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February 2023

Awards Luncheon

The 2nd Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 11:30 a.m. at the Lake Jackson Civic Center.

The Chamber will honor the Outstanding Man & Woman of the Year, 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.

Welcome to 2023! The Brazosport Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to an exciting year ahead for our members and future members.

I am honored to be serving as Chairman of the Board this year. My fellow Board members are an outstanding group of professionals. We worked together to develop a strong Strategic Plan for 2023 with a focus on helping our members succeed. There are many benefits to being a Chamber member, but even more opportunities come from getting involved as a volunteer, so I would encourage you to fill out and submit the volunteer form included in this newsletter. I believe that you will gain more than you give.

I also want to extend an invitation to attend our Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, March 8th at 11:30 a.m. at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. We will recognize the Outstanding Man & Woman of the Year, Industry Partner of the Year and the Ambassador of the Year. We are offering sponsor tables of 8 at \$400.00 or individual tickets at \$40.00 each. Make sure to join us in honoring these recipients while you build your business network.

Congratulations to the 17 participants of the 2023 Leadership Brazosport Class. They kicked off with a "Get Acquainted" session in January and will conclude with a Graduation Luncheon in April. We appreciate their commitment to this program and know that they, along with our community, will benefit from their experiences.

My slogan this year is "Commerce, Connections & Community" because that defines the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce. We want our local business community to buy and sell to each other, create connections and build a strong community for economic prosperity. I'm excited to have you join in this fantastic journey.

Thanks for being a member of the Brazosport Area Chamber as we work together for the future growth and economic development of our area. If you have any questions or suggestions for this year, I welcome your input.

Sincerely,

Scott Daigle

2023 Chairman of the Board

"Commerce, Connections & Community"

NEW MEMBERS

Brazosport Paper & Event Rentals

Brian Bartos, 979-265-3663
brazosportpaper@gmail.com
Retail/Wholesale

Contech Control Services

114 Linda Lane, Freeport
Jason Allen, 281-782-6861
www.contechnet.com
Engineering & Design, Construction,
Fabrication, Process Analyzers

Culture Coffee

2501 S. Velasco Street, Angleton
Cailyn Anderson, 713-702-1301
www.facebook.com/culturecoffeetx
Retail—Coffee

Everlee Rose Salon

113 Oyster Creek Drive, Lake Jackson
Alexandria Garay, 979-665-6659
www.facebook.com/EverleeRoseSalon/
Hair Salon

Freeport Economic Development Corp.

200 W. 2nd Street, Freeport
Robert Johnson, 979-871-0117
www.freeportedc.com
Government & Municipal

House Doctors

Luke Mazur
419-367-5102 or 409-444-2442
Remodeling/Repair

IsoTherapeutics Group, LLC

1004 S. Velasco, Angleton
Dr. R. Keith Frank, 979-848-0800
www.isotherapeutics.com
Pharmaceutical CDMO

Nothing Bundt Cakes

411 This Way, Lake Jackson
Lisset Sousa, 832-998-3738
www.nothingbundtcakes.com
Restaurant

Oyster Creek Apartments

105 Anyway Street, Lake Jackson
Vickie Kelley, 979-297-1283
www.oystercreekapts.com
Apartment Complex

Picking Daisies

107 West Way St., Ste. 12, Lake Jackson
Kelsey Shandley, 979-236-9031
<https://shoppickingdaisies.com/>
Baby & Children's Boutique & Gift Shop

Sri Yoga School

129 Circle Way, Ste. 102, Lake Jackson
Cesell Bowen, 713-204-7951
<https://www.sriyogaschool.com/>
Fitness

The Landing Apartment Homes

400 Timbercreek Drive, Richwood
Patty Escobedo, 979-265-3445
www.thelanding.info
Apartment Complex

Treasure Bay

415 Garland Drive, Lake Jackson
Barbara Alviar, 979-297-3291
www.treasurebayapts.com
Apartment Complex

The Chamber Brazosport Area

The Economic Engine of Brazoria County

Ribbon Cutting



Bay Area Council on Drugs & Alcohol

Brazoria County Community Coalition's new mural at 204 W. Park Avenue, Freeport
Part of the "Happiness Projects" funded by a grant from the Texas Health & Human Services



Brazoria County Emergency Operations Center

130 W. Live Oak, Angleton
Steve Rosa, 979-864-1201

www.brazoriacountytx.gov

The EOC will act as a center for assisting the Gulf Coast region with natural disasters, such as hurricanes and other states of emergency



Express Employment Professionals

122 West Way Street, Lake Jackson

Renee Brantley, 979-487-5999

renee.brantley@expresspros.com

Employment & Staffing



Julia's Donuts & Coffee

115 Oyster Creek Drive, Lake Jackson

Emily Kao, 713-392-0333

Restaurant

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Integrity Insurance Services, Inc.

302 Plantation Drive, Lake Jackson

Nick Taylor, 979-297-3600

<https://agents.allstate.com/nick-taylor-webster-tx.html>

Insurance Agency



Dawn's Almost Human Pet Grooming

114 W. Plantation, Clute

Courtney Reynolds, 979-266-9601

<https://www.facebook.com/groomingsrus/>

Pet Grooming Salon



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OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

The Brazosport Area Chamber Board of Directors named Barbara Franklin & Lucy Pendon, Co-Chairs of the Safetytown Program as Outstanding Volunteers for conducting another successful Safetytown Program.



Barbara Franklin & Lucy Pendon

The Brazosport Area Chamber Board of Directors announced that The Holiday Home Tour Committee members were named Outstanding Volunteers for their extraordinary work on the Holiday Home Tour last December.



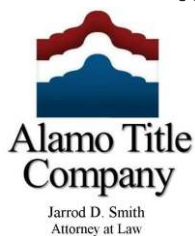
Jeannette Merritt, Gateway Mortgage;
Tammie Bell, TBT Real Estate; Scott Daigle,
MEGlobal & Chairman of the Board and Sue
Cornell, Coldwell Banker Ultimate.



Carolyn Olshovsky; Lance Olshovsky, Alamo
Title & Judy Lowery.

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES SPONSORS

Many Thanks to our Sponsors!



HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES LUNCHEON



The Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce thanked the Holiday Home Tour homeowners for showcasing their beautiful homes on this year's tour by gifting them with a hand-painted portrait of their home. Pictured L to R: Alex & Haley Ruthstrom and Herb & Ginger Ross

Not Pictured: Marc & Nichole Smyth, Dr. Corey Anderson & Reg Aplin

We appreciate the hard work of the Home Tour Chairperson Jeannette Merritt, Gateway Mortgage and the hosts who obtained volunteers to serve at each home. L to R: Jeannette Merritt, Gateway Mortgage; Sue Cornell, Coldwell Banker Ultimate; Judy Lowery, Carolyn Olshovsky & Lance Olshovsky, Alamo Title Company. Not pictured: Tammie Bell, TBT Real Estate.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNER!



Many Thanks to our Sponsors!



Congratulations to Carol Price, winner of the Brazosport Chamber Christmas Raffle. She chose to spend her \$5000 shopping spree at H-E-B Lake Jackson. Photo: Carol Price & Jeff Fischels, Manager, H-E-B Lake Jackson.

BRAZOSPORT PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

The Brazosport Professionals Network (BPN) had a great attendance at their networking meeting.



LEADERSHIP BRAZOSPORT



Neldia Ahlquist (left) & Karla Christman, Co-Chairs of the 2023 Leadership Brazosport Class are busy planning the sessions that began in January.

The 2023 Leadership Brazosport Class had their first Get Acquainted Session in January at the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce office.



Pictured L to R: Misti Flores-Financial Advisor, Wells Fargo; Beate Damm, Altamira; Farhan Shariff, MEGlobal; Lauri Weigle, Brazos Mall; Gayla Murphy, The Facts; Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate; Savannah Stewart, St. Luke's-Brazosport Hospital; Kaley Crisp, Brazosport I.S.D.; Kasie Guthrie, Brazosport College Foundation; Madi Gartman, Cordoba Law Firm, P.L.L.C.; Lindsay Scovil, Lake Jackson Historical Association; Amy Pope, Brazosport I.S.D.; Lacey Ahrens, Function4 & Nealie Essary, Freeport LNG.

Not pictured: Robert Johnson, Freeport Economic Development Corp.; Korynne Kappler, UTMB Health-Angleton-Danbury Campus & Christina Treybig, Freeport LNG.

BOARD RETREAT



Current Board of Directors, incoming Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Staff at the Strategic Planning Session.

Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce incoming Chairman Scott Daigle, MEGlobal, reviews the membership survey at the Board Retreat to formulate the 2023 Strategic Plan.



Sandra Shaw, President & C.E.O. and Scott Daigle, MEGlobal and incoming 2023 Chairman of the Board, pose at the Board Retreat held at Staybridge Suites.

2023 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 8, 2023. The Luncheon will honor the Outstanding Man & Woman of the Year, 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.
- **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 Branch Park Pavilion 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.
- **Dinner & Auction**--Conduct a Dinner & Auction on August 10, 2023.
- **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 3, 2023.
- **Leadership Task Force**—Conduct 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 Day of Prayer**—Work with the Brazosport Ministerial Alliance to implement prayer sessions on National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2023.
- **Safetytown Coordinating Committee**--Provide an organized, educational safety program for children having completed kindergarten.

- **Shop Local Weekend**—Conduct a three-day fun-filled event to promote shopping locally with Chamber members. Held June 23rd-25th, 2023, participants get to enjoy a free continental breakfast, a free shopping bag and a chance to win \$1,000 cash.
- **State of the Community**—Host a luncheon in September or October 2023, 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.

2023 Committees & Task Forces

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COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

- ☐ Awards Luncheon
- ☐ The Ambassador's
- ☐ Brazosport Professional Network
- ☐ Dinner & Auction
- ☐ Government Affairs Committee
- ☐ Holiday Tour of Homes
- ☐ Leadership Task Force

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