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January 2022

Awards Luncheon

Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce will conduct it's first ever Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, March 9th at 12:00 noon at the Dow Academic Center.

The Chamber will honor the Outstanding Man & Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Recipient, Industry Partner of the Year and the Ambassador of the Year.

Major sponsorships and table sponsorships are available. If you are interested in a sponsorship or reservations, please contact donna@brazosportchamber.org or call 979-285-2501



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Chairman's Message.

On behalf of the Brazosport Chamber Board of Directors, whether you are a longtime member or new to the Chamber, we look forward to supporting you in reaching your business and professional goals. As members of the Chamber you are counting on us to provide responsible counsel, expertise, and advocacy to help you elevate your business and attract new ones to the area. We are committed to delivering the experiences, programming and networking community to help our members and the Brazosport area prosper.

The biggest way YOU can help is to shop locally! The reason I chose the slogan “Local Focus For A Global Economy” is because the past two years have shown us more than ever that it's vital to shop locally for goods and services. In a global economy, businesses must know how to be responsive to the needs of the communities in which they operate. The Chamber can help you identify and navigate those needs, especially when it comes to networking and making important connections.

I'd like to offer up my congratulations to Shintech who was the winner of our Christmas Raffle. The prize was a \$5,000 shopping spree with any Brazosport Chamber member company. Shintech chose to donate the prize back to the Chamber and we sincerely appreciate the generous gesture.

The Chamber has many opportunities for our members to get involved with the Chamber. This month, we invite you to join us at our first membership luncheon of 2022. The luncheon will be held on January 20th at the Dow Academic Center. Networking will begin at 11:30 with the program to begin at Noon. Bring your business cards or flyers to set out on the table. Fernando Signorini, Vice President, U.S. Gulf Coast Operations and Site Director at The Dow Chemical Company will be our guest speaker. RSVP by either contacting the Chamber office at chamber@brazosportchamber.org or online at Brazosport.org under the membership tab.

Our next membership luncheon will be on February 3rd. Senator Joan Huffman will be the guest speaker. Again, networking will begin at 11:30 with the program beginning at Noon at the Dow Academic Center. Reservations and table sponsorships are currently available.

In March, the Awards Luncheon will be held March 9th from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Dow Academic Center. This luncheon will honor the Outstanding Man and Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, Industry Partner of the Year, and Ambassador of the Year. Reservations and sponsorships are also currently available for this event.

Our Chamber focuses on being the center of influence for local prosperity in this very global economy. If you are a member of the Chamber, we thank you for your investment. If you are not, we'd love to talk to you about the many benefits of membership. No matter your status, we look forward to you becoming actively involved with the Chamber. We need you to help us all flourish.

Sincerely,

Wendy Mazurkiewicz
2022 Chairman of the Board
“Local Focus for a Global Economy”

NEW MEMBERS

Chase Burgin for JP 4-2 Campaign

116 Oak Colony Drive, Angleton
979-997-3340

www.chaseburgin.com

Individual

CenterComs LLC

117 Hwy. 332 W, #J111, Lake Jackson
Keith Oliver, 832-713-6567

www.centercoms.com

IT Services/Telephone Systems

Freeport Studios

525 CR 330, Freeport
Jessica Kaiser, 877-477-0060

www.Freeportstudios.com

Apartments/Hotels/Lodging

Market Design Team

2409 E. Mulberry Street, Angleton
Margarey Valdez, 254-744-5346

www.marketdesignteam.com

Web Development/Web

Hosting/Advertising/Graphics/Printing
(Promotional)

Lake Jackson Farmers Market

110 S. Parking Place, Lake Jackson
Travis Pate, 979-824-1899

www.ljfarmersmarket.com

Shopping & Specialty Retail

NAMI Gulf Coast (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

P.O. Box 4096, Alvin
Raven Jacobs, 281-585-3100

www.namigulfcoast.org

Non-Profit Organization

Seven Souls Tattoo Studio

20 Circle Way, Lake Jackson
Daniel Cantu, Jr., 979-871-9115

Tattoo & Piercing Studio

Shores M.D.S. Inc.

122 West Way, Lake Jackson
Derek Paterson, 281-323-3287

www.shoresmds.com

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The Economic Engine of Brazoria County

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Bed & Breakfast & Café

BRAZOSPORT PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

The Brazosport Professionals Network (BPN) recently held a networking meeting at the Chamber office.



OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recognized Nancy Wollam, Rep. Cody Vasut's Office; Vicki Melass; Heather Rimato, Rimato Insurance; Fred Ortiz, Help, Inc. and Corky Melass, Killum Pest Control as Outstanding Volunteers for all of the time and effort they contributed to help make the Banquet & Auction such a great success! We can't thank you enough!



The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recognized Danny Hickey & Annette Medina, Blueline Print Shop, as Outstanding Volunteers for donating the printing for the Banquet & Auction. Thank you both for all you do for us!

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT



The 10th Annual Brazoria County Transportation & Infrastructure Summit hosted by The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County, Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Angleton Chamber of Commerce, Brazoria Chamber of Commerce, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce, Pearland Chamber of Commerce, Sweeny Chamber of Commerce & West Columbia Chamber of Commerce was held at the Dow Academic Center.

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES SPONSORS

Many Thanks to our Sponsors!



The Hester Group, Inc.
504 A This Way
Lake Jackson, TX 77566



HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES LUNCHEON



The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce thanked their Holiday Home Tour homeowners for showcasing their beautiful homes on this year's tour by gifting them with a hand-painted portrait of their homes. Pictured L to R: Barbie & Chris Yorgensen, Jan Campbell, Blyn Brown, Maury & Erika McCown & JoAnn Brown.



We appreciate the hard work of the Home Tour Chairperson Jeannette Merritt, Gateway Mortgage & the hosts who obtained volunteers to serve at each home. L to R: Vicki Melass; Leslie Barber, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; Lance Olshovsky, Alamo Title Company; Jeannette Merritt, Gateway Mortgage & Chairperson of this event and Sue Merritt. Not Pictured Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNER!



Many Thanks to our Sponsors!



Congratulations to Shintech, the winner of the 2021 Christmas Raffle! Our heartfelt thanks to Paul Spinks, Site Manager, Shintech, for graciously donating the winning proceeds back to the Chamber! Pictured L to R: Tracey Collier & Heather Wescott, both with Shintech.

CONGRATULATIONS

Corner

Beutel Elementary Named 2021 National Blue Ribbon School

The excitement could be felt and heard throughout the hallways of A.P. Beutel Elementary Tuesday morning when an announcement was made that their campus was named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School! This is the nation's top honor for individual campuses based on academic achievement.

We could not be more excited or proud of the Beutel staff, students, and community,” said BISD Superintendent Danny Massey. “Being designated as a National Blue Ribbon School is extremely difficult to achieve and demonstrates the academic excellence that exists in our Brazosport ISD schools.”

The recognition, which is awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in achievement gaps in student subgroups.

“We are humbled and honored to receive this national award,” Principal Laura Morris said. “It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our campus staff, our students and our parents.”

Beutel earned this great honor for demonstrating dramatic gains in student achievement. This is actually the second time for the campus to receive this national designation. It was first named as a National Blue Ribbon school in 2007.

Out of the 1,247 school districts across Texas, Beutel is one of only 26 schools awarded as a National Blue Ribbon School. Only 325 schools across the entire nation received the recognition this year.



CONGRATULATIONS

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PORT FREEPORT RECEIVES FIRST CONTAINER VESSEL IN NEW ALL-WATER EXPRESS SERVICE FROM ASIA

On December 10th, the M/V ZHONG GU FU JIAN (2010 built, Chinese Flagged) berthed at Port Freeport's Velasco Container Terminal. The arrival of the 902-foot long 4,963 TEU vessel marks another milestone for Port Freeport as the first container vessel to offer all-water service from Asia into Port Freeport.

“Port Freeport's recent announcement of completing the first portion of the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project and the ongoing expansion of the Velasco Container Terminal has garnered the attention of the steamship lines,” said Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO of Port Freeport. “The current disruptions in the supply chain have encouraged carriers and shippers to consider alternate ports of entry and with these additions, Port Freeport is an enticing alternative.”

Transfar Shipping PTE. LTD., an ocean carrier originating from Singapore, is committed to establishing a supply chain for business-to-business, cross-border, e-commerce. In a bid to improve the fulfillment efficiency of the logistic service under the current critical market situation, Transfar Shipping recently launched express service between China and the U.S. Gulf Coast by offering one to two direct sailings per month, importing a mix of cargo for many globally known companies including, Alibaba.

Over \$450 million of infrastructure projects are currently underway at Port Freeport. Those projects include the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project, that will deepen and partially widen the harbor channel to accommodate the modern vessels operating around the world today; and the Velasco Terminal dock extension which will add 927 feet of berth and an 85-foot RoRo Platform to Velasco Container Terminal. Port Freeport will soon embark on the Velasco Terminal Modernization Project that will improve gate infrastructure and access to the terminal enhancing efficiency.

“Port Freeport has been, and continues to be, a rapidly growing deep-water port. The Port Commissioners of the past two decades believed that it was imperative to invest in the expansion to accommodate that growth, as does the current Commissioners. That investment in expansion correlates to the creation of positive economic impacts for the community, Brazoria County, the state of Texas and our great nation,” said Port Commission Chairman John Hoss. “We welcome the Transfar Shipping express service as the first direct, all-water service from Asia into Port Freeport.”



PHOTO CUTLINE: M/V ZHONG GU FU JIAN berthed at Port Freeport's Velasco Container Terminal

2022 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.

- **Awards Luncheon**—Coordinate the Awards Luncheon scheduled on March 9, 2022. The Luncheon will honor the Outstanding Man & Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, Ambassador of the Year & Industry Partner of the Year.
- **The Ambassadors**--Serve as the public relations arm of the Chamber at ribbon cutting ceremonies and various Chamber events throughout the year.
- **Banquet & Auction**--Coordinate the banquet & Auction scheduled on August 11, 2022.
- **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 on February 28, 2023.
- **Brazosport Professionals Network**—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.
- **Brazosport Together Task Force**—Provide opportunities to promote Chamber members to support their growth and profitable success.
- **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 on December 4, 2022.
- **Leadership Task Force**—Plan the 2023 Leadership Brazosport Class designed to develop the future leaders of the community.
- **Lodging & Attractions Committee**--Gather and exchange information to cross-promote attractions.
- **Mayors & City Managers Sessions**—Mayors and City Managers from the eight cities in the Brazosport area meet quarterly to discuss municipal activities and needs and enhance communication between the Chamber and cities.
- **Membership Luncheons**—Present luncheons throughout the year with speakers on various issues affecting the business community.
- **National Prayer Day**—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.

- **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 September or October 2022 providing reports on various sectors of the Brazosport economy.
- **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.

2022 Committees & Task Forces

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

- ☐ Awards Luncheon
- ☐ The Ambassador's
- ☐ Banquet & Auction
- ☐ Brazosport Professionals Network (BPN)
- ☐ Government Affairs Committee
- ☐ Holiday Tour of Homes
- ☐ Leadership Task Force

- ☐ Membership Luncheons
- ☐ National Day of Prayer
- ☐ Safetytown Coordinating Committee
- ☐ Shop Local First
- ☐ State of the Community
- ☐ Southern Brazoria County Housing Committee
- ☐ Transportation Committee



NAMI
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Self-Compassion Webinar

TIME TO START TAKING CARE OF YOU THIS NEW YEAR.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022 FROM 12:00-1:00PM

1.0 CEU Credit Available.

Online via Zoom, Register to Attend!

Objectives:

- What is self-compassion?
- Three elements of self-compassion and how they work together
- Debunking myths about self-compassion
- What current research says and how it's beneficial to overall well-being
- Easy experiential exercises to practice self-compassion
- Books and online resources for further exploration

"Self-compassion is key because when we're able to be gentle with ourselves in the midst of shame, we're more likely to reach out, connect, and experience empathy." -Brené Brown

Presenter: Safyah Alam

Safyah Alam is a Crisis Counselor with the Gulf Coast Center's Texans Recovering Together Crisis Counseling Program (TRT CCP). She holds a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and has 6 + years of experience working in the mental health field, including psychiatric hospitals, substance use rehabilitation facilities, and the prison psychiatric system. Ms. Alam is passionate about topics of positive psychology, self-love, and self-compassion as she believes these are essential in the healing process.

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After you register, you will receive a confirmation email with the link to join the online webinar. This webinar is offered at no cost and all are welcome to join.

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