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**November
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Outstanding Volunteers



Thank you to the Banquet Core Committee & Volunteers that worked so hard to make our banquet/auction such a success! Pictured L to R: Heather Rimato, Rimato Insurance; Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate; Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG & Brazosport Chamber Chairman of the Board; Nancy Wollam, Representative Cody Vasut's Office; Debra Perry, State Farm Insurance-George Franklin; Corky Melass, Killum Pest Control; Raylene Wilson, Integrity Insurance Services; Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director; Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency & Frances Schultz, Direct Effect Marketing. Not Pictured: Jarrod Smith, Alamo Title; Jordan Strother, First State Bank; Debbie Pennington, Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County & Vicki Melass.





Chairman's Message.

The Shop Local Showcase was held October 18, 10-2 p.m., at the Dow Academic Center. 30 local vendors participated, receiving exposure for their businesses to over 100 attendees. The event was co-sponsored by the Brazosport Chamber, the Economic Development Alliance of Brazoria County and the Small Business Development Center at Brazosport College. I know I came away with some real goodies, tasty treats and helpful information!!!

During the day there were 6 breakout sessions on a variety of topics to help businesses be successful. A big THANK YOU to the following presenters: Meredith King of Integrus Leadership, Shannon Whitley of SportClips, Jason Cordoba of Cordoba Law, Brian Garrett of Tom's Pawn, Jake Starkey of 1820 Marketing, Elizabeth Charles of the SBA, Danielle Sanford of the SBDC, Aaron Groves with First State Bank and Margarey Valdez of Market Design Team.

Thank you to the Chamber members that participated in the Membership Survey which enabled the Board of Directors to formulate a Strategic Plan for 2023. The Retreat was held on November 3rd at Staybridge Suites. Also, many thanks to the members of the Board for spending their valuable time to attend this event and address issues of importance for 2023. This event is what guides our direction in the coming year as we serve the broader Chamber membership.

You should have received 6 raffle tickets in the mail for the Christmas raffle drawing which will take place on December 7th, 12:00 noon, Facebook Live. Tickets are on sale for \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. Win a \$5,000 shopping spree with any Chamber member. Many thanks to our sponsors BASF Corp., Candlewood/Staybridge Suites, Freeport LNG & TDECU.

Get into the Christmas spirit by attending the Holiday Tour of Homes on December 4th from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and include a reception sponsored by Alamo Title Company & Gateway Mortgage Group from 2-4 p.m. at Alamo Title at 443 This Way, Lake Jackson. They will serve Christmas refreshments, have Christmas music and a chance to win a flat screen tv. The Committee, Chaired by Jeannette Merritt, Gateway Mortgage Group, is working to secure the beautiful homes for this year's tour. Please expect to receive more information in the near future. We appreciate our sponsors that make this event possible: Alamo Title Company, ATC Appraisal Services, LLC, Brazos Learning, Gateway Mortgage Group, Farmers Insurance Agency—Kristy Anders, Shintech & TBT Real Estate. And, of course, we'd like to thank the participants of the tour for opening their beautiful homes to us.

As the holidays quickly approach, I'd like to encourage everyone to shop locally. The current economic landscape is hitting everyone hard, but as a community, we can help move each other through this trying time by supporting those closest to us. We live in a global economy, but it starts right here at home.

Sincerely,

Wendy Mazurkiewicz
Chairman of the Board

“Local Focus for A Global Economy”

BISD NAMES SANDRA SHAW AS A 2022 WALL OF FAME RECIPIENT



Congratulations to Sandra Shaw, President & C.E.O., Brazosport Chamber of Commerce, for being selected as a recipient of the B.I.S.D. Wall of Fame! Standing L to R: Quinton Virgil, Brazosport High School Principal, Amaya Tristan-Ramos, Brazosport High School Student Body President, Sandra Shaw, President & CEO, Brazosport Chamber & Danny Massey, BISD Superintendent.

Brazosport Independent School District annually celebrates its rich history and heritage by honoring outstanding graduates with selection to the Brazosport Independent School District Wall of Fame. This year, Brazosport Independent School District selected Sandra Shaw as one of their recipients. Brazosport ISD honored Mrs. Sandra Shaw during the halftime of the Brazosport Exporter football game on Friday, October 28, 2022.

Sandra Tidwell Shaw, a 1964 Brazosport High School graduate, has dedicated her life to making the Brazosport Area a better place for those that live and work in our area. As the President/C.E.O. of the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce, she has played a major role in the economic development that our area has experienced over the past forty years. She not only works with several different Brazosport Chamber committees that achieve goals to help children, businesses, residents and investors, but she also dedicates her time off from the Chamber to help other organizations meet their goals.

Employed by the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce for 45 years, Sandra began her career in 1977 as the bookkeeper, was promoted to its Membership Director, and then advanced to the position of Membership & Finance Director. She also served as the Chamber's Executive Director before becoming the President & CEO in 1991.

Sandra has been acknowledged frequently by her professional peers. She is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organization Management and was designated a Chartered Economic and Community Developer by the American Society of Economic and Community Developers. Mrs. Shaw is past president of the Gulf Coast Chamber Executives and has served two terms on the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Board of Directors. She also served one term as a Board Member of the Texas Association of Business. Under her management, the Brazosport Chamber has been awarded forty-seven State Awards of Excellence over the past twenty-five years in such categories as Brochure, Directory, Map, Newsletter, Website and Facebook.

One of Sandra's proudest accomplishments is the Chamber building located on Abner Jackson Parkway in Lake Jackson. She was instrumental in obtaining the land and overseeing the construction of the new building in 2006. Sandra was also very instrumental in the formation of what is now known as the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County.

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Sandra was honored as recipient of the Jane Long Pioneer Spirit Award in 2008 by the Brazoria County Historical Museum for possessing a pioneering vision and the tenacity, courage and conviction to pursue it, as epitomized by Jane Wilkinson Long, an early Texas settler.

Sandra was recognized by the Texas Senate for her 20 years of tenure and again by the Texas House by Representative Dennis Bonnen, for her 40 years of tenure. In addition, she was named the "Yellow Rose of Texas" in 1989 by Senator Buster Brown, who served as Governor of Texas for the day. She was also named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Brazosport Rotary Club. Besides her involvement on every Chamber committee, Sandra has also served as a Board Member for the Memorial Child Care Center, Freeport Main Street Advisory Board, The Facts Unsung Heroes Selection Committee, Dow Grant Selection Committee, Brazosport College's Small Business Development Center's Advisory Board, and the Freeport 100 Celebration Committee.

She is currently serving as a member of the Brazoria County Council of Chambers, Brazoria County Day Steering Committee, Shoreline Erosion Task Force, Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County, Lake Jackson Business Association, Brazosport CHI St. Luke's Health Brazosport's Strategic Planning Task Force, Women's Health Care Conference Advisory Committee, Community Health Needs Assessment Forum participant and the Brazosport Business Roundtable.

As an avid lover of animals, Sandra is heavily involved in the Houston Sheltie Sanctuary Rescue program. Sandra was married to Wayne Shaw for thirty-seven years until his passing in 2020. They have four sons and eight grandchildren. Sandra lives in Lake Jackson with her beloved dog, Duby.

Congratulations Sandra Shaw, the Board of Directors & Staff are so proud of your achievements!



Membership Luncheons



Gilbert Giron, Regional Flood Insurance Liaison for FEMA Region VI; Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG & Brazosport Chamber Chairman of the Board; Nancy Wollam, Rep. Cody Vasut's Office & Tim Keefe, State Farm Insurance.



Thank you to Table Sponors: Brazosport I.S.D.; Candlewood/Staybridge Suites; State Farm Insurance - Tim Keefe & Third Coast Bank

State of the Community

Sponsored By:



The State of the Community Luncheon was held on September 29th with guest speakers Superintendent Danny Massey, B.I.S.D., Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta and Sheriff Bo Stallman.



Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG; Sheriff Bo Stallman; Danny Massey, B.I.S.D.; Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta; Nancy Wollam, Cody Vasut's Office and Joe Ripple, Brazoria County.



Thank you to our Major Sponsor: Freeport LNG and all of our Table Sponsors: BASF Corp; B.I.S.D.; Brazosport College; Dow Texas Operations; Grapevine Gifts; Kelsey-Seybold Clinic; MEGlobal; St. Luke's Health-Brazosport; TBT Real Estate & TDECU.

New Members

Bastrop Bayou RV Park

2400 CR 595, Angleton
Kim Matthews, 346-231-1310
<https://bastropbayourv.com>
RV Park

Changing Reflections Medical Day Spa

201 That Way, Lake Jackson
Michelle Feaver, 979-285-2000
www.changingreflections.com
Spa/Health/Wellness

Kimi Dart, DO PLLC

215 Oak Drive S., Ste. E, Lake Jackson
Donna Reynolds, 979-258-5445
www.docdartent.com
Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery
Allergies, Sinus, Nose & ENT Services

Dawn's Almost Human Pet Grooming

114 W. Plantation, Clute
Courtney Reynolds, 979-266-9601
<https://www.facebook.com/groomingsrus/>
Pet Grooming

Elite Rotating & Mechanical Services

2008 Jones Road, Freeport
Elvis Gigic, 979-285-7963
www.elitermsvcs.com
Industrial Machine Shop/Rotating Equipment
Repair

Express Employment Professionals

122 West Way Street, Lake Jackson
Renee Brantley, 979-487-5999
renee.brantley@expresspros.com
Employment & Staffing

Fairway Independent Mortgage

Alisa Bailey, 512-626-3967
www.loanalisa.com
Mortgage/Home Loans

Guilty Looks, LLC

122 West Way, Lake Jackson
Lu Jasso, 979-288-5733
www.guilty-looks.com
Eyelash Strips, Extensions & Supplies

Gulfstar Compressor Services

210 Oak Drive S., Lake Jackson
Chrissy Brady, 979-239-4288
Rotating Equipment Repair

Humana Marketpoint

231 Barbara Drive, Clute
Anthony R. Bonner, 346-351-5068/800-533-8521
Financial/Insurance

Julia's Donuts & Coffee

115 Oyster Creek Drive, Lake Jackson
Emily Kao, 713-392-0333
Restaurant

Lake Jackson After 5 Rotary Club

P.O. Box 3251, Lake Jackson
Richard Wood, 979-482-3306
Non-Profit

Mosquito Authority

707 Partridge Lane, Eagle Lake
Chris Parker, 979-310-3333
www.Mosquito-authority.com/locations/eagle-lake-tx/
Home & Garden

Oxi Fresh Carpet Cleaning

Travis White, 979-709-7883
www.Oxifresh.com/locations/tx/lake-jackson-carpet-cleaning
Upholstery & Carpet Cleaning

Farmers Insurance - Kristy Anders

208 Oak Drive S., Ste. 100-A, Lake Jackson
Kristy Anders, 979-529-9492
<https://agents.farmers.com/tx/lake-jackson/kristy-anders>
Insurance Agency

New Members

Rupe's Hydraulics

6322 E. Hwy. 332, Freeport
Amy Rupe, 979-665-0591
Machine Shop/Industrial Contractor

Sills Consstruction

Derek Sills, 979-285-8534
www.sillsconstruction.com
Remodeling

South Texas Foot Specialists

121 W. Hwy. 332, Ste. G, Lake Jackson
Richard Owen, 979-297-8500
www.Southtxfoot.com
Health Care Services

Texas Gulf Bank, N.A.—Freeport

1400 Brazosport Blvd., Freeport
Irene Ocanas, 979-258-7338
Financial Institution

Tom's Luxury Handbags & Jewelry

105 Oyster Creek Drive, Ste. A, Lake Jackson
Brian & Shellie Garrett, 979-417-2999
www.Tomsluxury.com
Designer Handbags & Jewelry

Urban Well Medspa + Wellness

208 Oak Drive S, Lake Jackson
Jennifer Monical, 979-480-1244
<https://urbanwellmedspa.com>
Health/Wellness/Spa/Weight Management

Warrior Filtration, LLC

211 Flag Lake Drive, Ste. B, Clute
Ronnie Harris, 979-248-0486
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Ribbon Cuttings



Next Level Urgent Care

101 Winding Way, Ste. 100, Lake Jackson

Kimberly Johnson, 281-783-8162

www.Nextlevelurgentcare.com

Urgent Care



La Madeleine French Café & Bakery

401-A This Way, Lake Jackson

Jennifer Cox, 979-480-1222

www.Lamadeleine.com

Restaurant



Brazos Commercial Roofing

113 E. Main, Clute

David Galloway, 979-248-5201

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Jaime Blackwell, 979-480-0190

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BRAZOSPORT PROFESSIONALS NETWORK



Dr. Vincent Solis, President of Brazosport College, was the guest speaker at the Brazosport Chamber Brazosport Business Professional's meeting with Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Freeport LNG & Brazosport Chamber Chairman of the Board.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



The Brazosport Area Chamber's Government Affairs Committee Chairpersons Nancy Wollam & Ravi Singhanian stand with guest speaker Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta

NETWORK Mixer

Carriage Flowers & Gifts hosted a Network Mixer for Chamber members.



Carriage Flowers & Gifts is decked out with beautiful Christmas décor!



Debbie Samford, Owner of Carriage Flowers & Gifts & Neldia Ahlquist, owner of Neldal Insurance Agency



Debbie Samford, Owner of Carriage Flowers & Gifts



THE CHAMBER LAUNCHED 2 NEW SHOP LOCAL EVENTS IN 2022!



Many thanks to all of you that participated in our first Shop Local Weekend held June 24th -26th. It was a great success with \$31,386.79 generated in sales receipts! This will have a multiplying effect (times 7) of \$219,707.53. Congratulations to Fonda Hundl, the winner of the \$1,000 cash prize. We appreciate the member businesses that helped promote this event on social media and posted the flyer at their place of business. We also thank the shoppers for tagging the businesses as well as the Chamber during this promotional event to give them more exposure. Please remember that shopping locally is not only convenient, but it helps stimulate the economy, creates more jobs, increases donations to non-profits and generates tax revenue.



Brazosport Chamber Chairwoman of the Board Wendy Mazurkiewicz stands with Gary Basinger who dropped by the Chamber for breakfast and a bag during the Shop Local Weekend event.



L to R: Sandra Shaw, President & C.E.O., Brazosport Chamber, Fonda Hundl, winner of the \$1,000 cash prize for the Shop Local Weekend & Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Brazosport Chamber Chairwoman of the Board.



Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber President & C.E.O., with Trish Thompson and her horse, Rebel, who rode by the Chamber office for a free breakfast and to pick up her "Shop Local" bag.

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Shop LOCAL SHOWCASE

The Chamber partnered with The Economic Development Alliance and the Small Business Development Center at the Brazosport College to bring the FIRST EVER Shop Local Showcase event to life. Not only were businesses able to showcase and sell their merchandise, but educational business speakers were scheduled throughout the day in break-out sessions. This FREE event was held on October 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dow Academic Center and was open to all businesses. There were 30 vendors that participated and approximately 100 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed networking, shopping, and showcasing their products and services.



Many thanks to the vendors that participated in the Shop Local Showcase.



Many thanks to Meredith King, True to Life Ministries, for hosting the informative Business Leadership Panel Discussion. We also extend our appreciation to the fantastic panelists Jason Cordoba, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; Brian Garrett, Tom's Pawn & Shannon Whitley, SportsClips.



Debbie Payne & Sonja Draper fill their Shop Local bags with lots of goodies at the Shop Local Showcase.

The Shop Local Showcase offered two break-out sessions every hour from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with some great speakers. Back Row, L to R: Brian Garrett, Tom's Pawn; Meredith King, True to Life Ministries; Jake Starkey, 1820 Marketing; Shannon Whitley, SportsClips & Aaron Groves, First State Bank. Front Row, L to R: Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber; Jason Cordoba, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; Dorian Strickland, 1820 Marketing; Jennifer Finney, Small Business Development Center; Margarey Valdez, Market Design Team; Elizabeth Charles, S.B.A. & Danielle Stanford, Small Business Development Center.

Christmas RAFFLE

Short on cash for the holidays? The Chamber will once again sponsor a Christmas Raffle offering the winner the opportunity to win a \$5,000 shopping spree with any Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce member

Each member should have received 6 raffle tickets in the mail. The tickets cost 20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. If you need additional tickets, please contact the Chamber office at 979-285-2501.

The drawing will take place on Facebook Live on December 7th at 12:00 noon.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors: BASF Corp., Candlewood/Staybridge Suites, Freeport LNG & TDECU-Your Credit Union.



Shintech was the winner of the 2021 Christmas Raffle. Once again, we want to give 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.



Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce

Sunday,
December 4,
2022

HOLIDAY

Tour of Homes

1 - 5 pm.



Dr. Corey Anderson
40 Lake Rd., Lake Jackson



Herb & Ginger Ross
202 Teakwood, Lake Jackson

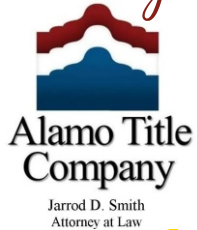


Alex & Haley Ruthstrom
308 Timbercreek Dr., Lake Jackson



Aplin Homes
202 Creekside Ln., Lake Jackson

Sponsored By:



Marc & Nichole Smyth
322 Sundial St., Surfside Beach

Tickets \$20 each

and are available at the Chamber Office, Brazos Learning Montessori School, Carriage Flowers, LJ Flower Co., Tammie's Touch & TBT Real Estate

Alamo Title Company and Gateway Mortgage Group will serve Christmas refreshments, Christmas music & a chance to win a flat screen TV!

Please be our guest anytime between 2:00-4:00pm on December 4th at Alamo Title Company in Lake Jackson at 443 This Way.