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**April 2022**

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# Awards Luncheon

*Congratulations to the following Award Recipients:*

**Outstanding Woman & Man of the Year:** Shannon Whitley, Sports Clips and Kenny Vernor, Vernor Materials & Equipment



**Industry Partners of the Year:** Scott Daigle, MEGlobal; and Fernando Signorini, The Dow Chemical Company

**Ambassadors of the Year:** Cindy Cornette, The Facts & Fred Ortiz, Help, Inc.



**Outgoing Chairman of the Board:** Danny Massey, B.I.S.D. Superintendent & 2021 Chairman of the Board, received a gift of appreciation for his successful year as Chairman from Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG & current Chairwoman of the Board.



# Chairman's Message.

**T**he Chamber is proud to co-sponsor the upcoming luncheon honoring the vital work over 24 years of service of former State Representative and Speaker of the House, Dennis Bonnen. Special guests will be Governor Greg Abbott, current House Speaker Dade Phelan, and other special guests from the House and Senate chambers. The event will take place on **Thursday, April 28th at 11:30 am at the Dow Academic Center.**

Please make plans to join us at the next membership luncheon on **May 5th.** Our guest speaker will be Fernando Signorini, Dow Chemical Company, at the Dow Academic Center. Networking will begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and the program to follow at 12:00 noon. Reservations can be made for both luncheons by contacting the Chamber office ([chamber@brazosportchamber.org](mailto:chamber@brazosportchamber.org)) or on-line at [brazosport.org](http://brazosport.org)

Shopping with local businesses has always been important to me so I'm excited to announce that the Chamber will be implementing two important events this year to promote small businesses and help drive traffic into their stores.

The first event to mark on your calendars is the **Shop Local Weekend** event! It will be held on the weekend of **June 24, 25 & 26.** The weekend will kick off with a continental breakfast on Friday, June 24th at the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce office. Free shopping bags will be handed out which will include the list of current members, written rules & promotional coupons from member businesses that would like to participate. Shopping receipts will be due by Monday, June 27th at 12:00 noon. Don't just limit yourself to retail and restaurants - Receipts can be from any money spent with a Chamber member. For example, if you spend money getting your oil changed or with your accountant, attorney or anyone else, the receipt will qualify for the grand prize drawing – and we'll take receipts submitted personally or via email.

The receipts will have the shoppers name on them and one winner will be drawn from the receipts on Tuesday, June 28th on Facebook Live. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. Shoppers are encouraged to take a photo at the place they are shopping and tag the business as well as the Chamber.

The second event will be a Fall Business Expo. The Chamber is partnering with The Economic Development Alliance and the Small Business Development Center at Brazosport College to bring this exciting event to life. Not only will businesses be able to showcase and sell their merchandise, but educational business speakers will be scheduled throughout the day in break-out sessions. The **FREE** event will be open to all businesses, not just Chamber members. Door prizes will be given away every hour. The three organizations will begin meeting soon to plan this event so watch for more details coming soon.



# Chairman's Message.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING:

**AWARDS LUNCHEON WINNERS:**

Outstanding Woman of the Year: Shannon Whitley

Outstanding Man of the Year: Kenneth Vernor

Industry Partners of the Year: Dow Texas Operations and MEGlobal

Ambassadors of the Year: Fred Ortiz and Cindy Cornette

Many thanks to our Awards Luncheon Major Sponsors:

Altus Emergency Center, BASF Corp., Brazosport I.S.D., Brazos Learning Montessori, Cordoba Law Firm, Dow Texas Operations, First State Bank, Freeport LNG, Gulf Coast Auto Park, KM&L Certified Public Accountants, Mejia Industrial Supply Co., MEGlobal, Offshore Oil Services, Phillips 66, Port Freeport, St. Luke's Health Brazosport, Staybridge/Candlewood Suites & UTMB Angleton Danbury Campus.

Table Sponsors:

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The Facts

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to attend the Brazosport Business Professionals meeting on April 7, 2022 at 12:00 noon at the Chamber office. This is their first meeting of 2022. The Brazosport Business Professionals is a great way to network and get to know other Chamber members. Just e-mail [chamber@brazosportchamber.org](mailto:chamber@brazosportchamber.org) or call 979-285-2501 to make your reservations. Lunch will be served

Sincerely,

Wendy Mazurkiewicz

2022 Chairman of the Board

"Local Focus for a Global Economy"



# Awards Luncheon

MANY THANKS TO OUR MAJOR SPONSORS:



THANK YOU TO OUR TABLE SPONSORS:

H-E-B - Help, Inc. - TBT Real Estate - The Facts

# *Awards Luncheon*

## THANK YOU'S

Joe Ripple, Brazoria County, Master of Ceremonies

Yvonne Mintz, The Facts, publicity

Billy Loveless, photography

Deborah Janek, LJ Flowers, decorations

Drew Ryder, On the River/Swamp Shack

## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to the 2022 Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



**Back Row L to R:** Phil Holsten, Phillips 66; Jeff Fischels, H-E-B; Danny Massey, Brazosport I.S.D.; David Winder, BASF Corp.; Nancy Wollam, Representative Cody Vasut's Office; Brent Bowles, iAD Architects; Julie Edwards, Elaine's Fashions & Coastal Machine & Mechanical & Preston Phillips, Third Coast Bank.

**Front Row L to R:** Jason Cordoba, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; Heather Rimato, Rimato Insurance; Scott Daigle, MEGlobal; Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG & Chairman of the Board; Nitin Patel, Candlewood/Staybridge Suites; Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance; Gabriella Cone, Dow Chemical; Rebecca Kelley, Brazosport I.S.D. & Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber President & CEO.

**Not Pictured:** Donald "Dude" Payne, Brazoria County Commissioner; Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director; Stacy Stanley, Offshore Oil Service; Robert Trautman, St. Luke's Health-Brazosport Hospital; Kenny Vernor, Vernor Material & Equipment; Tim Keefe, State Farm Insurance; Fred Ortiz, Help, Inc. & Tammie Bell, TBT Real Estate.

# NETWORK Mixer

The Gulf Coast Bird Observatory hosted a Network Mixer for members of the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce.



Gulf Coast Bird Observatory Board of Directors and Staff



Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate; Bob and Ruth Fredericks & Phil Huxford



Ron Weeks, Lisa Myers & Jackie Hicks



Fallon Rodriguez Soto, Gulf Coast CASA & Tricia Patton, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory





# BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE RECEPTION



The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County Co-Hosted a Community Reception welcoming Dr. Vincent Solis as President of Brazosport College. Pictured L to R: Patti Worfe, The Economic Development Alliance; Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG & Brazosport Chamber Chairman of the Board; Dr. Vincent Solis, Brazosport College; Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber & Debbie Pennington, The Economic Development Alliance.

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



Nancy Wollam, Representative Cody Vasut's Office & Co-Chair of the Government Affairs Committee and Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director and guest speaker.



A Government Affairs Meeting was held at the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce with guest speaker Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director. He gave a very informative update on the federal grant program that is currently raising homes flooded during Hurricane Harvey.

# New Members

## **96 Auto Repair, LLC**

1621 FM 2004, Richwood

Foster Ellison, 979-292-8196

[www.Facebook.com/96AutoRepair/](http://www.Facebook.com/96AutoRepair/)

Auto Repair

## **Affordable Dentures & Implants**

201-A W. Hwy. 332, Lake Jackson

Marissa Sanchez, 979-705-3393

Dental Practice

## **Gary Basinger**

979-248-1490

[garybasinger@comcast.net](mailto:garybasinger@comcast.net)

Individual

## **Legacy Real Estate Team**

107 West Way, Ste. 21, Lake Jackson

Lisa Vernor, 979-824-3172

[www.Legacyhomegirls.com](http://www.Legacyhomegirls.com)

Real Estate

## **Proforma Angelini, Martin & Associates**

11111 McCracken Circle, Cypres

Lori Zion & Traci Kurfuss, 281-304-8406

[www.ads.proforma.com](http://www.ads.proforma.com)

Promotional Products, Printing

## **Torrent Valley's Marketplace**

131 Circle Way, Lake Jackson

Susan Bryant, 979-201-0846

Restaurant & Catering

Shop.  
LOCAL



# The Chamber Brazosport Area

The Economic Engine of Brazoria County

## Ribbon Cuttings



**Torrent Valley's Marketplace**  
131 Circle Way, Lake Jackson  
Susan Bryant, 979-201-0846  
Restaurant & Catering



**Seven Souls Tattoo Studio**  
20 Circle Way, Lake Jackson  
Daniel Cantu, Jr., 979-871-9115  
Tattoo & Piercing Studio



**Affordable Dentures & Implants**  
201-A W. Hwy. 332, Lake Jackson  
Marissa Sanchez, 979-705-3393  
Dental Practice



**Sienna Villas**  
902 N. Avenue J, Freeport  
Peggy Keenom, 979-233-8981  
[www.siennavillastx.com](http://www.siennavillastx.com)  
Apartments

# THANK

# You

- *Ron Martin, Grapevine Gifts, for the delicious door prizes at Chamber membership luncheons.*
- *Nancy Wollam, Representative Cody Vasut's office, for the delicious kolaches for the Government Affairs Committee meeting.*
- *Jennifer Perk, Villages of Lake Jackson Apartments, for the cute Valentine Bags.*
- *Meaghan Arceneaux, Mega Realty, for the Valentine basket of goodies.*
- *Brent Bowles, iAD Architects, for providing the lunch for the Brazosport Together Task Force meeting.*

## Membership Luncheon

Sponsored by:



The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a membership luncheon in February with guest speaker Senator Joan Huffman.



Senator Larry Taylor, Senator Joan Huffman, Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG & Brazosport Chamber Chairman of the Board & Representative Cody Vasut.



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### FREE BREAKFAST

June 24th, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce,  
9:30 a.m.



### FREE SHOPPING BAG

Pick up your free shopping bag and a list of Chamber  
members at the breakfast.



### \$1,000 CASH DRAWING

Bring your receipts from the shop Local Weekend to the  
Brazosport Chamber by June 27, 12 p.m. for a chance  
to win \$1,000!

**The Chamber**  
Brazosport Area  
The Economic Engine of Brazoria County



Shop  
LOCAL

WEEKEND

June 24 - 26, 2022

## Rules

1. 18 years or older to participate.
2. Must shop at a Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce member business.
3. Receipts must be dated June 24, 25 or 26, 2022.
4. Receipts must have your name, phone number and e-mail address written on the back.
5. Receipts must be turned into the Brazosport Area Chamber by Monday, June 27, 2022 at 12:00 noon.
6. Receipts will be entered for a chance at a \$1,000 cash prize to be drawn on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 on Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m.
7. Each receipt is worth one entry into the drawing.

# Appreciation Luncheon

Co-hosted by:



## Honoring Speaker Dennis Bonnen



Celebrating his 24 years of service  
to Brazoria County in the  
Texas House of Representatives!

With Special Guests:

**Texas Governor Greg Abbott**

Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan

Special friends from the Texas House and Senate

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**

**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Dow Academic Center**

**at Brazosport College**

**500 College Dr., Lake Jackson, TX 77566**

**Individuals \$50 / \$55 invoiced**

**Table Sponsorship \$500**

- A reserved table of 8 with your logo on the placard.
- Verbal recognition from the podium at the event.
- Recognition in the event program.
- Recognition on Facebook.

### Legislative Underwriters:



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Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid billing.**