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Brazosport Area

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#### **FREE BREAKFAST**

June 23rd, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce,



#### **FREE SHOPPING BAG**

Pick up your free shopping bag and list of Chamber members on Friday, June 23rd until 4 p.m.



#### \$1,000 CASH DRAWING

Bring your receipts from the Shop Local Weekend to the Brazosport Chamber on June 26th by 12 p.m. for a chance to win \$1,000!





#### **Rules**

- 1. 18 years or older to participate.
- 2. Must shop with a Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce member.
- 3. Receipts must be dated June 23, 24 or 25 & be a minimum sale of \$10.
- 4. Receipts must have your name, phone number and e-mail written on the back.
- 5. Receipts must be turned into the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce office by Monday, June 26, 2023 at 12 noon.
- 6. Receipts will be entered for a chance at a \$1,000 cash prize to be drawn on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 on Facebook Live at 10 a.m.
- 7. Each receipt is worth one entry into the drawing.



hank you for attending the Awards Luncheon and congratulations to Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency and Jason Cordoba, Cordoba Law Firm, who were honored as the Outstanding Woman & Outstanding Man of the Year. These two have contributed so much to our area and we are privileged to have them as part of our community. I also want to congratulate Ron Martin, Grapevine Gifts, Ambassador of the Year and Mark Mallett & Wendy Mazurkiewiez, Freeport LNG, Industry Partner of the Year. We are certainly grateful to have them involved in the Chamber for the benefit of the entire Brazosport Area.

The attendees of our April Membership Luncheon heard a very informative presentation by Joshua Cools on the Memorial Hermann Life Flight & EMS Program. Members were also able to view the inside of the helicopter and be educated on the excellent patient care available during transport.

I hope you plan to attend our next Membership Luncheon on Wednesday, May 24th with guest speaker Dr. Vincent Solis, Brazosport College President. Dr. Solis will discuss strategies for managing a diverse workforce. For reservations, please log onto our website at Brazosport.org, e-mail the Brazosport Chamber at <a href="mailto:chamber@brazosportchamber.org">chamber@brazosportchamber.org</a> or call the Chamber office at 979-285-2501.

Mark your calendars and plan to "Shop until you Drop" at the Shop Local Weekend scheduled June 23rd – June 25th. The event will begin with a continental breakfast on Friday, June 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at the Brazosport Chamber office. You will receive a free shopping bag which will include a list of the written rules and current Chamber members. Shopping receipts from ANY current Chamber member will be due by Monday, June 26th at 12:00 noon. The receipts can be dropped off at the Chamber office on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday and must include the shopper's name, phone number and e-mail on the back of the receipt. Remember, receipts can be from spending money at restaurants, retailers or for services such as getting your oil changed, with your accountant, insurance agent, or anyone else. Each receipt will qualify for an entry for the grand prize drawing – and we will take receipts submitted personally or via e-mail. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and will be drawn on Tuesday, June 27th on Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m. Shoppers are encouraged to take a photo at the place they are shopping and tag the business as well as the Chamber.

I look forward to seeing you at the May luncheon.

Sincerely

Scott Daigle // 2023 Chairman of the Board

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### **NEW MEMBERS**

#### **Airrosti**

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Industrial Contractor

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1 Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120 Stephen Janak, 361-648-2085 www.brazoriacountydu.org (local) www.ducks.org (headquarters) Non-Profit

#### Grazia Italian—Lake Jackson

104 That Way, Lake Jackson Carlos Marin, 979-480-3539 www.graziaitalian.com Restaurant

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Pat Vice, 281-328-4199
<a href="https://www.texassecurityshredding.com">www.texassecurityshredding.com</a>
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#### **Tidal Wave Auto Spa of Clute**

902 Dixie Drive, Clute
Jennifer Rogers, 706-938-0991
<a href="https://www.tidalwaveautospa.com/location/clute-tx">www.tidalwaveautospa.com/location/clute-tx</a>
Auto Wash







P.O. Box 3251, Lake Jackson Richard Wood, 979-482-9492 https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4432 Non-Profit



The Grape Taste Restaurant
145 Oyster Creek Drive, #10, Lake Jackson
Debbie Lopeman, 979-480-0424
www.thegrapetaste.net

Restaurant



107 West Way, Lake Jackson
Kelsey Shandley, 979-236-9031
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Baby & Children's Boutique & Gift Shop



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David Huang, 936-577-5770
www.harvestforthehungrytexas.org
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#### **PNC Bank**

301 This Way, Lake Jackson Melissa Brown, 979-297-9700 www.pnc.com Financial Institution



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Space City Credit Union
216 Lakeview Drive, Clute
Aldo Aguilar, 713-222-1244

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Financial Institution



121 Hwy. 332, Ste. G, Lake Jackson Nicols Jimenez, 713-853-7032 Internet





#### **Migration Celebration**

The Friends of the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuges Board of Directors held a ribbon cutting to open the 2023 Migration Celebration. This was the first one since 2019.

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS



L to R: Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber President & CEO; Stuart Herbst, Chairman, Velasco Drainage District Board of Directors & Ravi Singhania, Port Freeport Commissioner & Government Affairs Co-Chair.



The Government Affairs Committee heard an informative presentation from guest speaker Stuart Herbst, Chairman of the Board, Velasco Drainage District, about the S2G Freeport Project.

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# NETWORK Mixer

#### SPONSORED BY LAKE JACKSON AFTER 5 ROTARY CLUB



Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance, Richwood Wood, Wurst Haus Restaurant & President, Lake Jackson After 5 Rotary Club & Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber



Heather Rimato, Rimato Insurance & Richard Wood, Wurst Haus Restaurant & President, Lake Jackson After 5 Rotary Club



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Rhonda Seth, Lake Jackson Mayor Pro-Tem, Debbie, Mike & Holly Lopeman, Grape Taste Restaurant

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L to R: Jason Cordoba, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; Margarey Valdez, Market Design Team; Fred Ortiz, Help, Inc; Tammie McQueen, Tammie's Touch & Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce.



Lake Jackson Mayor Gerald Roznovsky with Carlos & Natalia Marin, Owners of Grazia Italian Lake Jackson.



L to R: Renee Rape, Melissa Udayan, Debra Perry, State Farm Insurance-George Franklin, Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate & Beate Damm, Altamira

### **OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS**



The Brazosport Area Chamber Board of Directors named Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director, as Outstanding Volunteer for serving as an exceptional and entertaining M.C. at the Awards Luncheon. Pictured L to R: Joe Ripple & Scott Daigle, MEGlobal and Brazosport Chamber Chairman of the Board.



Cindy Cornette, The Facts, was named Outstanding Volunteer by the Brazosport Area Chamber Board of Directors for exceeding the goal for selling ads for the new 2023 Membership Directory. Pictured: Cindy Cornette, The Facts & Scott Daigle, MEGlobal and Brazosport Chamber Chairman of the Board.

# Awards Luncheon

### Thank you to all of out Major Sponsors!











































Neldia Ahlquist & Jason Cordoba, Outstanding Woman & Man of the Year.



Outstanding Woman of the Year, Neldia Ahlquist (middle) poses with husband, Dale, & Frances Schultz, Direct Effect Marketing.



Danny Massey, B.I.S.D. Superintendent with Outstanding Woman of the Year Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency.



Neldia Ahlquist, Outstanding Woman of the Year poses with her family and friends at the Awards Luncheon.

# Awards Luncheon



Outstanding Man of the Year Jason Cordoba, Cordoba Law Firm, with Heather Rimato, Rimato Insurance Agency.



Outstanding Man of the Year Jason Cordoba, Cordoba Law Firm, poses with his family at the Awards Luncheon.



Outstanding Man Jason Cordoba poses with his Cordoba Law Firm staff at the Awards Luncheon.



Judge Jack Brown with Outstanding Ambassador of the Year Ron Martin, Grapevine Gifts.



Brent Bowles, iAD Architects with Mark Mallett & Wendy Mazurkiewiez, Freeport LNG, Industry Partner of the Year.



Joe Ripple presents outgoing Chairman of the Board Wendy Mazurkiewicz with a gift in appreciation of her excellent leadership in 2022.



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# Membership Luncheon

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Many thanks to guest speaker Joshua Cools, MBA, LP, Director of Business Development - Trauma Service Line, Memorial Hermann Life Flight & EMS Program Services, for a great presentation at our membership luncheon in April.



Everyone enjoyed seeing the on-site Memorial Herman Life Flight helicopter at the April Membership Luncheon.



L to R: Joe Ripple, Brazoria County Flood Plain Director; Sandra Shaw, Brazosport Chamber President & CEO; Joshua Cools, MBA, LP, Director of Business Development - Trauma Service Line, Memorial Herman Life Flight & EMS Program Services and Judge Jack Brown, Precinct 1, Place 1.



Many thanks to our Major Sponsor Dow Chemical Company and to all of our Table Sponsors: Grapevine Gifts/Neldal Insurance Agency; Jesse Glatz, Realtor, TBT Real Estate; Kelsey-Seybold Clinic; Leo Martin Chevrolet; Memorial Herman Life Flight & Tammie Bell, owner, TBT Real Estate.