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

February 2018

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

4:30PM-7:30PM *At the Walker Co. Fairgrounds*

**BUSINESS
& COMMUNITY
EXPO**



31 YEARS STRONG



**AND
TASTE OF
HUNTSVILLE**

ONLY \$5 PER TICKET
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- Expo Entry
- Taste of Huntsville
- Entry to \$500 drawing*

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- ✓ Shop 'till you drop - quality merchandise from local vendors

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936.295-8113

www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us

PRESENTED BY:



*Must be present to win. Drawing takes place at the end of the expo.

Member Spotlight...



Community Service Credit Union

Welcome New Members:

- McAlister's Deli
- Jessica Street-Mari Realty
- Heart of Texas Real Estate & Mgmt. Co.

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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 **31st annual Business & Community Expo**

along with Taste of Huntsville set for Thursday, March 1st at the Walker County Fair Grounds.

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

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!

Be on the lookout for an "electronic" newsletter, soon. This is our last "paper" newsletter. Will be taking March to learn this process and then put out our first electronic on in April!!

Best Regards,

YOUR Chamber President, Carol Smith

Member Spotlight...

Community Service Credit Union (CSCU) offers two convenient locations in Huntsville; the main branch at 250 FM 281 and the newest south branch at 2526 Montgomery Road. CSCU provides a variety of financial services including personal, business, financial, account services and more to individuals who work, reside, worship or attend school in Walker County; employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Windham Schools, Corrections Corporation of America, and several other employee-based groups. Membership is also open to anyone retired from any business or organization within the field of membership. To access the services offered by CSCU, you must first join the credit union.

CEO Brenda Hooker shared "Credit unions are known best for keeping financial services personal, and CSCU is no exception. CSCU has been in business for 63 years, and our commitment to looking at each member's "bigger picture" has made an impact on this community. Whatever your lending needs are, CSCU can help - from auto loans to horse trailer loans, and everything in between. Our mission is "to be your financial partner in life".

When asked why is it important for CSCU to be a Chamber Member, Brenda shared, "The Chamber of Commerce helps to keep small businesses in the local area alive. Creating new lasting relationships with people of our community. We appreciate and cherish the support the Chamber has always given to CSCU.

CSCU's hours of operation are: Lobby Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Drive Thru Hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Main Branch only, South Branch automated drive thru available 24/7. They can also be reached at 936-295-3980, toll free at 877-293-3980 or with the 24 hour phone assistance line 888-220-0302.

"Thank you for letting us be your local credit union."

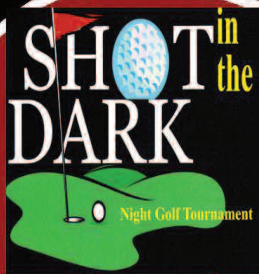


HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS								
Employment	Huntsville Dec. 2017	Walker Co. Dec. 2017	Texas Dec. 2017	U.S. Dec. 2017	Huntsville Dec. 2016	Walker Co. Dec. 2016	Texas Dec. 2016	U.S. Dec. 2016
Total Labor Force	11,617	23,314	13,545,282	159,880,000	11,765	23,588	13,353,321	158,968,000
Total Employed	11,109	22,395	13,043,959	153,602,000	11,117	22,411	12,747,329	151,798,000
Total Unemployed	508	919	501,323	6,278,000	648	1,177	605,992	7,170,000
Percent Unemployed	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%	3.9%	5.5%	5.0%	4.5%	4.5%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	Jan. 2018	Jan. 2017	% Change
Building Residential	900,670	2,131,936	-1.367%
Commercial Building	636,337	1,212,538	-0.9055%
Certificate of Compliance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	4,113,608	1,109,389	0.7303%
TOTAL	5,650,615	4,453,863	0.2117%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	Feb. 2018	Feb. 2017	% Change	2018 YTD	2017 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	897,058.23	854,492.85	4.98%	1,572,450.60	1,459,150.36	7.76%
New Waverly (1.5%)	53,449.79	46,816.06	14.16%	109,417.11	80,116.26	36.57%
Riverside (1.5%)	13,728.84	13,547.46	1.33%	24,490.04	21,002.72	16.60%
Walker County (.5%)	348,471.45	341,812.29	1.94%	638,823.07	602,649.27	6.00%

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>)



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, May 18
Raven Nest Golf Club * 4:00 p.m.

4 Person Scramble

18 holes of Golf—9 in daylight; 9 after dark!

*Dinner, beverages, cart, cap, shirt,
glow accessories & MORE included!*

AND

**It's back....The Helicopter
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WIN \$1500!

*You don't have to play
in the tournament or be
present to WIN!!!*



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WELCOME OUR NEW JANUARY MEMBERS

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:**

McAlister's Deli- In 1989 the first McAlister's opened its doors, offering a unique menu with sandwiches, salads, spuds and a heaping spoonful of southern hospitality. McAlister's quickly became known for the great food, large portions, wide variety, and a welcoming environment...also one heck of a glass of sweet tea. Stop by their location at 193 Interstate 45 South, Suite A, or give them a call at 936-439-6229 for your catering needs as well.

Mari Realty-Jessica Street- Executive Assistant always has a smiling face in the office and is ready to help anyone who walks through the door. Having graduated early, and furthered her education at Sam Houston State, she prides herself in being the Agent knowledgeable of Coldspring and the surrounding towns. For more information, call 409-277-9711, or stop by the office located at 1515 13th St.

Heart of Texas Real Estate & Management Co.- Has proudly served the Huntsville and Walker County area for over 25 years. They work with buyers, sellers and investors in real estate transactions that span all of the price ranges and property types, ranging from Residential Single Family, Multi-Family, Commercial, and Rentals. For more information, contact Theresa Frazier at 936-291-7777, or stop by their location at 1025 Sam Houston Ave.

What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours Thursday, February 22, sponsored & hosted by Cyclone Graffix located at 2703 Sam Houston Avenue at 5:15 p.m.**
- **Thursday, March 1st-The Business & Community Expo and Taste of Huntsville-REGISTRATION UNDERWAY**
- ******Next month's breakfast-Thursday, March 8 Sponsored by Sauce Chicago Pizza! Doors open at 7:30/program begins at 8:00 at Farmhouse Cafe**
- **Save the Date: -Friday, May 18th -15th Annual Shot in the Dark Night Golf Tournament sponsored by Team Dodge at Raven Nest Golf Club AND Helicopter Golf Ball Drop sponsored by Bill Fick Ford**
- **Save the Date: Friday, August 24th - DIVA NIGHT sponsored by Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville. Vendor registration will begin soon, tickets on sale this summer. Theme this year is Rhinestone Cowgirl!**

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.



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.

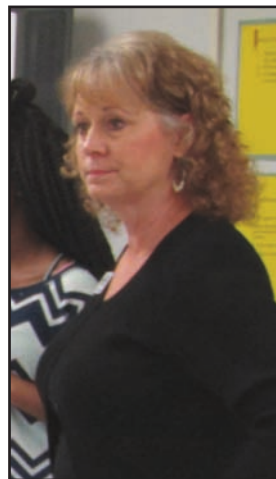
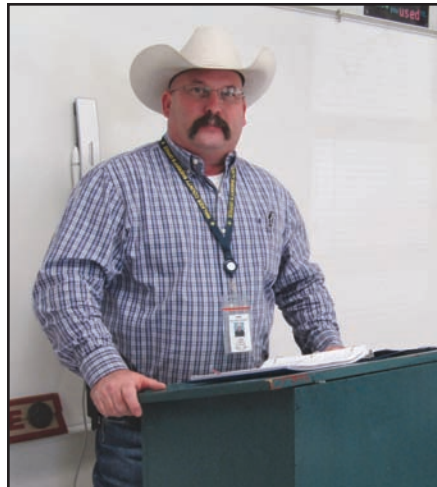
We presented CHOICES to New Waverly Middle School in October, 2017, Mance Park Middle School 8th grade students January, 2018.

We are looking for presenters for the 2018-2019 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 sponsor and some of our presenters.



Community Service Credit Union



Huntsville Leadership Institute 2017-2018 - Class Project OPTIONS

The Huntsville Leadership Institute was established by the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce to foster the development of community leaders from all segments of the Huntsville/Walker County area.

We are all honored to be in this year's HLI Class 36 where we have met so many new classmates who have become our friends. We have also learned so much about our community and its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and how we are able to help make a difference.

"OPTIONS Day is put on annually by each class that goes through HLI; it is a way to put into practice what we preach in HLI, being leaders within our community. Although, the preparation for OPTIONS took hard work, it was the reward of seeing how the outcome impacted the students that mattered" stated Gabby Garcia from Region VI ESC, one of the HLI organizers.

We all participated in the OPTIONS Day which was a "job fair" held at Mance Park Middle School in conjunction with the CHOICES Program. We all "pulled" together and organized the day while coordinating with the Mance Park Middle School administrators.

As always, we want to say "Thank You" to many of the speakers who attended for the day, you helped us make the day a true success.

Kristin Mizrany is an LVN at Creekside and this was her first time to attend OPTIONS. She said that since the opening in 2013, they are able to offer a comfortable, secure; family-style senior living that empowers residents to be as independent as possible. They will continue to pour their hearts into everything they do, so that their residents get the most out of each day and they encourage everyone to stop by and visit them soon.

Dione Traylor is a Paramedic from Walker County EMS and this is her second time attending OPTIONS. She said that she loves to educate people about what she does and she is also an instructor to teach others about being a paramedic.

Chasity William is the Community Relations Director for the Saafe House and she told me that they are more than a shelter or a crisis intervention agency. They are an advocate for the family and would love to come speak to any groups about what they do.

Natosha Hubbard and Marcus Jamison represented Sam Houston State University from Residence Life. They provide each resident with a convenient, well-maintained, and safe living environment at a reasonable cost while fostering learning by setting and upholding community standards, providing community activities, and encouraging campus connections and opportunities to enhance the student's overall experience of university life.

First time OPTIONS attendee Kerri Johnson said that she has been a teacher for 32 years and she teaches accounting and Microsoft Office 2016 at the high school in Groveton and she loves teaching. Her best experience at OPTIONS was when a young lady came up to her and told her that she wanted to be an English teacher and teach in South Korea.

Phillip Burnett enjoyed his first time at OPTIONS. He was representing the Sandy Creek Angus Ranch which is owned by the Burnett family in Richards, Texas. They offer Black Angus heifers, bulls, cows, show cattle and steers for sale. Their artificial and selective breeding provides top quality genetics for proven profits and they have produced numerous show cattle champions. The Burnett family hopes to see everyone soon at the ranch.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) attended the day and said that they are a department of the government for the state of Texas. They are responsible for the statewide criminal justice for adult offenders, including managing offenders in state prisons, state jails and private correctional facilities. The TDCJ operates the largest prison system in the United States.

Attending OPTIONS for the second time, there were three forester technicians from the Texas A&M Forest Service who serve Walker and Grimes Counties. They shared that the forest service conserves and protects the resources and lands of our Lone Star State. They do this by conserving Texas' trees and forests, and the agency also helps property owners maintain land and natural resources to ensure forest lands remain productive and healthy not only for the environment but for generations of Texans to come.

Sandra Cuevas represented the City of Huntsville Human Resources Division and this was her first time at OPTIONS. The purpose of the Human Resources Division is to provide information regarding policies, procedures, employment and employee benefits to City staff and citizens of Huntsville so they can receive the best possible service from a diverse and well qualified staff.

On behalf of the HLI Class 36 (the best class ever), myself and the class would like to say "Thank You" to three very special classmates that made this year's OPTIONS a true success.

First, Gabby Garcia, you went above and beyond to make this a success. Although, you would say we all did it and yes we did, but we all did it with your leadership, guidance and support. Thank you!

Second, Hunter Stephens, you did an outstanding job in helping to make this day a success as well. Thank you!

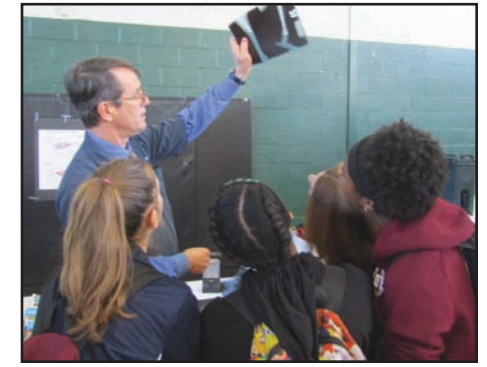
And, last but certainly not least, Lexie Stoudt, what a great job you did and thanks for being our MC on the day of OPTIONS!

Debbie Charbonneau
HLI Class 36 Reporter
"Challenge Accepted" - HLI Class 36



Thanks to our Sponsors:

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Texas Department of Criminal Justice
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 Domino's Pizza
 Walker County Title Company
 Ward Furniture
 Huntsville Abstract & Title
 Homeland Properties, Inc.
 Davis-Partin & Associates
 Trinity River Authority of Texas
 First National Bank
 Rollo Insurance
 Econo Lodge
 Sugar Roberts
 Ace Self Storage
 Bruner Angus Ranch
 Tim Deahl, MD
 The Jack Olsta Company
 Bickley, Prescott & Company
 Markham Realty
 The Trophy Case
 Bill Fick Ford
 Walker County Fair Association
 Tri-County Behavioral Healthcare
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 Bickley, Prescott & Company-Jared Webb
 State Farm-Danny Dougherty
 Walker County Special Utility District
 Alpha Omega Academy
 Walker County LP Gas, Inc.
 Bobby Marks
 William Green
 Hitchin Post Truck Terminal
 Huntsville Pediatrics & Adult Medicine
 KSAM FM 101.7/104.9 THE HITS
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 McCoy's Building Supply Center
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 Donna Story
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 The Brazos Apartments
 Sims Dentistry PLLC
 Elkins Lake Recreation Corporation
 MRC Creekside
 Carriage Inn
 New Waverly ISD
 Ridgewood West Apartment Homes
 America's SBDC
 Edward Jones, Wilson Winn, Financial Advisor
 Take 5 Oil Change
 Scott Logan, DDS
 HHS Ex-Student Association
 Gibbs Brothers and Company
 Charles Monday, MD
 Jane Monday
 Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC
 Scotsman Storage
 Huntsville ISD
 Overhead Door Co. of Conroe
 Advantage Specialties, Inc.
 Sam Houston Memorial Museum
 Gus Hernandez Insurance Agency
 Smile Makers
 Cyclone Graffix
 HEB
 City Electric Supply
 Town & Country Cleaners
 Huntsville Memorial Hospital
 North Lakes Pain Consultants
 Huntsville Health Care Center
 CenterPoint Energy
 Sam's Club
 Adams Furniture
 Sherwin-Williams Paint Co.
 Beckham & Jones
 Madilene's Piano Tuning
 Bethy Creek Resort
 The Care Center of Huntsville

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.**

Ribbon Cutting



Huntsville Health Care Center

Huntsville Health Care Center- Chamber Members, Employees, and Ambassadors helped celebrate their Ribbon Cutting on January 11, 2018. With deep community roots this allows them to partner with many home health agencies, medical equipment providers, and other community resources to help make your transition to home after our care as easy and stress-free as possible. Stop by their location at 2628 Milam, or give them a call at 936-293-8062.



Barbwire Barbie Boutique

Barbwire Barbie Boutique- Employees, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors helped celebrate the Ribbon Cutting of their new location at 4030 S. Sam Houston Ave., Suite A on January 12, 2018. Come in and visit and you will find a personal wardrobe that will be the envy of every southern belle and will help you look and feel just as fabulous...Everyday! Give them a call at 936-355-1202.

		<h2>Seminar Schedule</h2> <p>February - March 2018</p>	
<p>WE MOVED!!! SHSU University Plaza 1 Financial Plaza, Suite 300 Huntsville, Texas 77340 Hwy 30, next to West Hill Mall</p>		<p><i>Please Join Us</i> Wed. March 21 Open House 3 - 6 pm Ribbon Cutting 4 pm Showcasing our new location! SHSU University Plaza 1 Financial Plaza Suite 300 Huntsville, Texas 77340</p>	
<p>Adobe Photoshop Introduction - Tues. Feb. 20 6-8pm Basic principles for editing and enhancing photos; how to navigate Photoshop; editing topics; red eye removal; history brush and how to select different areas of a photo. Students will also be shown how each of these tools can be put together in one giant project. Intermediate - Tues. Mar. 27 6-8pm This course will build on the principles learned in Introduction to Photoshop. Topics covered in this course include: clone stamp tool, working with layers, advanced text options, and effects. Location: SHSU SBDC Computer Lab Fee: \$20 each class Please register and reserve your spot at: http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net</p>		<p>Sales Tax Seminar March 6 1-3pm Location: SHSU SBDC Computer Lab Fee: FREE Please register and reserve your spot at: http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net</p> <p>Taxpayer seminars are geared toward new taxpayers, but offer helpful information for all taxpayers. This seminar includes an overview of tax responsibilities and information on voluntary compliance with sales tax laws and regulations.</p>	
<p>Facility Rental Our Meeting/Computer Learning Center facilities can be rented by the day or by the hour. The Computer Learning Center is equipped with desks and Dell OptiPlex workstations featuring flat screen monitors for maximum workspace. Our computers are loaded with the latest software and have high-speed internet.</p>		<p>We can customize a training course for your Business! Please contact us for details. 936-294-3737</p>	

Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County
Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **Barbwire Barbie Boutique** for sponsoring the February Chamber Small Business Breakfast. Owner Samantha Humphrey shared, "Barbwire Barbie Boutique began as an online store and then transitioned into a mobile store front as well with the purchase of our Barbie Boutique trailer. As time progressed the need and desire to settle down and plant roots became not just a dream but a necessity! We can now check off our "to do" list as we have opened up shop on Sam Houston Avenue! We are excited that we now have a storefront for customers to peruse through our women's apparel and accessories."

Barbwire Barbie specializes in southern belle fashion with a mix of trendy uptown Barbie as well. Whether you are looking for an outfit for the Walker County Fair, Houston Rodeo, or just wanting to add some trendy pieces to your closet, they can "Doll you up." A few things Barbwire Barbie believes separates them from the rest is that they offer a personal shopping experience designed just for you. From the moment you walk in, Samantha and her staff will make you feel at home.

"I know sometimes shopping can be intimidating and overwhelming, so we like to take the pain away and create an enjoyable shopping experience. Whether you are shopping for an event or just recreationally we make sure to help you find just what you need (and probably more.) I also take pride in my employees treating the store as their own. So shop on by and check out the 'Barbwire Barbie shopping experience' for yourself."

Barbwire Barbie carries women's and junior apparel sizes small through XXLarge. They supply Walker and surrounding counties with the latest in shoes and jewelry as well. Join them on Facebook every Tuesday night at 8:15 p.m. for a "Girls Night In", to shop all their weekly new arrivals. Samantha reminds you to make sure you never miss an announcement, new arrival or a giveaway by joining the "Barbwire Barbie Boutique V.I.P Group" on Facebook.

Barbwire Barbie Boutique is located at 4030 Sam Houston Ave, in the business center with Pizza Hut, right across the street from MC Dance studio. Look for the hot pink awning! They are open Tuesday through Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturdays 10am to 3pm. For questions or more information call (936) 291- SHOP or text (936)355-1202 and check them out online at LetsGoBarbie.com.



Pictured are Owner Samantha Humphrey along with several ladies modeling some of her clothes.

business after hours

Thanks to **Preferred Partners** for sponsoring the Chamber Business After Hours in January. 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 the Farmhouse Cafe. The Preferred Partners group meets every Tuesday at 8:00 am 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/Marshall Altom - Postcards Magazine
 Kyle Barnard - SHSU Athletics
 Clint Blinka - The Growth Coach of The Woodlands
 Chase Blosser - DCB Writer's Consultant
 Karen Denman - CSCU
 Dava Gordy - Bridge Benefit Solutions
 Sonya Herrera - Century 21-Alpha Associates
 Natalie Love - myownplace.me
 Frankie McCaffety - McCaffety Electric
 Tyler McCaffety - K&G Capital Mortgage
 Nancy Reeves/Jessica Salazar - Tax Express
 Karen Denman - Community Service Credit Union
 Joe Smith - Kiwanis Club of Huntsville
 Varion Walton/Robin Smith - Huntsville Health Care Center
 Wilson Winn - Edward Jones Financial Advisor



Your 2018 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

2018 Officers

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Tracy Stoudt, Member Events Council	Texas Department of Criminal Justice
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Shannon Higbie	Office Manager
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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

19	Ribbon Cutting, 10:00 am @ McAlister's Deli located at 193 I-45 S, Suite A
19	Kevin Brady, 3:00-4:00pm
20	Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
20	HLI, Education
20	Ribbon Cutting, 11:00am @ K & G Capital Mortgage located at 1312 10th St.
22	Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber
22	Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15pm sponsored by Cyclone Graffix
27	Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
27	Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 am @ Chamber

MARCH

1	Business Expo and Taste of Huntsville: 3:30-4:30 for Business Only General Public: 4:30-7:30 located at Walker County Fairgrounds
1	Leads Exchange Thursday @ 8:00am
8	SBB, 7:30 am @ Farmhouse Cafe sponsored by Sauce Chicago Pizza
12-16	Spring Break for HISD, New Waverly School Districts and SHSU
13	Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Holiday Inn Express
14	Tourism Meeting, 8:30 am @ Chamber
15	Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Snap Fitness
20	HLI, Natural Resources
20	Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
20	Youth Leadership Institute 10:50 am-2:30pm @ SHSU Visitor Center
20	Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
21	Ribbon Cutting, 4:00pm @ SBDC located at One Financial Plaza, Suite 300
21	POP Committee Meeting, 2:00 pm @ Chamber
22	Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am
22	Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15pm sponsored by K&G Mortgage located @ 1312 10 th St
27	Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
27	Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 am @ Chamber
29	Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber
30	Good Friday Holiday-Chamber Office Closed

Community Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

22	1:30-3:00pm CTE Showcase, Huntsville High School
24	10:00am-2:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration @ Joshua's Forge Museum Grounds
24	Sweetheart 5K & 1-Mile @ SHSU Campus www.7hills.us

MARCH

1	Business Expo and Taste of Huntsville @ Walker County Fairgrounds
1	Friends Annual Meeting & Celebration @ Wynne Home
2	ALL DAY Sam Houston's Birthday & Texas Independence Day @ Various locations around Huntsville
3	10:00am-2:00pm Spinning & Weaving Demonstration @ Woodland Home Front Porch Museum Grounds
6-7	Third Grade Historic Homes Tour @ Wynne Home
10	Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale
10	10:00am-2:00pm Woodworking Demonstration @ Guerrant Cabin Museum Grounds
16-17	9:30am-3:30pm Huntsville Health Care Center Garage Sale/Vendor Fair, Robin Smith 293-8062
17	10:00am-2:00pm, Kick Wheel Pottery Making Demonstration @ Raven's Pottery Shed Museum Grounds
22	6:00pm LET'S TALK @ Lowman Student Center Ballroom, 294-2415
24	10:00am to 3:00pm HEARTS Veteran's Museum Festival @ Hearts Veteran's Complex 463 State Hwy. 75 N., 295-5959
24	10:00 am to 5:00pm Bacon Brewfest @ Main Street
24	8:00am to 2:00pm Wynne Home Herb Festival @ Wynne Home
24	10:00am-2:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration @ Joshua's Forge Museum Grounds