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County Chamber of
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Walker County*

July 2017



New Member Showcase

Member Spotlight...



**Sugar & Spice
Custom
Bakery**

Welcome New Members:

- Lake Life is MAID
- Kathryn Peters-Arbonne Independent Consultant
- Duke's Home Inspection, PLLC
 - Connecting The Gap
- LightPoint Consulting Engineers
 - Belfast Insurance Group

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CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

Serving as President of your Chamber of Commerce is something that I take very seriously. Each and every day, our goal at the Chamber is to conduct business in such a way as to market our members to the fullest. Everything we do is with you in mind and how best to serve all the membership. So, in this article, please allow me to address some of the things your chamber does for you.

We sometimes have people ask "what is the Chamber of Commerce?" Your Chamber plays a significant role in the business world as an advocate or a "connector". This role enhances the business community by connecting businesses with opportunities for success and connecting businesses with people and organizations that help businesses thrive. For our members, the Chamber is like a hub of activity with movement all around it, often visible, sometimes behind the scenes, but always benefitting your business.

Your Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce provides numerous networking opportunities for members to meet potential customers or clients. We also market your business on our website and in our Membership Directory. Local maps and restaurant guides are provided regularly to tourists and local citizens as well. Leadership luncheons, held on a regular basis, helps keep our members in touch with key local and state-level leaders. Our Small Business Breakfasts, as well as the Business After Hours events pro-

vide members with great opportunities to market and showcase their businesses, and these are only a few activities we coordinate. I'll talk about others another time.

You will want to know about a very important activity we are involved with currently... welcoming incoming freshmen and their parents at Freshman Orientation each Thursday during June and July. Your Board Chair, Carol Sullivan, along with Chamber members and our staff bring greetings on behalf of the community and chamber members. It is just another way to help support SHSU and our members. We meet in the Business Auditorium at 6:00 pm. The SHSU students are such an important aspect of economic support for this community. If you would like to join us on one of the upcoming Thursday evenings, just give us a call at 295-8113. We would love to have you join us on these last few Thursday evenings.

We host a variety of business seminars throughout the year. We recently held one on presented by Clint Blinka on Marketing Your Business. It was well attended with 50 (plus) attending. Be watching for upcoming seminars!!

Also, mark your calendar for Diva Night, coming up August 4 at the LSC Ballroom on the SHSU campus. It is quite helpful to businesses that cater to ladies and will be very entertaining.

So, now you know a bit more about how chambers, specifically yours, operates; more will be forthcoming in future articles. Remember, we are here for you, the members and we strive to provide good customer service to each of you. I look forward to seeing you soon, whether it's church, the grocery store or at one of our upcoming events!! So, for now, its "happy trails" and we hope you have the best summer ever!!

Best Regards, YOUR President, Carol Smith

Member Spotlight...

Sugar and Spice Custom Bakery was established in Huntsville in 1994, but Karen Howard has been selling her baked goods since 1972. Karen Howard said "I'm the owner, a baker, a decorator, and a candlestick maker (smile)"; she is the proud sole proprietor of this small country specialty bakery. "I only do special orders," said Karen, "Nothing is ready made; everything is fresh for you. I bake cookies, designer cookies, cakes, cupcakes, wedding cakes and much more." Karen has a passion for baking, she has been at it for over 46 years.



Karen Howard

"Like most mothers, I started cake decorating with my daughter's 1st birthday cake, Winnie the Pooh; I photographed it. With that picture and a few others, my family and friends began asking for some serious cakes. I love the imaginative challenges my customers bring to me. I so enjoy the delight I see in their faces when I proudly show them something I have created that is beyond their expectations in sight and taste! Their faces really light up!"

Karen's organization's mission is to give great customer service to each person she interacts with, making sure they are glad they chose her to do business with. Her goal is to not only give them what they ask for, but also to have to alleviate a concern or problem. "I enjoy making their sweet dreams come true; if you haven't tried me yet, I'll give you a 10% discount on your first order, then you can see and taste for yourself. You'll be glad you did!"

When asked why it is important for me to be a Chamber Member, Karen replied, "I want the opportunity to network and gain new customers. I want to get information to help grow my business and get suggestions to keep customers coming back for more. I want exposure to the public, larger than just the Huntsville area. The ability to share my business information on the Chamber website and my own Chamber page, including hyper linking my website is important to me. I had a lady say to me, you made my wedding cake when you were in the mall 18 years ago. It was excellent! Now I'm back to get a birthday cake for my first grandchild. When you have a five star rating on the internet and wonderful reviews, you need to share that information with others. I hope to be able to bring lots of joy into your life with the delicious treats that I will create for you. I look forward to hearing from you soon."

Call Karen at 936-291-7007 or visit her website at www.sugarandspicecustombakery.com for more information and orders.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville	Walker Co.	Texas	U.S.	Huntsville	Walker Co.	Texas	U.S.
	May 2017	May 2017	May 2017	May 2017	May 2016	May 2016	May 2016	May 2016
Total Labor Force	11,953	23,915	13,449,184	159,979,000	11,804	23,682	13,245,519	158,800,000
Total Employed	11,313	22,806	12,857,230	153,407,000	11,159	22,495	12,679,140	151,594,000
Total Unemployed	640	1,109	591,954	6,572,000	645	1,187	566,379	7,207,000
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	4.6%	4.4%	4.1%	5.5%	5.0%	4.3%	4.5%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	June 2017	June 2016	% Change
Building Residential	1,212,873	944,719	0.28%
Commercial Building	1,172,800	5,227,400	-0.78%
Certificate of Compliance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	4,740,368	6,048,684	-0.22%
TOTAL	7,126,041	12,220,803	-0.42%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	July 2017	July 2016	% Change	2017 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	599,200.09	541,019.19	10.75%	5,372,137.90	4,532,856.15	18.51%
New Waverly (1.5%)	43,901.87	28,264.74	55.32%	271,259.54	264,970.93	2.37%
Riverside (1.5%)	12,463.45	10,954.73	13.77%	80,824.08	81,258.90	-0.53%
Walker County (.5%)	655,565.41	580,328.66	79.84%	5,724,221.52	4,879,085.98	20.35%

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>)

Call your girlfriends... **TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE** for the 8th ANNUAL DIVA NIGHT!

Call 936-295-8113!

DIVA NIGHT

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 * 5:30-8:30

SHOPPING * ENTERTAINMENT * FOOD & DRINK * WINE GRAB * DOOR PRIZES
 COSTUME CONTEST * CHARLESTON CONTEST * MURDER MYSTERY

COME DRESSED AS A FLAPPER, GANGSTER, SILENT SCREEN STAR, OR COME AS YOU ARE!
 COME JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS NIGHT THAT IS SURE TO BE THE
 BEES KNEES AS WE CELEBRATE THE ROARING 20'S!



RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

Beth Miles

Best Western - Huntsville Inn

Mr. Roland Gilliam, Jr.

Events Plus

Home Health Care of Huntsville

ALREADEE Delivery Service

Magnolia Mey Boutique

O'Bannon & Cooper Pest Control

Ample Computer Services

Keller Williams Realty

Reid Office Supply

Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep

Park Lane Jewelry - Rosie Ledezma

Huntsville ISD - Huntsville Intermediate School

Beth Miles

Best Western - Huntsville Inn

Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant - Charlotte McConnell

Salon Chic & Boutique

Elliott Electric Supply

Huntsville ISD- Stewart Elementary

Cabins and More of Texas

Heavenly Threads Quilt Shop

Tickled Pink Gifts

Third Coast Gifts and Gourmet

Generations Salon

Pampered Chef - Shelley Petkovsek-Bleekman Independent Consultant

Affordable Signs

The Best Box Ever Bakery

Barwire Barbie Boutique

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.**

Meet Your Ambassadors ~ Cassidy Stoecklein

Cassidy Stoecklein is a Mortgage Lender for First Financial Bank N.A. in Huntsville Texas. When I asked Cassidy to describe the company she works for, she replied "First Financial Bank has a stellar history for over the past 127 years. We go by a simple philosophy: You First. We pride ourselves in going the extra mile to ensure the best customer service. First Financial Bankshares Inc., is recognized as one of the nation's most financially secure banking institutions, with assets over \$ 6.93 billion dollars. We currently operate in 11 different regions with 69 locations and a trust department with 7 locations. Our bank continues to grow but is able to give the customer the amenities of a "big bank" with the feel of a local community bank. We have local boards; this ensures each First Financial Bank can meet the needs of the community that it serves."



Cassidy Stoecklein

"I am proud of the bank I work for", said Cassidy, "I currently serve as the Mortgage Loan Officer in the Huntsville location. I specialized in USDA, FHA, VA and Conventional loans. Whether you want to cash out on your existing home, build, or purchase a new property, I am here every step of the way. I take pride in helping buyers obtain financing for the home of their dreams. The home process can be intimidating and I want every one of my customers to feel comfortable and confident."

Cassidy believes it is important for her to be an Ambassador. "As an Ambassador Member, I can stay connected to the community I am a part of. It is a great opportunity for networking, but most importantly, I think it is a good opportunity to let the businesses that we visit know how much we appreciate the services or products that they provide and that Huntsville supports it. Our small community has a lot to offer and as Ambassadors, we are bringing that to light."

"Our bank's focus is taking care of the community we serve. We build loyal, lifelong relationships by providing first-class service with personal attention and I feel like that is also what Ambassadors is all about." Cassidy moved to Huntsville in 2011; they chose Huntsville to be close to their family in Corsicana and to be near Houston, where her husband's company is located. Cassidy is married to AJ Stoecklein and they have three children; Pierson, Allie, and Jaxson. They enjoy chasing their kids around to their many sporting events. "When we have free time, we enjoy spending it at the lake or with our families."

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The Largest Ever Walker County **GROJ SALE** (Get Rid of Junk Sale) will be sponsored by KSAM **101.7 & 104.9 THE HITS** On Saturday, July 22nd. The event is from **8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Walker County Fairgrounds **INSIDE** the main building. A few food trucks will be out front. Inside the 105+ booths have completely sold out and will have about 1/3 commercial vendors and 2/3 garage, yard sale or other personal booths. There is an enormous variety of great "junk", from an Antique Auction House in Houston to new clothing, slightly used clothing, housewares, fresh bakery goods, furniture, jewelry, handmade, homemade, art, craft, repurposed goods, and even Nascar memorabilia...there is way to much to list it all. The event is **FREE** to the public and shoppers will have the chance to win many prizes like some of the Summer Vacation Get-away Give-aways and other tickets and prizes. There is a waiting list for vendors if anyone is interested.

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 June visits made to (1) Farm Gypsies (2) The Best Box Ever Bakery (3) Walker County Court House-The Honorable Judge Danny Pierce (4) McAdams Dry Goods (5) Roche Family Dentistry, P.A. (6) Patio Cafe on the Square. 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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New Members Showcase 2017

Relatively new members to the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce were invited to take advantage of a great opportunity:
The New Member Showcase

The New Member Showcase was held **Thursday, June 23rd from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.** at the Walker County Storm Shelter. The Showcase was the June **Business After Hours** and all Chamber members were invited, but only new members who joined in the last year were showcased. The tables were set up simply for each new business members to tell their story visually. It was well worth their time and best of all, it was **FREE!**

The Member Events & Networking Council, along with the Membership Division of the Chamber sponsors this event; a great opportunity we hope you don't miss next year!

Community Loan Center Brazos Valley
 Texpress Urgent Care
 Mosquito Squad of Lake Conroe & The Pineywoods
 Camp Quality Texas
 Huntsville Classical Academy
 Professional Landscape Management
 Davita Huntsville Dialysis
 The Growth Coach of The Woodlands
 GameXSports
 Coffee News - Huntsville
 Sport Clips
 Century 21 Alpha Associates
 TX ROE GIRLS LuLaRoe with Shawna and Stephanie
 Emblem Properties, LLC
 Anytime Fitness Huntsville
 Sandra Richards - Farmers Insurance Agency
 Vacations To Live For
 Tupperware Independent Consultant - Kim Taylor
 Liberty Tax Service

DKHart Barefoot Books
 Cyclone Graffix Car Wraps
 Cork & Canvas
 Edward Jones - Scott Francis, Financial Advisor
 Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant - Charlotte McConnell
 Daiquiri Beebe- White Ivy Real Estate
 Johnson Studio
 Kids Spot Trampoline & Tumbling
 Eastex Trailers & Eastex Storage
 FASTSIGNS
 Lonestar Interiors
 Abe's Three Spoons Yogurt
 Silver Spoon Cafe
 Pizza Hut
 Sugar and Spice Custom Bakery
 The Best Box Ever Bakery
 The Library Daiquiris, Spirits, and More
 Carbonero Rotisserie Chicken and Steak
 Faust Distributing Company



Tupperware



Huntsville Classical Academy



Vacations to Live For



Edward Jones



FAST SIGNS Associates



Johnson Studio



DK Hart Barefoot Books



Mary Kay Cosmetics



GameXsports



Mosquito Squad



Century 21 Alpha Associates



Emblem Properties



TX FOE GIRLS - LuLa Roe



Lonestar Interiors



Trampoline & Tumbling



Farmers Insurance



The Best Box Ever Bakery

Ribbon Cutting



Century 21 Alpha Associates

Century 21 Alpha Associates - celebrated their Ribbon Cutting with Staff, Family, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on June 13, 2017. 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". For more information, contact Michael McGinnis at 936-755-8222 or stop by their location at 1304 10th St., or better yet visit their website at www.c21alphatx.com



Anytime Fitness - Huntsville

Anytime Fitness-Huntsville- Along with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors, celebrated their Ribbon Cutting, on June 20, 2017. Providing a 24-hour access, their facility includes free weights, machine weights, cardio, and high intensity equipment. Also, they offer personal training, tanning, and group exercise classes. Come see what makes them America's number one fitness provider! For more information, contact Hunter Stephens at 936-337-7400 or stop by their location at 2416 Sam Houston Avenue.



Firestone Complete Auto Care

Firestone Complete Auto Care- celebrated their Ribbon Cutting on June 30, 2017. A leading provider of maintenance, repairs, and tires, they believe in offering a total auto care experience that perfectly meets your needs. Their promise to the customer is to have the BEST service and only the right solutions for your auto care needs. For more information, stop by their location at 201 IH-45 North, or give them a call at 936-295-6409. You may also visit their website at www.firestonecompleteautocare.com



Sport Clips

Sport Clips- celebrated their Ribbon Cutting with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on May 3, 2017. Texpress Urgent Care looks to provide the highest quality healthcare with unmatched customer service. Open 7 days a week with extended hours. They are in-network with most major insurance providers and also have cash pay options/straight-forward pricing for those out of network. For more information contact them at 936-570-2626, or stop by their location at 193 Interstate 45 South, Suite H. You may also visit their website at: www.TexpressUrgentCare.com

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS JUNE

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:**

Lake Life is MAID- Lake Life is MAID has a compassion and ability to provide an impeccable residential cleaning service; servicing Lake Livingston and the Walker County area. We are insured and bonded and our services include maintenance cleanings, deep cleans, move in/out, and post renovation clean ups. We have a very strong belief in giving back to our community, and have chosen "Cleaning For A Reason" to partner with and offer FREE home cleaning services for women undergoing any cancer treatment. For more information on this organization, visit their website at www.cleaningforareason.org. Whether you live or visit the lake, just remember Lake Life is MAID...so you can enjoy more of it! Give us a call at 281-450-0986, or visit our website at www.lakelifemaids.com

Kathryn Peters-Arbonne Independent Consultant- A global health, wellness and beauty company in business for over 36 years with over 500 consumable products. If you have skin, hair, or internal organs, we have something for you!! We have skincare, specializing in anti-aging skincare, body care, hair care, baby care, nutrition and cosmetics. To top it off, we are vegan certified and gluten free!! Each and every product is carefully formulated and crafted with pure botanicals to enhance your beauty, health and wellness and to improve your life, inside and out. Contact me for more information at 281-705-6728. You will be glad you did! This write-up was produced by Kathryn Peters, Arbonne Independent Consultant and is not official material prepared or provided by Arbonne International LLC.

Duke's Home Inspections, PLLC- Duke's Home Inspections, PLLC is a locally owned home & commercial inspection business. James & Kim are both Texas Natives. Their Inspection services include Commercial Inspections, Home Maintenance Inspections, Listing Inspections, New Construction Inspections, Pool & Spas, Phase Construction & warranty Inspections. They also specialize in Thermal Imaging. Their desire is to "go the extra mile" for you using the skills James has acquired. James is committed to continued learning and training to acquire new skills so he may provide each client with the most value for their home or business. To schedule an inspection or if you just have a question please contact James or Kim at 936-439-5003 or email dukesinspections@yahoo.com To see a list of all James' qualifications visit their website at www.dukeshomeinspections.com. Hours Mon-Sat 8AM-8PM

Connecting the Gap- The goal of the IPEET Program is to assist individuals living in the Inner - City Rural and suburban communities in "Moving from Dysfunctional to Functional Mindset" IPEET is a twelve week, faith based program that seeks to move at - risk people and ex-offenders towards social, relational and financial living conditions through transformed thinking. The program is comprised of eight (8) weeks of Moral Values Training, plus four(4) weeks of Functional Thinking Training. Just One Day a Week for eight weeks for FREE . JOB Opportunities, Business Development. For more information contact Margaret Reece (936) 587-0789 or by e-mail IPEetinfo@yahoo.com

LightPoint Consulting Engineers- LightPoint Consulting Engineers is a local civil engineering firm started by Michael Mathena, PE. Michael has over 22 years experience in civil engineering, specializing in utility, roadway, sitework, and land development design/engineering services. LightPoint Consulting Engineers can also prepare residential and commercial septic system designs. For more information contact Michael Mathena, PE at mathena@lightpointeng.biz, or call 936-207-9984.

Belfast Insurance Group- Peggy Bishop has been a leader in the insurance industry for over 30 years. In 1986, Peggy started her own agency that she successfully ran for 16 years. She specializes in business insurance risk management with a concentration on franchise programs and hard to place business operations, and can assist with any of your personal insurance needs such as auto, home, boat, business property, etc. Peggy made the move to Belfast to provide business owners in all 50 states with the best insurance coverage and policies available in today's competitive market. For more information, give her a call at 512-739-1515 or through email at peggy@belfastinsurance.com. Also, visit her facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Belfast-Insurance-Group-406903349683676>

Welcome Bags for New Teachers

The Education Committee of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce will once again prepare "Welcome Packets" (approximately 250 bags) for ALL the new teachers in all Walker County public and private schools. This is a great opportunity to **market your business** to educators in Walker County. Items could include (but not limited to) coupons, gift certificates, pens/pencils, note pads, etc. Call Carol 295-8113 (or 661-9361) for questions.

Please have items to us by July 21st!!



Seminar Schedule June - August, 2017

SHSU SBDC CO-sponsor:

2017 Diva Night
"Welcome to the Roaring 20s"
Friday, August 4th
5:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.
@ SHSU LSC Ballroom



Shopping *Entertainment
*Food&Drink *Wine Grab *Door
Prizes *Costume Contest

Call 936-295-8113
for More Information
Tickets on sale July 1st

IRS Practitioner Seminar

Thurs. Aug 10th 8:00am-4:30pm
@ Katy and E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center
1402 19th Street, Huntsville, Tx 77340

Join us for the latest updates for tax professionals.

Topics will include:

Representing Clients
Third Party Authorizations
Data Breach: Protect Your Clients/Protect Yourself
New Due Diligence Rules and Compliance Impacting Tax Practices
Working with the IRS: What Practitioners Need to Know
Doors open at 7:30am the day of the event for sign-in
Your PTIN is required to get up to 7 hours CE credit!

LOW COST—\$60 — includes lunch

Register at www.samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net

Social Media for Business

Thursday- July 20th from 6p.m. to 8p.m.
Low cost - \$20 - class held at SBDC computer Lab
Register Online at:
www.samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net

Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the July Small Business Breakfast. Each month the Chamber selects a business to host the SBB and everyone learns so much. Recently the Chamber ran a survey asking Chamber members to participate in a survey requesting feedback on how the Chamber is meeting the needs of its membership. A chamber committee and the board of directors reviewed the survey responses. Many good comments and suggestions were received. Three key areas were identified from the survey responses and actions developed. Of the members who did respond, a drawing was held providing the winner \$300 towards a membership. The winner was Shannon Kelton with AFLAC. The Chamber Board of Directors appreciates their members taking the time to provide feedback to the leadership. If members have further comments or concerns, please contact Carol Smith, the Chamber President or Board of Directors.



Mark Your Calendars....

Friday, December 8 2017 Chamber Gala & Auction

*It is not too early to make your plans....
The Silent and Live Auctions at the Gala provide
an excellent opportunity to market your
business in addition to supporting the Mary
Frances Park Scholarship Fund. If your business
would like to make a donation to this cause
please give the Chamber a call today.*

Corporate Sponsor:

Wiesner, Inc. -Huntsville

Auction Sponsor:

American Civil Engineering Services

Saturday, October 7th

9:00-5:00

43rd
Annual

FAIR on the SQUARE

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

350 VENDORS

FRIDAY NIGHT

Gates Open
8:00 p.m.

CONCERT

Featuring
Cody Joe Hodges



WINE KNOT

Fair on the Square

\$10 * 5 Tastings * Wine Glass
Food & Wine Pairings

SHOPPING . BEER GARDEN
FOOD . WINE TASTING
KIDS KORNER . CLASSIC CARS

FREE Parking & Shuttle Service on Saturday
provided by The Forum & Encore Apts.
Lot Z2-14 on SHSU Campus

936-295-8113 * www.faironthesquare.com



What's Happening!

- Business After Hours-July 27 at 5:15, sponsored by The Boys & Girls Club of Walker County- hosted at the MLK Center
- 8th Annual DIVA NIGHT, Friday, August 4th Theme: The Roaring 20's; sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville Tickets NOW on sale at the Chamber, Curves, LearningRx, Lisa's Gift Box
- Small Business Breakfast- August 10, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral, sponsored by Gulf Coast Trade Center
- HLI Class 36 Applications- Deadline to apply August 11th
- Pre Fair on the Square Concert-Friday, October 6th, 8-midnight-FREE featuring Cody Joe Hodges
- 43rd Annual Fair on the Square, Saturday, October 7th, 9-5 General Registration underway!, sponsored by Faust Distributing, Stevenson Distributing, & Team Dodge
- Wine Knot at the Fair on the Square-Tickets ONLY \$10 this year! On sale at the event-look for the big tent on University Avenue-sponsored by Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville
- Save the Date, December 8th - GALA at the LSC Ballroom

Your 2017 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

2017 Officers

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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

JULY

- 18 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Holiday Inn Express
- 20 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 25 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 25 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber-10:30 am
- 27 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 27 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm sponsored by Boys and Girls Club

AUGUST

- 1 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 1 Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 am for Lake Life is MAID, @ Chamber office
- 3 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 4 DIVA NIGHT, 5:30-8:30 pm at LSC Ballroom
- 9 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 am @ Chamber
- 10 Small Business Breakfast, 7:30 am @ Golden Corral sponsored by Gulf Coast Trade Center
- 15 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 15 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Holiday Inn Express
- 17 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 17 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ TBD
- 22 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 22 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber-10:30 am
- 24 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 24 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm sponsored by Walker County Fed. Credit Union
- 29 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 31 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber

Community Calendar of Events

JULY

- 19 9:00 am-11:00 am Bear Bend Wednesday Leather Stamping @ Bear Bend Cabin
- 24-28 8:00 am-5:00 pm Art on the Edge @ SHSU Fine Arts
- 26 9:00 am-11:00 pm Bear Bend Wednesday Tall Tales @ Bear Bend Cabin
- 28-29 East Texas Thimble Trail "Christmas in July" @ Walker Cty. Fairgrounds
- 29 1:00-3:00 pm Jedi Academy @ Huntsville Public Library

AUGUST

- 1-3 8:00 pm "A Midsummer Night's Dream" @ SHSU Theatre
- 1-4 1:00-5:00 pm Fiber & Clay Workshops @ Wynne Home
- 2 10:00 am-1:30pm Smoked Pulled Pork Fundraiser @ Senior Center
- 4 5:30-8:30 pm "DIVA NIGHT"-Roaring 20's @ LSC Ballroom
- 5 TBD Annual School Supply Give-Away Call: 936-355-2296
- 10 8:00-4:00 pm IRS Practitioner Seminar @ Walker Education Ctr.