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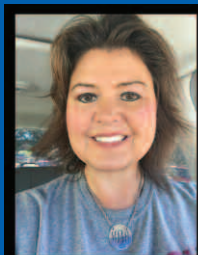
*The Huntsville-
Walker County
Chamber of
Commerce is the
Heart and Voice of
Walker County*

December 2016



Past Chamber Board Chairs at the special reception hosted by Dr. Dana Hoyt, SHSU President, held just prior to the Gala.

Member Spotlight...



Affordable
SIGNS
Email: affordablesignstx@gmail.com
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Welcome New Members:

- Take 5 Oil Change
- Sierra Classic Custom Homes

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First National Bank OF HUNTSVILLE  **FIRST FINANCIAL BANK**

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CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

December 9 was an amazing night of celebration for the Chamber of Commerce! The LSC Ballroom on the Sam Houston campus, transformed into a sea of beautiful Christmas lights and candles, greenery everywhere, and was topped off with a majestic Christmas tree.

Celebrating *eighty-two* years of service to its members, filled to capacity, the ballroom was full of enjoyment and laughter with Chamber members and volunteers from all across Walker County and some folks from out of town. Be sure to see all the photos and information in the center section of this newsletter capturing the very special evening had by all. There was so much to celebrate from 2016...it has been a challenging, yet amazing year at the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce. Our membership has continued to increase by 99%, surpassing even our expectations, our events have been awesome, and our networking contacts reached 5 to 6 thousand with visits, calls, contact, etc.

Truly, our **committed membership** has been the heart and soul of our Chamber of Commerce for these past 82 years! Without your support and involvement, the services we provide and events we execute would simply not be possible. You are the reason we exist. Your continued dedication to the community and economic well-being of Huntsville and Walker County is unsurpassed and truly makes our area an amazing place to call home.

As we have celebrated our 82nd anniversary this year, our Chamber continues to be blessed with dedicated, **committed sponsors**. As member businesses that continually step up and offer financial support or in-kind services, you are truly to be commended. The pride and personal commitment you take in this community is reflected in your selflessness and willingness to help.

As we reflect back over this past year, we are sincerely

grateful for all our blessings. The Business Expo, Shot-in-the-Dark Golf Tournament, Youth Leadership Institute, Huntsville Leadership Institute, Diva Night, Fair on the Square and certainly the Gala continue to be outstanding events for our members and friends alike. All these would not be possible without the **committed volunteers**...you are a key element to our program of work as we strive to offer only the best to everyone. You are depended upon during many events, and it is your assistance that often helps put the finishing touches on special events and activities. We are appreciative of your commitment to this community and your desire to be part of making it the great place we know. For your commitment, kindness, generosity and loyalty we are truly thankful.

As the Chamber Board holds its planning retreat in January, led by incoming Board Chair Carol Sullivan, many exciting details and ideas will be explored. With this new year about to dawn, we are also grateful to **BART DAVIS** and his leadership, along with the entire **Chamber Board** this past year, who were all committed to helping direct the organization in the most positive and effective way possible. Thanks to each of you!

And last, but certainly not least, the **committed staff** at the Chamber is the best to be found anywhere!! They constantly work for the continued betterment of this organization. So, to Shannon, Lydia, Laura and Gwen...you all are the **BEST** and the Chamber is so fortunate to have each of you...**GO TEAM!!**

In closing, we say thank you and extend our warmest wishes for this very blessed season of the year. May your Christmas celebration and the coming year be filled with happiness and prosperity. Working together, we can make the holidays even brighter!! And, we can't say thank you enough to the membership for joining us and sharing from their hearts their appreciation over this past year... and support for the Chamber's 82 years of serving Huntsville and Walker County...the Chamber is truly the "heartbeat" of Huntsville and Walker County!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, Hugs to all, **YOUR** Chamber President, Carol Smith

Member Spotlight...

Affordable Signs

Affordable Signs is owned and operated by Kelley Butler; she has been serving Huntsville and the surrounding areas for 18 years. "Although we do not have a store front, we feel this is a better way to serve you as we are able to come to you directly and meet at your convenience." Affordable Signs takes pride in their customer service and the quality of work they provide to their clients.

Affordable Signs



"We like to create signs with "design" in mind and we will work hard to make sure our customers are happy. Getting to know our customers and forming many lasting relationships though the years, has been one of the most rewarding parts of the business. We are so grateful and simply wouldn't be in business if it weren't for our loyal customers; businesses such as Sam Houston State University, Huntsville Independent School District, Alpha Omega Academy, City of Huntsville and the Walker County Fair & Rodeo. We consider them not just as customers but as our friends."

When asked why Chamber membership is important Kelley replied, "Affordable Signs has been actively involved in the community and considers joining the Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce back in 1999, as one of the best decisions we have made as a business. You are more likely to do business with people you know. The networking and support from the Chamber has been amazing! Whether it is promoting your business with a permanent sign, formed lettering, banners, political signs, event yard signs, wall graphics, business cards, pens, koozies, or mugs, you name it! Just remember, Affordable Signs has the experience and has provided these things and more since 1999! If we can't do it, we will certainly point you in the direction of someone who can!"

Affordable Signs looks forward to meeting you and working with you on your specific needs; contact Kelley by calling 936-661-9335 or email her at affordablesignstx@gmail.com.

AMERICA'S SBDC
TEXAS GULF COAST NETWORK
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Seminar Schedule
November - December, 2016

<p>Visit our website at: www.samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net</p> <p>for upcoming Training opportunities and Seminars</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><i>QuickBooks Desktop & Online</i> <i>Adobe PhotoShop</i> <i>Website Design</i> <i>Social Media</i> <i>Microsoft Office Suite</i> <i>Banker's Seminar</i> <i>Celebration Luncheon</i></p> </div>	<p>Facility Rental</p> <p>Our Meeting/Computer Learning Center facilities can be rented by the day or by the hour.</p> <p>The Computer Learning Center is equipped with desks and Dell OptiPlex workstations featuring flat screen monitors for maximum workspace.</p> <p>Our computers are loaded with the latest software and have high-speed Internet access.</p>	<p style="color: green;">We can also customize a training course for your Business. Please contact us for details. 936-294-3737</p> <p style="color: green; font-style: italic;">Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least one week in advance.</p>
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What's Happening!

- **Small Business Breakfast- January 12, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral sponsored by Gibbs Street Manor of New Waverly**
- **CHOICES at Mance Park Middle School- January 25 & 26**
- **OPTIONS at Mance Park Middle School- January 26**
- **Business After Hours – January 26, 2017, 5:15p.m.; hosted & sponsored by Walker County ACE Hardware & Classy Country Corner**



RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

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| Entergy | Huntsville Church of Christ |
| Schlotsky's | Smile Makers |
| McGee, Miller & Co. LLP | Iron Works Health Club |
| Chemex Modular LLC | McGilberry mechanical Heating & Cooling |
| A Space Place | Elsie Davis |
| Team Pugh-Keller Williams Realty | Crossin Moving Company |
| Huntsville Lanes | The Trophy Case |
| B & B Properties | 1836 Steakhouse |
| Sandra Hanscom | CASA of Walker County |
| On Pointe Dance Studio | |

Hat's off to the following members who recently renewed their Chamber membership. Marketing, advertising and networking are just a few of the benefits of Chamber membership. **We encourage everyone to shop with Chamber members.**

Merry Christmas from the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cuttings



Eastex Trailers & Eastex Storage

Eastex Trailers & Eastex Storage- celebrated their Ribbon Cutting with Family Members, Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on November 3, 2016. They specialize in selling "Diamond C" trailers, utility and equipment trailers, auto haulers and dump trailers. Eastex Storage offers RV & Boat Storage with the storage size buildings of 14 x 50 ft. For more information, contact John Cole at 936-291-0404, or stop by their location at 3156 State Highway 19 and take a look yourself.



Sandra Richards-Farmers Insurance Agency

Sandra Richards-Farmers Insurance Agency- Sandra Richards celebrated her Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Friends, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on November 15, 2016. With over 30 years experience, they can help you better understand your coverage options-whether it be auto, home, renters, business insurance and more. For more information, contact Sandra at 936-291-9227, or stop by her location at 14036-B Avenue M.

Chamber Christmas Open House



Chamber 2016 Gala Celebration

Below are photos of our Chamber Board and many award winners that were honored at the event.



2016 Annual Gala Awards

MANCE PARK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

George Miles

Sponsored by Huntsville ISD

ED SANDHOP SPIRIT OF HUNTSVILLE AWARD

Jane Monday

Sponsored by First National Bank

SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Homegrown Marketplace

Sponsored by Prosperity Bank

AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Joe Smith

*Sponsored by Citizens National
Bank*

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Karen Denman

Sponsored by Leadercast

WARM WELCOME AWARD

Debbie Miller

*Sponsored by On Pointe Dance
Company*

KEY MEMBER AWARD

Sherry Ingram

Sponsored by First Financial Bank

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Gulf Coast Trades Center

Sponsored by LearningRX

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Danny & Sue Slater

Sponsored by SHSU

DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sam Donnell

*Sponsored by Walker County
Federal Credit Union*





Presenting Sponsor:



Dinner Sponsors:



Auction Sponsor:



Silent Auction Donors

- 3 Spoons
- Buddy Aber & Maureen McIntyre
- Able Glass & Mercantile
- Adams Furniture
- Air Handlers HVACR-Lynn & Twilia
- Killingsworth
- Alpha Omega Academy
- Annette's Touch of Class
- Aqua Gardens- Beverly Alton
- B.K. Knives
- Backwoods Candle Company-Amanda Wallace
- Baking Sweet Memories
- Barbwire Barbie Boutique
- Barefoot Campus Outfitters
- BCJ Leather
- Bennie J's Smoke Pit
- Best Western - Huntsville
- Black Creek- Terry Ramback
- Bryan Orthodontics-Sammy Bryan, DDS, PA
- Camp Allen Conference & Retreat Center
- Carra Signature Floral
- Cinestar Cinema Huntsville
- City Electric
- Coburn's Supply Company
- Cross My Heart Jewelry - Brenda Wells
- Karen Denman-Scentsy Independent Consultant
- Dipstix Graphix
- Domino's
- Duck Commander-The Robertson Family
- Elkins Lake Golf
- Ernst Jewelers
- Farm Gypsies
- Farmhouse Café
- Faust Distributing
- Five Loves Deli
- Forest Glen Christian Camps
- Frameworks & Gallery
- Gardner Glass Products
- Gibbs Street Manor

- Giddy Up Glamour
- Golden Corral
- Grand Station Entertainment
- Missy Grider-Scentsy Independent Consultant
- Gulf Coast Trade Center Youth
- Haute Boutique
- HBI Office Solutions, Inc
- Hodge Podge Lodge
- Judge Mark Holt
- Homegrown Marketplace
- Huntsville Community Theatre
- iFLY Indoor Skydiving
- Inkslingers
- Inspirational Graphic Designs
- inSpire Rock
- Kampus Korner Bookstore
- Kim's Home & Garden Center
- La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa
- LearningRx
- Lisa's Gift Box
- Scott A. Logan, DDS
- Lucky Star Cleaners
- Magnolia Mey Boutique
- Mama Juanita's Mexican Restaurant
- MARJI LLC, Skin Care & Cosmetic Studio
- McAdams Dry Goods
- Charlotte McConnell - Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant
- McCaffety Electric Co., Inc.
- Messina Hof Winery & Resort
- Moak & Moak, Attorneys at Law
- Oh Shoot Shotgun Shell Jewelry-Starla Williams
- Park Lane Jewelry-Rosie Ledezma
- Patio Café on the Square
- Pita Pit
- Preferred Partners
- Raven Nest Golf Club
- Janet & Judge Hal Ridley
- Rita B. Huff Humane Society
- Sam Houston State University Athletics
- SHSU Division of Student Affairs

- Schlotskys
- Sessions, Jim & Gerda
- Sims Dentistry, PLLC
- Snap Fitness
- Spectrum Events
- State Representative Ernest Bailes
- Stevenson Distributing
- Tracy Stoudt-Pampered Chef Independent Consultant
- Summit Christian Academy
- Team Dodge
- Texas Grand Ranch
- Texas Prison Museum
- Texas State Senator Charles Schwertner
- The Cellar Wine Lounge
- The Cheesecake Factory
- The Facemaker
- The Houston Museum of Natural Science
- Third Coast Gifts & Gourmet, Inc.
- Town & Country Cleaners
- U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady
- Walker County ACE Hardware-Classy
- Country Corner
- Walker County LP Gas
- Ward Furniture & Flooring
- Williams Farm & Treasures

- K&G Capital Mortgage-Tyler McCaffety
- KSAM-FM 101.7&104.9 The HITS
- McGilberry Mechanical Heating & Cooling, Inc.
- Messina Hof Winery & Resort
- Postcards Magazine
- Preferred Partners
- Stevenson Distributing
- Texas Media
- The Growth Coach of The Woodlands-Clint Blinka
- The Story Team-Keller Williams Realty, Dale & Donna Story
- Walker County Federal Credit Union
- Wildier Dozer Service, LLC

Gala 2016 Committee

- Tracy Stoudt
- Tammie Nokes
- Lexie Stoudt
- Decorations - Carra Signature Floral
- Auction Committee: Lisa Branch, Karen Denman, Missy Grider, Michelle Hebert, MD, Tammie Nokes, Amanda Wallace

Special Thanks

- Scott Francis, Greg Smith, Gerald Kohers, Huntsville Rental Center, SHSU Alpha Kai Omega and Delta Tau Delta, Hard to Hold Photography and MediaGenics Co., Auction Donors and Boy Scout Troop 98

Live Auction Donors

- Best Catch Seafood
- Community Service Credit Union
- Coushatta Casino Resort
- Davis Construction Management-Bart Davis
- Edward Jones Investments-Scott Francis
- Extreme Signs & Rigging
- Faust Distributing
- Fish Dude's Guide Service
- Home Depot
- Huntsville Item
- Huntsville Memorial Hospital

Ambassador Spotlight ~ Karen Denman

After 18 years of employment with Community Service Credit Union (CSCU), Karen Denman, Sr. Loan Officer and overseer of the credit card program, she still enjoys interacting with members and helping them achieve their financial goals. With two convenient locations, CSCU has been servicing Huntsville Walker County for the past 61 years; they have become one of our premier financial institutions. Karen is a 2010 Graduate of Southwest Credit Union Management School.



Karen Denman

When asked why it is important for her to be an Ambassador Karen replied, "It is important for me to be an Ambassador so I can meet new people in our community and welcome them!

I'm eager to learn about their businesses while letting them know about my business and what being a member of a credit union really means. I want to know how I can help them with all their lending needs. It's such an honor to be a part of not only the Ambassador group but the Chamber as a whole. I've had the opportunity to meet many people and make a lot of dear friends, personally and professionally. Being a part of the Chamber is such a great experience and I like having the opportunity to share that with other potential members."

Karen and CSCU are huge supporters of the Chamber of Commerce; she volunteers for most of our events, while CSCU sponsors many Chamber events as well. She currently serves as the past Chairman of the Board for HLI, (Huntsville Leader Institute) 2015-2016, she is a graduate of HLI class 29, is a member of the Tuesday Preferred Partners Leads group and serves as a Ambassador.

In her personal life Karen is a board member for Rita B Huff Humane Society, loves to travel, go to the beach and read. Karen has one daughter, Jordyn Denman, who attends Sam Houston State University. "CSCU and Karen Denman want to be your financial partner for life!"

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER

The following businesses recently joined the Chamber and we extend **A WARM CHAMBER WELCOME**. The information printed was gained from membership applications. For any additions and/or corrections, contact the Chamber as complete membership information is vital to your records with us. **Our most recent new members we welcome:**

Take 5 Oil Change- As our lifestyle gets busier every day, we are always looking for something to make our daily routines easier. For example our cars. Trying to work in the all important "oil change". The "Take 5 Oil Change" is providing a new direction centered on improving customer experience and the speed of service. A dream come true-with emphasis on changing your oil, not your schedule. They also offer air filters, transmission services, radiator and State Inspections. For more information contact them at 504-837-0670, or stop by their location at 1565 11th St. and enjoy a complimentary beverage as you wait.

Sierra Classic Custom Homes- Sierra Classic Custom Homes is a full-service, custom homebuilder that has been building stunning, custom homes in the Central Texas and Houston areas since 1989. We are dedicated to providing our customers the tools, knowledge and experience needed to ensure a quality, efficient and enjoyable home building experience. Whether you choose from one of our customizable floor plans or bring your own custom plan, we can accommodate your vision. For more information visit SierraClassic.com or stop by their location at 107 Dedication Trail, Huntsville, TX or give them a call at 936-577-5787.



CHOICES Education Program VOLUNTEER Form January 25 & 26, 2017

Be part of the solution....help prevent school drop outs and improve the local workforce. For the 2016-2017 school year.

• YES! We want to be part of the solution, and will be a Volunteer for the CHOICES program.

Help students make wise decisions and good CHOICES for their future!!

Please contact the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce,
VIA Fax (936) 295-0571 OR mail check, payable to Chamber: PO Box 538, Huntsville,
TX 77342

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville Oct. 2016	Walker Co. Oct. 2016	Texas Oct. 2016	U.S. Oct. 2016	Huntsville Oct. 2015	Walker Co. Oct. 2015	Texas Oct. 2015	U.S. Oct. 2015
Total Labor Force	11,648	23,337	13,334,556	159,783,000	11,372	22,842	13,114,424	157,313,000
Total Employed	10,997	22,156	12,749,778	152,335,000	10,758	21,674	12,531,868	149,716,000
Total Unemployed	651	1,181	584,778	7,447,000	614	1,168	582,556	7,597,000
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.1%	4.4%	4.7%	5.4%	5.1%	4.4%	4.8%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	November 2016	November 2015	% Change
Building Residential	729,230	54,300	12.43%
Commercial Building	1,272,113	160,000	6.95%
Certificate of Compliance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	8,384,646	1,574,103	4.33%
TOTAL	10,385,989	1,788,403	4.81%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2016	% Change	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	586,685.07	611,874.81	-4.11%	7,873,506.51	7,896,389.21	-0.28%
New Waverly (1.5%)	26,635.19	40,664.87	-34.50%	436,158.41	457,931.88	-4.75%
Riverside (1.5%)	11,565.83	10,979.77	5.33%	143,312.74	136,532.36	4.96%
Walker County (.5%)	586,685.07	611,874.81	-4.11%	7,873,506.51	7,896,389.21	-0.28%

Sources:
Employment: Texas Workforce Commission (www.tracer2.com)
Bldg. Prmt. Valuations: City of Huntsville
Sales Tax Payments: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Window on State Government Web Site (<http://www.window.state.tx.us>)

The Chamber V.O.I.C.E. is a monthly publication that highlights people who are the heart of the Chamber, recognizes the countless volunteers who dedicate their time and talents, gives insight to the endless opportunities to network and connect with others, promotes ideas for involvement from businesses and/or organizations that make up the membership, provides communication to the Huntsville-Walker County community, and keeps you abreast of the events within the chamber and our town.

Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to the **Huntsville Lions Club** for sponsoring the Chamber Small Business Breakfast in December. The Huntsville Lions Club has been serving Huntsville/Walker County for over 65 years. Immediate Past President Carol Reed shared, "We're one of 45,000 clubs international, servicing local communities and making positive impacts. Our club raises funds to support scholarships for local high school graduating seniors, eye exam and glasses for children and adults, placing flags around Huntsville on holidays, providing dictionaries to all 3rd graders and other local and state projects. When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: "We Serve", that's our motto."

Anyone interested in becoming a Huntsville Lion can contact Membership Chair Liesa Hackett or any member. The Lions Christmas Parade was rescheduled to December 17 due to bad weather. The proceeds from entry fees will provide scholarships to local graduating seniors and support our community.



Pictured are: Lions Carol Reed, Linda Hicks, Liesa Hackett and President Kirby Cason

business after hours

Thanks to **Barefoot Campus Outfitter** for sponsoring the November Chamber Business After Hours. Barefoot Campus Outfitter, located at 1928 Sam Houston Ave, opened its doors to Huntsville in the spring of 2013. Regional Manager Haley Foster said, "Since that time it has become the one stop shop for all of your Sam Houston University needs as well as providing Huntsville with tees to showcase local pride. "

Barefoot was founded in 2002 as a custom sports apparel company producing custom t-shirts and athletic apparel to high schools and organizations across Texas. Since then Barefoot has expanded its brand to 12 retail stores across the country as well as holding national contracts for custom apparel for FFA, 4-H and BPA. Barefoot is a family run business and takes pride in treating every customer like part of the family, the Barefoot Family.



Pictured from left to right Haley Foster Regional Manager, Breanna Provost Store Manager, Rebecca Hoke Sales Associate, and Bailye Foltyn Sales Associate.

Prize Patrol Makes Stops All Over

The Chamber Ambassador "Prize Patrol" continues to be very busy celebrating with many business members. The Ambassadors make "surprise" visits, complete with balloons and cookies to show appreciation to Chamber business members. Shown here are November visits made to (1) Hampton Inn (2) Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers (3) SAAFE House (4) Care Center of Huntsville (5) Cash & Gold Pawn (6) Farmhouse Cafe. Don't be alarmed if you notice a group of excited individuals entering your business soon with balloons and goodies to share. This is a great way the Chamber is helping to highlight and market our members. For more information on being an Ambassador call the Chamber at 295-8113.



Your 2016 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

2016 Officers

Bart Davis, Chairman of the Board.....Davis Construction Management
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 Carol Sullivan, TreasurerCommunity Service Credit Union
 Lisa Branch, Vice Chair Community AffairsLearningRx
 Scott Francis, Vice Chair Community GrowthEdward Jones Investments
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 Lydia Montgomery.....Membership Coordinator
 Gwen Lucas.....Receptionist/Secretary

OUR MISSION:

*To promote an environment to enhance
 the economic success of business
 in Walker County.*

Contact Us

The Chamber V.O.I.C.E. is the monthly newsletter of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce. For story ideas, calendar of events, advertising information or any other contributions to this publication, please contact the Chamber at 295-8113 or toll free 877-646-8068, by mail at PO Box 538-Huntsville, TX 77342, by fax at 295-0571 or by e-mail at chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us. The chamber web site can be viewed at <http://www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us>. The Chamber office, located at 1327 11th Street in Huntsville, is open from 9-5 weekdays. Switchboard from 8:30-5.

Chamber Calendar DECEMBER

- 21 CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 22-23 CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 27 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 28 CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON FOR NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
- 29 CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
- 30 CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- 3 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 5 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 11 Youth Leadership Institute-10:30 am. to 2:30 pm /Chamber & Bank
- 12 Small Business Breakfast sponsored by Gibbs Street Manor, 7:30 a.m. @ Golden Corral
- 12 Executive Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 17 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 19 Board Retreat @ Camp Allen
- 20 Board Retreat @ Camp Allen
- 24 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 24 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber, 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Business After Hours sponsored by Walker County Hardware

Community Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- 15 6:00 pm Christmas Market at Lexington Center 679 I-45 South
- 16 11:00 am Retired Teachers Holiday Luncheon First Christian Church
- 17 6:30 pm Annual Lion's Club Parade Downtown Huntsville

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!