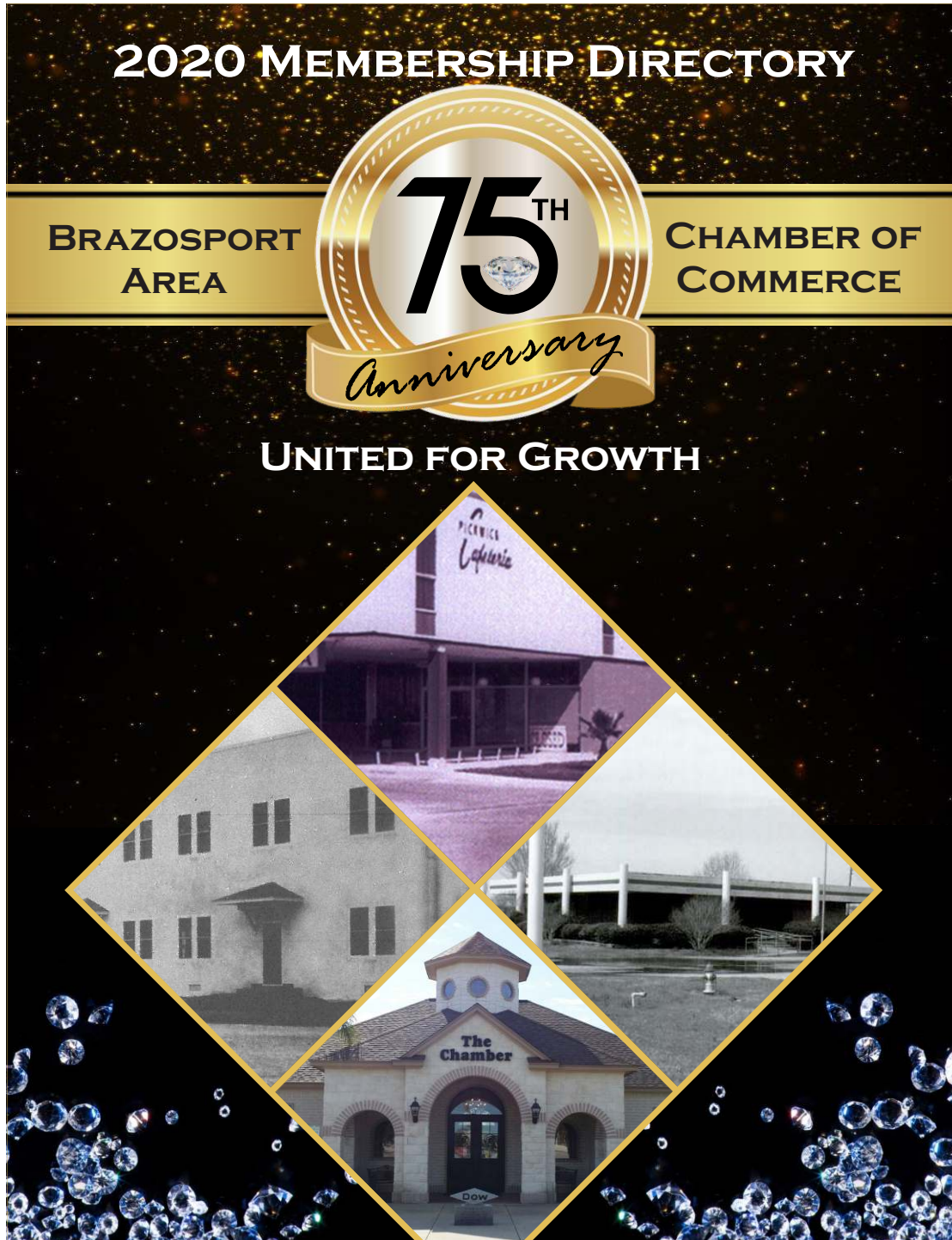


AVOID CROWDED PLACES



AVOID AFFECTED AREAS

STOP BY THE CHAMBER *M* AND PICK UP THE NEW *Membership Directory*



SHOP LOCAL