

*The
Chamber*



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*The Huntsville-
Walker County
Chamber of
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Heart and Voice of
Walker County*

February 2017

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

**BUSINESS
AND
OUTDOOR
EXPO
2017**

AND

**TASTE OF
HUNTSVILLE**

**\$5 Tickets
Walker County Fairgrounds
4:30 - 7:30**

PRESENTED BY:



Come Celebrate our 30th Year of showcasing Huntsville and Walker County area Businesses!! Doors open from 4:30 - 7:30, at the Walker County Fairground, Thursday March 2nd 2017 Tickets ONLY \$5.00 each!! (Children 5 and under are free) Tickets includes, Expo entry, Taste of Huntsville and enters you in a drawing for \$500.00 (Must be present to win.) Registration is open to Chamber members and businesses located in Walker County, Call and reserve your booth today!!!

Member Spotlight...



Welcome New Members:

- FASTSIGNS
- Century 21-Alpha Associates
- MBA Construction

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CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

ATTITUDE!! What a powerful word!! A strong positive attitude is vital to our personal happiness and success. Every day we have the option of how we face that day and life in general...will we embrace positive, forward thinking, or will we fall back into despair, and a negative, uncaring way of looking at life? All of this brings me to the

topic that is constantly on many of our minds...**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT!!**

You might be asking "what does **attitude** have to do with economic development?" My honest opinion is it has **EVERYTHING** to do with it!!

From time to time it is my pleasure to join groups throughout Walker County that share thoughts and ideas on what it is that makes our community enticing to growth, business and industry. Many topics are typically tossed around, including Sam Houston State University, TDCJ, our schools, both public and private, quality of life, availability of workforce, transportation, existing sites, and the list goes on and on. One important aspect that was mentioned multiple times was **attitude**.

And speaking of attitudes and economic development be sure you are connected to our **30th annual Business & Outdoor Expo along with Taste of Huntsville set for Thursday, March 2nd at the Walker County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$5 which includes "A Taste of Huntsville"**. Businesses will not want to miss this opportunity to market your goods and services to the many thousands that will attend. For a heavy dose of great atti-

tude, don't miss this event. Call us at 295-8113 to reserve a booth today! Tickets are available at the Chamber office.

We are sending out a survey soon to all our members. Any one putting their name on the survey will go into a drawing for \$300 toward your next Chamber membership. We hope you will respond by giving honest answers as to what you value and what the Chamber can do to help you. Be on the lookout for this.

As many of you know, we have recently remodeled the Chamber building and are very proud it. We rent the Board Room and are especially proud of how it turned out. We have great new AV equipment, a wonderful coffee bar, a nice display of past Chariman of the board as well as new furniture. Our fees are \$75 (half day) and \$125 (full day) as well as having renters sign a damage waiver agreement. Drop by and take a look.

Also, we are supporting our local school districts by developing a resolution opposing the state's grading system of A through F. Most of the schools in our area are being assigned a grade of C or lower. We just feel this system does not adequately reflect our true school accountability. Therefore, we will be putting out a resolution very soon.

So, as stated at the beginning of this article, I am convinced that attitude not only impacts our personal happiness and success, it also impacts the people around us...family, friends, and business associates. Attitude may not be everything, but it comes pretty darn close, and it **IS** contagious!! Let's apply it to economic development in Walker County! Hope to see you soon...stop in for a visit anytime.

Best Regards, **YOUR** President, Carol Smith

Chairman's Welcome from Carol Sullivan

First of all I'd like to thank everyone for supporting the Chamber of Commerce and to personally thank Bart Davis for his leadership throughout this past year. I am truly honored to serve as the next Board Chairman and look forward to helping lead us in following & pursuing the chamber mission which is "to promote an environment to enhance the economic success of business in Walker County".

As you know team does not include an "I"... it takes all of the staff, board members, volunteers, chamber members & community members to make the chamber, our city & county successful.

I look forward to working with each of you & hope that you know that your thoughts and suggestions are important to me and the board.

This year we would like to focus on you, our chamber members and what we can do to help you achieve economic success.



Carol Sullivan

Member Spotlight...

Newman Printing

Lora Pace is the Account Executive for Huntsville and surrounding areas with Newman Printing. Newman Printing Company is a 67 year old full service commercial printer located in Bryan, Texas.

Louis Newman, III is a second generation owner of Newman Printing and a proud graduate of Texas A&M University. Attested by hundreds of quality printing awards won at the state, regional, national and worldwide levels, as a HUB certified and disabled veteran owned Company, Newman Printing quality has consistently proven to be first class.



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Company is honored to work with clients such as Anadarko, Insuperity, Texas Renaissance Festival, Texas A&M University, Blue Bell Ice Creamery, Texas Law Shield, Sam Houston State and many other prestigious companies.

From design to finished piece, if you're looking for top quality custom forms, brochures, fliers, magazines, booklets, books, postcards, rackcards, letterhead, envelopes or some other form of printed materials, Newman Printing Company can provide just what you have in mind!

The time and care of each job is founded in the Organizations' Mission Statement, "We must always remember that no matter how many thousands of copies we produce on any printing job...our customer, and their customers, will look at the only one they have in their hands." Louis M. Newman Jr., Founder of Newman Printing Company, Inc.

When asked why it is important for me to be a Chamber member, Lora answered, "In today's world of social media and sometimes impersonal communication, having relationships through the events sponsored by the Chamber remains an important part of being involved, not only with other businesses, but with your neighbors and the community as a whole. Louis Newman, III has always been an active part of the Bryan community and Newman Printing Company would like that same community spirit to carry over into the Huntsville Walker County area as well.

As the area's Executive Account Representative for Newman Printing, I have been a resident of Huntsville for more than 28 years. I am proud to be a part of this honorable group of people at Newman Printing which begins with Louis Newman, III and then trickles down to every employee. It says a lot for a business that can keep most of their work force for 10, 20, 30, and even 40 years. Their honest dedication to quality and each employees' attention to even the smallest job detail is impressive. Newman's ability to service the greater Houston area is such that each customer feels like they are just around the corner from the production facility.

Please contact Lora Pace at 936-581-0966, or email her at lpace@newmanprint.com. Website: www.newmanprint.com

Promoting Our Positives

The Chamber's Promoting Our Positives (POP) Committee helps support Huntsville ISD in a number of ways. Two years ago the Hornet flag was re-instated and last year a book drive was held for elementary students. This year a drive is being held to collect gift cards for students being served through HISD's Social Services Department. Cards to grocery stores, gasoline, Wal-Mart, Target, etc. will be collected in amounts of \$10 to \$25 during the month of March. Cards (or cash) can be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce or Shannon Duncan at Huntsville ISD's Administrative Office.

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

Seminar Schedule

January - March, 2017

<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">Microsoft Word 2016</div> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">Intro to Microsoft Word</div> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">Tues. Mar. 21st 6-8 pm</div> <p style="font-size: 10px;">Attendees will learn how to identify the different parts of the Word 2016 screen, use the Ribbon, File Button, navigate through the document using the mouse and keyboard, document setup, edit a document, formatting text, cut, copy, paste, find and replace, and running Spelling and Grammar check.</p> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">Advanced Microsoft Word</div> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">Wed. Mar, 22nd 6-8 pm</div> <p style="font-size: 10px;">Attendees will learn advanced features of using Microsoft Word, including advanced formatting of paragraphs and tabs, editing pictures, lists, hyperlinks, manipulating headers and footers as well as mail merge and other advanced features of Microsoft Word 2016.</p> <p style="font-size: 10px;">15 spaces (computers) available</p> <p style="font-size: 10px;">Location: SHSU SBDC Computer Lab</p> <p style="font-size: 10px;">Fee: \$20 each class Please register and reserve your spot at: http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net</p>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 24px; text-align: center;">Ps</div> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">Adobe Photoshop</div> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">Introduction to Photoshop</div> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">Tues. Feb. 21st 6-8pm</div> <p style="font-size: 10px;">Basic principles for editing and enhancing photos; basic photo terminology; how to navigate Photoshop; editing topics such as resizing and rotating; red eye removal; history brush and how to select different areas of a photo; layers and text will also be explained and displayed as well as brushes. Students will also be shown how each of these tools can be put together in one giant project.</p> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">Advanced Photoshop</div> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 14px;">Tues. Feb. 28th 6-8pm</div> <p style="font-size: 10px;">This course will build on the principles learned in Introduction to Photoshop. Regardless of the version of Photoshop that you use, there are only a handful of tools you need to do some spectacular work. Topics covered in this course include: clone stamp tool, layers panel, working with layers, layers masks, adjustment layers, layer effects, advanced text options and effects.</p>
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RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

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| Carpet Store | Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville |
| Juice Plus | Mid- South Synergy |
| Postcards Magazine | McCaffety Electric Co. Inc. |
| Elsie Davis | Wal-Mart |
| First Financial Bank | Huntsville ISD |
| Poncho & Sugar Roberts | Bickley, Prescott & CO. - Jared Webb |
| Mary Anne Tyler- Keller Williams Realty | Bickley, Prescott & CO. |
| Toni Bruner | City Electric Supply |
| Danny Dougherty State Farm | Rollo Insurance |
| Conroe Outlet Center | Sam Houston State University |
| Hitchin Post | Gus Hernandez State Farm Insurance Agency |
| Bill Fick Ford | Huntsville Lions Club |
| Dental Health Associates | Smither, Martin, Henderson |
| Alpha Omega Academy | Gibbs Brothers |
| Huntsville Abstract & Title, Co. | Adams Furniture |
| Iron Works Health Club | Forest Glen Christian Camp |
| Homeland Properties | Huntsville Rental Center |
| HBI Office Solutions, INC | South Comm Publishing & Target Marketing Inc. |
| McCann Financial | Elkins Lake Recreation Corp. |
| Huntsville Health Care Center | Beckham & Jones |
| Tom Freeman | Classic Fare Catering - Aramark |
| Huntsville Pets Helping People | Madilene's Piano Tuning |
| Sandel Energy Inc. | Overhead Door of Conroe |
| Rolling Brook Apartments | Rainbow International Restoration & Cleaning |
| Hyundai of Huntsville | |
| Davis, Heinemann & Company | |
| K-STAR Radio | |
| Sims Dentistry | |
| Town & Country Cleaners | |

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.**

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.

Ribbon Cuttings



CrossFit Fortem

CrossFit Fortem- celebrated their Ribbon Cutting with family members, staff, chamber members, and Ambassadors on January 5, 2017. Providing group fitness classes that are both challenging and effective, their mission is to help members recognize their full potential, both inside and outside the gym. For more information, stop by their location at 7040 Hwy. 75 South, or visit their website at www.crossfitfortem.com



The Pizza Parlor

The Pizza Parlor- celebrated their Ribbon Cutting with staff, chamber members, and Ambassadors on February 2, 2017. Serving up fresh homemade authentically Italian pizza and pastas, and a variety of tasty salads, breadsticks, hamburgers, meatball subs and more. Dine in or take out, the choice is yours. Stop by 361 Gibbs St., in New Waverly or give them a call at 936-344-7700

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Huntsville Dec. 2016	Walker Co. Dec. 2016	Texas Dec. 2016	U.S. Dec. 2016	Huntsville Dec. 2015	Walker Co. Dec. 2015	Texas Dec. 2015	U.S. Dec. 2015
Employment								
Total Labor Force	11,574	23,220	13,398,817	158,968,000	11,315	22,735	13,136,901	157,245,000
Total Employed	10,935	22,031	12,788,890	151,798,000	10,746	21,649	12,580,195	149,703,000
Total Unemployed	639	1,189	609,927	7,170,000	569	1,086	556,706	7,542,000
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	4.5%	5.0%	4.8%	4.2%	4.8%

	January 2017	January 2016	% Change
Huntsville Building Permit Values			
Building Residential	2,131,936	137,350	14.52%
Commercial Building	1,212,538	1,720,500	-0.30%
Certificate of Compliance	0	0	0
Other	1,109,389	114,403	8.70%
TOTAL	4,453,863	1,972,253	1.26%

	Feb. 2017	Feb. 2016	% Change	2017 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change
Walker County Sales Tax Payments						
Huntsville (1.5%)	854,492.85	869,903.21	-1.77%	1,459,150.36	1,440,559.78	1.29%
New Waverly (1.5%)	46,816.06	53,164.91	-11.94%	80,116.26	96,973.22	-17.38%
Riverside (1.5%)	13,547.46	13,445.91	0.75%	21,002.72	23,719.03	-11.45%
Walker County (.5%)	854,492.85	869,903.21	-1.77%	1,459,150.36	1,440,559.78	1.29%

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>)





I want to be a

Presenter

Remember being a teenager? If you knew then just a little of what you know now wouldn't it have been easier?

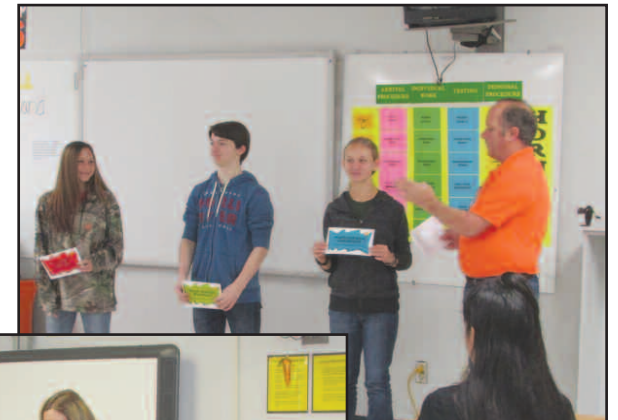
CHOICES is an interactive decision-making workshop that empowers teens to achieve academic success in pursuit of their career and life aspirations. In two 45-minute sessions, local business and community volunteers take students through real-world exercises on academic self-discipline, time and money management, and goal setting. Teens discover that they can take charge of their lives. We presented CHOICES to New Waverly Middle School in October, 2016, Mance Park Middle School 8th grade students January, 2017, and will do Alpha Omega Academy & Premier Academy 8th grades later in 2017.

We are looking for presenters for the 2017-2018 school year. You only need to commit to 45 minutes each day. You can become a "certified presenter" by going to this link: <http://tinyurl.com/choices-presenter-training>. For more information visit their website at www.choices.org or call the Chamber at 936-295-8113.

We would also like to recognize and thank the generous support of our sponsors.



Leadercast-Huntsville-Walker County



On Wednesday and Thursday, January 25-26th, the Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce spearheaded two programs at HISD Mance Park Middle School. The signature events began Wednesday with the CHOICES program. Integrated into the math curriculum, **CHOICES** is an interactive seminar that helped students increase their awareness of career and life choices through thoughtful academic decisions. On Thursday, the Leadership Institute Class 35, a product of Huntsville Walker County Chamber's leadership development program hosted **OPTIONS** in the gymnasium at Mance Park. **OPTIONS** was an interactive career fair that provided the 8th Graders with the opportunity to speak with 47 professionals from 36 areas of expertise. These conversations created an awareness of career options available to the students and the requirements to access or obtain the qualifications or certifications necessary to achieve their career goals.



Presented by Huntsville Leadership Institute Class 35
"Leadership comes Alive with HLI Class 35!"

Forty-seven professionals with areas of expertise ranging from Event Planning to Engineering were on deck to discuss salary ranges, education requirements and describe their typical day at work. All 438 Mance Park 8th graders were encouraged to ask questions and visit with professionals in areas which either required a high school diploma or GED, a training certificate, a two-year associate degree, a four-year university degree, or a degree requiring more than four years to complete.

Fascinated students made inquiries and studied information boards as well as the professional equipment and wares displayed. Examples of some of the displays include Carolina Creek's Executive Chef table that showcased beautifully detailed trays of food and Southern Wings displayed their wares used in the taxidermy process.

Please review the range of company and field expertise provided by the professionals for the **OPTIONS** career fair: Advantage Pest Control (Technician), American Civil Engineering Services, LP (Engineer), Bayes Achievement Center (Human Resources Representative, Teacher), Carolina Creek Christian Camp (Executive Chef), the City of Huntsville (Firefighter, Public Works Asst. Director, Policeman), Conroe Regional Medical Hospital (Pharmacist), Dr. Stephen Means & Associates (Doctor's Assistant-Scribe), First Financial Bank (Loan Officer), Generations Salon (Cosmetologist), HMH Physician Organization (Doctor of Obstetrics-Gynecology), Huntsville Memorial Hospital (Nurse, Occupational Therapist), Huntsville-Walker County EMS (Emergency Medical Technician), Let Us Events, McGilberry Mechanical (HVAC), Re/Max Realtor 1st Source (Realtor), Rockin' D Services, Inc. (Landscape), SAAFE House (Victims Advocate), Sam Houston State University (Mental Health Professionals, Residence Life Hall Directors, Undergraduate Admissions Counselors), Samaritan Women's Care (Doctor of Obstetrics-Gynecology), Southern Wings (Taxidermist), St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (Minister), Steven Beebe (Electrician), Texas A&M Forest Service (Resource Specialists), Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Accountant, Correctional Officer, Human Resources, Industrial Supervisor), The Carpet Store (Installer), U.S. Army (Recruiter), Woodforest National Bank (IT Specialist) and Woods Welding (Welder) were the companies that provided professionals and their expertise for the **Options** career fair.

The following companies generously provided donations for the event: ARAMARK, Bayes Achievement Center, Carolina Creek Christian Camp, Community Service Credit Union, Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Rockin' D Services, Sam Houston State University, and Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville.

Written by : Patsy Collins, HLI Class35 Member



Options Presenters



HLI Class 35



Save the Date!

Friday May 19th, 2017

RAVEN NEST GOLF CLUB * HUNTSVILLE TEXAS



NEW & EXCITING PLANS FOR 2017 WATCH FOR DETAILS!

4 Person Scramble
18 holes of Golf
9 in daylight/9 after dark

Registration will be
available soon, call to be
added to the list!



Call 936-295-8113

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS IN JANUARY

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:**

FASTSIGNS - A needs-based business-to-business provider that can handle the simple to the simply impossible. They offer sign and graphics solutions to help customers realize their full potential. FAST-SIGNS can create custom signs and graphics, banners, trade show exhibits, vehicle graphics and much more. Their mission is to emphasize Customer Service, Quick Turnaround and Business-to-Business Solutions. For more information, contact them at 936-539-3278, or visit their website at www.fastsigns.com/326

Century 21-Alpha Associates- If you are looking to buy a home or in need of commercial real estate, Century 21-Alpha Associates have local agents with global reach on your side working "Smarter, Bolder, Faster", and will provide you with the personalized service that you deserve. Bearkat owned and operated, Century 21-Alpha Associates now serving Huntsville Walker County and surrounding areas will have information about the neighborhood in which you want to live. For more information, contact Michael McGinnis at 936-755-8222, or stop by their locations at 1304 10th St., or better yet visit their website at www.c21alphatx.com

MBA Construction- A comprehensive commercial and light industrial design-build firm, who has extensive experience building retail structures, office, multi-story, mixed use, corporate campus, and multi-tenant buildings. Their proficiency in building industrial facilities, warehouses, shops, and more, is proven even in remote locations. No matter how rugged the terrain, MBA Construction can make your vision a reality. For more information, contact their office at 855-785-7171, or email Reed Hart @ Rhart@mba-construction.net. Better yet stop by their location at 33126 Magnolia Circle, Magnolia, TX 77354

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The Great Muddy Escape

The Huntsville Family YMCA will present the 6th annual 'Great Muddy Escape' adventure mud run on Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. at General Sam's Off-Road Park. Events will include a one-mile family fun run, two-mile and 5K obstacle courses, and a BBQ meal after the race. The obstacle course will utilize the natural elements of the park, including obstacles through mud pits, creeks, cliffs, also a spider web, army crawl, tire drill and lots more fun in the mud! Proceeds benefit the Huntsville Family YMCA. Registration is now open at www.greatmuddyescape.com or call 295-8009 for more information.

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 January visits made to (1) Dr. Scott Logan's Office (2) Dr. Sammy Bryan's Office (3) Dr. Debra Sim's Office (4) Dr. Rocky Bilhartz's Office (5) Amaya's Collision Center (6) Margarita's Restaurant. 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.



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Small Business
Breakfast
 Huntsville-Walker County
 Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **Preferred Partners** for sponsoring the Chamber Small Business Breakfast in February. Preferred Partners is a program of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce designed for area businesses to trade business leads. It is a "business roundtable" approach for a group of non competing businesses to discuss and exchange leads and referrals. The objective each week is to provide a networking agenda, for the purpose of generating new business. There is an application fee of \$50.00 to register, and \$30.00 per quarter for dues, which includes admittance to the Small Business Breakfast that is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 am at Golden Corral. The Preferred Partners group meets every Tuesday at 8:00 am in the Chamber Conference Room, where breakfast is provided by the featured business. For an application or more information, stop by the Chamber, or call 936-295-8113.



Our Current Members are: Karen Altom/Natalie Thaggard, POSTCARDS Magazine, Kyle Barnard, SHSU-Athletics, Clint Blinka, The Growth Coach, Lisa Castleberry, Ample Computer, Karen Denman, Community Service Credit Union Metrisa Gonzales, Huntsville Health Care Center, Dava Gordy, Bridge Benefit Solutions, Frankie McCaffety, McCaffety Electric, Tyler McCaffety, K & G Capital Mortgage, Michael McGinnis, Century 21-Alpha Associates, Nancy Reeves, Tax Express, Joe Smith, Seniors Choice LLC, Independent Agent (Not all pictured)

What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours February 23, 5:15 p.m. at SHSU Johnson Coliseum (enter Gate 7) sponsored by SHSU Athletics**
- **Business & Outdoor Expo & Taste of Huntsville, Thursday, March 2, 4:30-7:30 at the Walker County Fairgrounds**
- **Small Business Breakfast, March 9, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral, sponsored by SHSU Leadercast**
- **14th Annual Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament, Friday, May 19th at Raven Nest Golf Club, sponsored by Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep**
- **DIVA NIGHT, Friday, August 4th in the LSC Ballroom on SHSU Campus, sponsored by Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville**

business after hours

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Business After Hours

Thursday, February 23, 2017, hosted & sponsored by SHSU Athletics

The event will begin at 5:15 p.m., and will be held in the Johnson Coliseum. **Please park in the lot east of the coliseum and enter through Gate 7.** You will be greeted by SHSU Athletic staff and escorted then to the newly renovated lounge. Complimentary food and drink will be provided along with a ticket to the SHSU Women's Basketball game which begins at 6:30 p.m.

All Chamber members are invited and encouraged to bring their business cards to network with other members. There will be beverages and hors d'oeuvres to enjoy, door prizes and the Cash Pot to give away to a lucky member if present! Mark your calendar for **February 23** and plan to meet new people, share ideas, show your support of other Chamber members and possibly take home some great door prizes too!



**PROMOTE
 YOUR
 BUSINESS!**

Want to reach new and potential customers?

The Chamber has several networking opportunities to help you GROW your business. Two of our most successful are Small Business Breakfast and Business After Hours. You can sponsor one of these and share information to a captive audience as well as be featured in our monthly newsletter following the event.

We have a few openings to sponsor a Chamber breakfast in 2017. We are sold out for the 2017 Business After Hours but have begun taking reservations for 2018.

Call the Chamber at 936-295-8113 for more info and/or to reserve the month that works best for you!

Your 2017 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

2017 Officers

Carol Sullivan, Chairman of the BoardCommunity Service Credit Union
 Bart Davis, Immediate Past Chair/Nominating.....Davis Construction Management
 Ken Holland, Treasurer/SecretaryUniversity Heights Baptist Church
 Sam Donnell, Vice Chair Community AffairsRockin' D Services, Inc.
 Scott Francis, Vice Chair Eco. Dev./Tourism & 2018 Chair Elect ..Edward Jones Investments
 Dr. Margaret Gullede, Vice Chair Membership Development Huntsville Memorial Hospital
 Tammie Nokes, Vice Chair Membership/Communication.....McGilberry Mechanical
 Dr. Kristy Vienne, Vice Chair Business Services.....Sam Houston State University
 Trey Wharton, Vice Chair Community GrowthWharton Insurance Network
 Carol Smith, PresidentChamber of Commerce

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Glen Andrus, Community Events CouncilHuntsville Rental Center
 Jason Bay, Community Services CouncilFirst Baptist Church
 Daniel Bayes, Existing Business CouncilBayes Achievement Center
 Jack Choate, Communications/Resource CouncilSpecial Prosecutors Unit
 Jennifer Davis, Networking Council..... First National Bank of Huntsville
 Tom Fordyce, Economic Development Council.....Salt Creek Ranch
 Jimmy Henry, Economic Development CouncilWalker County Commissioner
 Mark Holt, Economic Development Council.....Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3
 Tim Hooks, Education CouncilHuntsville ISD
 James Logan, Existing Business Council.....MRC Creekside
 Jacob Paschal, Natural Resources/Ag Council.....Haney, Moorman, Paschal, P.C.
 Marcus Payne, Community Growth Council.....Citizens National Bank
 Murphy Smith, Community Events Council.....Global Financial Partners
 Kyle Whisenhunt, Community Growth CouncilFirst Financial Bank
 Andrea Wass, Member Events Council.....The Cellar Wine Lounge
 Lee Woodward, Membership Development CouncilCity of Huntsville

Chamber Staff

Carol Smith.....President
 Laura Green.....Events & Communications Manager
 Lydia Montgomery.....Membership Coordinator
 Shannon Higbie.....Office Manager
 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

FEBRUARY

- 21 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 23 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 23 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm sponsored by SHSU Athletics @ Johnson Coliseum
- 28 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 28 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber, 10:30 am

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- 2 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 2 2017 Business and Outdoor Expo
- 8 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 am @ Chamber
- 8 Youth Leadership, 10:50am-2:30 pm @ SHSU & Museum
- 9 Small Business Breakfast, 7:30 am @ Golden Corral, sponsored by SHSU Leadercast
- 13 HISS Spring Break
- 14 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ TBD
- 15 Ribbon Cutting, 11:45 am @ Cyclone Graffix Car Wraps, 2703 Sam Houston Ave.
- 16 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @
- 21 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 21 HLI-Natural Resources
- 21 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 23 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 23 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 23 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm @ Sears New Location next to Academy
- 28 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 28 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber, 10:30 am
- 30 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 30 Walker County Fair Parade
- 31 Walker County Fair Begins through April 8th

Community Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 24 8:00 pm SHSU Dept. of Dance presents: Dances @ 8-Dance Theatre Gaertner Ctr.
- 24 7:30 pm The Days and Nights of BeeBee Fenstermaker @ HCT- Downtown Square
- 24 Music Therapy Awareness Weekend-Recital Hall @ Gaertner Arts Center
- 25 7:30 pm The Days and Nights of BeeBee Fenstermaker @ HCT-Downtown Square
- 25 7:30 pm SHSU Symphony Orchestra Concert @ Payne Concert Hall
- 25 10:00 am- 2:00 pm Blacksmithing Demonstration-Joshua's Forge @ Museum Grounds
- 26 2:00 pm The Days and Nights of BeeBee Fenstermaker @ HCT-Downtown Square

MARCH

- 2 4:00-4:30 pm Business Only, 4:30-7:30 pm Gen. Public Business Outdoor Expo 2017/Taste of Huntsville @ Fairgrounds
- 2 Sam Houston Birthday & Texas Independence Day @ Locations all over H'ville
- 3 7:30 pm SHSU Opera: "Speed Dating Tonight"
- 4 Raven Ride
- 4 9:00 am The Great Muddy Escape @ General Sam's Off Road Park
- 4 7:30 pm SHSU Opera: "Speed Dating Tonight"
- 4 10:00 am- 2:00 pm Spinning and Weaving Demonstration @ Woodland Home Front Porch
- 6 7:30 pm SHSU Trombone Studio Recital
- 8 7:30 pm SHSU Double Reed Faculty Recital
- 9 7:30 pm SHSU Faculty Voice Recital @ Music Building
- 9 7:30 pm SHSU Percussion Group Recital
- 10 7:30 pm SHSU Faculty Piano Recital
- 11 TBD Spring Plant Sale/Master Gardners @ 102 Tam Rd., Suite B
- 11 10:00 am- 2:00 pm Woodworking Demonstratio @ Guerrant Cabin
- 18 10:00 am- 2:00 pm Kick Wheel Pottery Demonstration @ Raven's Pottery Shed
- 20 7:30 pm SHSU Horn Recital
- 21 7:30 pm SHSU Women's Choir with Woodlands HS Women's Choir
- 22 7:30pm SHSU Guest Artist and Faculty Recital
- 23 7:30 pm SHSU UPE & Steel Band Concert
- 24 7:30 pm SHSU Sinfonietta Orchestra Concert
- 25 10:00 am- 2:00 pm Blacksmithing Demonstration @ Joshua's Forge
- 27 7:30 pm SHSU Chorale Spring Concert
- 27 SHSU Art: 18th Annual Juried Student Exhibit
- 28 7:30 pm SHSU Double Reed Studio Recital
- 30 6:00 pm Walker County Fair Parade
- 31-thru April 8th Walker County Fair & Rodeo
- 31 7:30 pm Mama Won't Fly @ HCT-Downtown Square
- 31 SHSU Theatre "God of Carnage" @ Univ. Theatre Center