

*The  
Chamber*



# VOICE

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

*June 2017*



*HLI Class 35 at Graduation*

Back row: Matt Chastine-SHSU Office of Admissions, Joshua McGinty-SHSU Student Ambassador, Brandon Williamson-Community Service Credit Union, Monica Bayes-Bayes Achievement Center, Hannah Allen-Huntsville Memorial Hospital, Cassidy Stoecklein-First Financial Bank, Chris Gladden-TCS Flooring & Design, Billy Bennett-Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville, Mike Legerski-Huntsville Police Department

Front row: Patsy Collins-SHSU Student Money Management Center, Carolina Vazquez-Unoton Wireless T-Mobile, Gabriela Garcia-Community Service Credit Union, Daiquiri Beebe-Realtor-White Ivy Real Estate, Michelle Castanon-SHSU Counseling Center, Dannell Thomas Donnell-Region VI Education Service Center, Brent Sherrod-American Civil Engineering Services, Tracy Chappell-SHSU Athletics, Sheila Cannon-On Pointe Dance Company, Cheri Cinadr-Bayes Achievement Center, Cheryl Cowart-Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Jaycie Johnson-Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Not pictured, Lisa Olson-Carolina Creek Christian Camps

## Member Spotlight...



## Welcome New Members:

- Vacation To Live For
- Amy Cannon-Independent Arbonne Consultant
- Edward Jones - Scott Francis, Financial Advisor
  - Roland Gilliam
- TX Roe Girls - LuLa Roe with Shawna and Stephanie
  - GameXSports
  - Sports Clips
- Debra Barber - Market America & Shop.com
- Let Us: Design & Coordination
- DCB Writer & Consultant
- John Young - INTEGRA Insurance Services
- Tyler Young - New York Life Insurance Co.

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## CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

**IT'S HERE!!** Yes, the **CHAMBER RELOCATION GUIDE** arrived on June 9th in Huntsville! Some people call it the Chamber Directory, but we have expanded it over the past several years to serve also as a guide to those visiting and/or moving to this area. It still has the list of our current membership in the back which will be

very helpful to you. As our membership grows throughout

this year, we will insert an "addendum" of all new members. Whether you are here for a few short hours or the rest of your life—we hope you enjoy this document! Should you need additional information, please contact us at (936) 295-8113 or email [csmith@chamber.huntsville.tx.us](mailto:csmith@chamber.huntsville.tx.us)

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. I gather up our Board Chair, Carol Sullivan, along with any chamber members desiring to be of assistance brings greetings on behalf of the community and chamber members. It is just another way to

help support SHSU and our members. 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 (6:15 pm), just give us a call at 295-8113. We would love to have you be part of the Chamber group. Also, congrats to the SHSU Baseball team on doing so well this season!!

A couple of other activities we are working on—items for New Teacher Goody Bags and Diva Night. We are accepting pens, pencils, note pads, etc. until July 21 for our new teachers across Walker County. We estimate about 175 to 185 items, but watch for our weekly e-mail blast. Diva Night is set for August 4 at Sam Houston State's LSC Ballroom. It is designed to help promote businesses that cater to women throughout Walker County, so come shop!! Local restaurants will have a variety of goodies (served by our gentlemen) for the ladies to munch on throughout the evening. A \$35 ticket/ \$45 @ door will get you into this event...grab your girlfriends and buy 5 tickets and received the 6th ticket free. Tickets on sale July 1st!

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...

**Kiwanis International** brings the world together — one community at a time. Today, we stand with more than 600,000 members in more than 80 countries from Kiwanis to Key Club to Circle K and beyond. Each community has different needs, and Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children through local service projects and fundraising. Kiwanis hosts nearly 150,000 service projects each year. This global volunteer organization annually raises more than \$100 million dollars and dedicates more than 18.5 million hours to strengthen communities and help children.

The Kiwanis Club of Huntsville sponsors the CKI (Circle K International) at the Sam Houston State University and the Key Club at Huntsville High School. Adult and youth members total over 702,700 members internationally. Locally we furnish books for children, provide scholarships for college bound students, provide support for CASA and many other projects. Many Kiwanis Clubs are known for their Pancake Breakfast and Suppers and our club provides a Pancake Supper annually as one of our fundraisers.

Some may wonder why it is important to be a Chamber member — "Well the Chamber supports local businesses and it is thought that dollars spent locally turn over seven times in the community. That means you could get a chance to earn that dollar and spend it one more time. When it leaves town it probably won't be back this way," said Mr. Joe Smith, Past President and Chamber representative, who has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville since 1976. The Huntsville club began in 1928; Kiwanis members improve their communities, make lifelong friendships, and most importantly help children thrive, prosper and reach their full potential.



Kiwanis International

## What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours** – June 22, 5:15p.m. hosted & sponsored by Chamber of Commerce
- **Small Business Breakfast**- July 13, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce
- **Business Marketing Workshop**, Thursday, June 29th, 11:00-1:00 at Chamber of Commerce
- **8th Annual DIVA NIGHT**, Friday, August 4th - Theme: The Roaring 20's; sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville

## Leadership Makes Things Happen!

The Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce PROUDLY sponsors the Huntsville Leadership Institute (HLI) and graduates an average of 20 individuals each year who are eager to serve their community with the knowledge they learned throughout the prior 9 months! HLI was established to foster the development of community leaders from all segments of the Huntsville/Walker County area, specifically to:

- ◆ Promote leadership as a public responsibility
- ◆ Identify and develop new and emerging leader candidates for community service and improved business practices
- ◆ Encourage communication between current and future leaders
- ◆ Fill key community leadership positions with graduates
- ◆ Develop a large, active group of graduates

While HLI focuses on leadership, the program also focuses on Community Awareness, Networking and Relationships! Participants visit various businesses and organizations throughout the year; learning what makes our community unique to those around us. Relationships are formed instantly and many last a lifetime. Networking is a key part of the experience as well, creating the opportunity for participants to broaden their business relationships as well as personal relationships.

Applications for Class 36 will be available June 30th with the deadline to return them at 5:00 p.m. August 11th. For those interested in the program, please call HLI Coordinator Laura Green at 936-295-8113.

*"HLI helped build our foundation of understanding and broadened our perspective, but it also took us down the path of self-discovery."*

*- Kirstie Legerski, HLI Class #34; 2017-2018 HLI Chair*

*"I think the HLI program is fabulous for networking; but, also very beneficial for developing leaders to run for public office or just get more involved with the community. It helps people find a good fit for their area of interest in serving the community."*

*-Patsy Collins, HLI Class #35*



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

## HUNTSVILLE &amp; WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville Apr. 2017	Walker Co. Apr. 2017	Texas Apr. 2017	U.S. Apr. 2017	Huntsville Apr. 2016	Walker Co. Apr. 2016	Texas Apr. 2016	U.S. Apr. 2016
Total Labor Force	12,041	24,086	13,506,742	159,817,000	11,812	23,761	13,236,855	158,488,000
Total Employed	11,395	22,971	12,895,003	153,262,000	11,228	22,635	12,672,854	151,075,000
Total Unemployed	646	1,115	611,739	6,555,000	584	1,126	564,001	7,413,000
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	4.6%	4.5%	4.1%	4.9%	4.7%	4.3%	4.7%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	May 2017	May 2016	% Change
Building Residential	1,145,275	614,674	0.86%
Commercial Building	5,684,000	899,018	5.32%
Certificate of Compliance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	3,275,008	523,096	5.26%
TOTAL	10,104,283	2,036,788	3.96%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	June 2017	June 2016	% Change	2017 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	661,014.52	588,094.80	12.39%	4,772,937.81	3,991,836.96	19.56%
New Waverly (1.5%)	34,775.85	32,922.42	5.62%	227,357.67	236,706.19	-3.94%
Riverside (1.5%)	11,456.74	10,863.58	5.46%	68,360.63	70,304.17	-2.76%
Walker County (.5%)	282,842.31	252,423.35	12.05%	1,933,797.37	1,633,446.38	18.38%

Sources:  
 Employment: Texas Workforce Commission ([www.tracer2.com](http://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>)



## RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

Woodforest National Bank  
 Gulf Coast Trades Center  
 Murray Insurance & Financial Services  
 Lightening Clean Pressure Wash  
 H.E.B. Pantry Foods  
 John Holland  
 Barbara McGilberry  
 Habitat for Humanity of Huntsville Inc.  
 Ace Leveling & Foundation Repair  
 Edward Jones - Wilson Winn, Financial Advisor  
 Bethy Creek Resort  
 B.J. Atkins, MD  
 Able Glass & Mercantile Co.  
 Huntsville Family Medicine  
 Texan Scuba @The Blue Lagoon with Island Divers Cozumel  
 Geraldine Dickerson  
 University Height Baptist Church  
 Huntsville Elementary School  
 U.S. Army Recruiting  
 Sunbelt Credit  
 Republican Party of Walker County  
 St. Stephens Episcopal Church  
 Tax Express  
 Diana Sprott-Keller Williams Realty  
 Lone Star Interiors

Daisy's Diner  
 Ernest Barron  
 Faith Lutheran Church  
 Tall Pines Association of Realtors  
 Northside Baptist Church  
 Giddy Up Glamour  
 Huntsville Pizza Hut  
 Timothy Deahl, MD  
 City Hall Cafe & Pie Bar  
 The Growth Coach of The Woodlands  
 Air-Handlers HVACR Inc.  
 Lisa's Gift Box  
 Learning RX  
 The Bike Spot  
 January's Herbs & Wellness  
 Abe's 3 Spoons, Inc.  
 Praise & Glory Worship Center  
 The Connection at Huntsville  
 Wish Wash Car Wash & Lube Center  
 Diana McRae  
 Harley Rex  
 Holiday Inn Express  
 Tupperware Independent Consultant - Kim Taylor

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 ~ Jeannie White

Jeannie White is the Owner/Manager, Personal Trainer and Class Instructor for Snap Fitness. Snap Fitness Huntsville, is glad to not only bring you a place to help you with your health and fitness goals but also is a local gym that gives you a sense of family. "We're designed to fit your busy schedule. We are open 24 hours, 7 days a week, you can come in whenever it is convenient for you. Our gym is here to help you get RESULTS, we have state-of-the-art cardio and strength equipment along with free weights. If you are unsure how to meet your fitness goals we can get you started with a free personal training session with one of our awesome trainers!"



Jeannie White

Classes are FREE with membership: Some of the classes offered are Zumba, AB classes, circuit training, beginner classes, Yoga, Boot Camp, Senior and Fit classes, walking club and more. "You can also try us out first by doing the Fit Pass for 30 days for only \$8.95. We are a 24 hour gym here to help you reach your fitness goals; I tell myself and our clients that pain is temporary but quitting is forever, and no matter how slow you go, you are still lapping everybody on the couch." said Jeannie.

When asked why it is important to be a Chamber Ambassador, Jeannie replied, "It's important for me to be a Chamber Ambassador so I can get out in this awesome community that I love so much, to meet others in the community and let them know they have our support. It is also important to me to get together and meet other Chamber members and network. In our business we believe "sore today, soar tomorrow," is an appropriate quote for other Chamber members....make the effort to get involved and get connected, it will pay off. When you feel like quitting remember why you started."

Snap Fitness is located at 130 Col. Etheredge Blvd, Suite A. For more information call 936-755-3811, or go to [www.snapfitness.com/gym/huntsville-tx-77340](http://www.snapfitness.com/gym/huntsville-tx-77340)

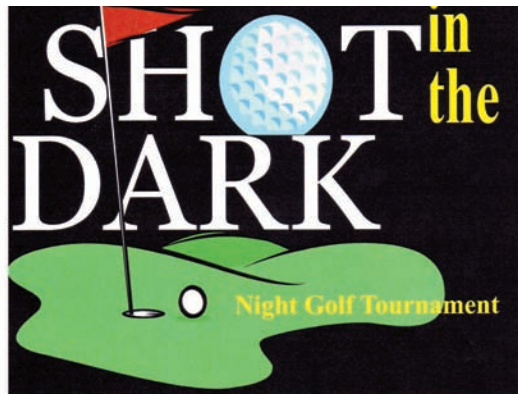
## Prize Patrol Makes Stops All Over

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 May visits made to (1)Ernst Jewelry (2)Facemaker (3) Fabric Carousel (4) The Gallery (5)Lonestar Interiors (6) Farmhouse Cafe. Don't be alarmed if you notice a group of excited individuals entering your business soon with balloons and goodies to share. This is a great way the Chamber is helping to highlight and market our members. For more information on being an Ambassador call the Chamber at 295-8113.





## Presented the



**Friday, May 19, 2017**

*Thanks to the 2017 Shot in the Dark Committee:*

Sam Donnell-Rockin' D Services, Inc. & Rockin' D Nursery  
 April Farquhar-TX Alcohol & Drug Testing  
 Scott Francis, Edward Jones Investments  
 Glenn Green, SHSU  
 John Hendricks, First Financial Bank  
 Marcus Payne, Citizens National Bank  
 Trey Wharton, Wharton Insurance/Investments Network  
 Kyle Whisenhunt, First Financial Bank  
 Dean Choate & Staff, Raven Nest Golf Club  
 Laura Green, Chamber of Commerce -Shot in the Dark Coordinator

**Special Thanks**

*City of Huntsville*  
*Classic Fare Catering-Aramark*  
*Conroe Coca-Cola*  
*Domino's Pizza*  
*Faust Distributing*  
*Huntsville Rental Center*  
*Huntsville Truck & Tractor*  
*Junior Service League*  
*KSAM-FM/104.9 THE HITS*  
*KSTAR Country 99.7*  
*Lonestar Commissary-Tim Calcote*  
*Raven Nest Golf Club*  
*Rockin' D Nursery & Rockin' D Services, Inc.*  
*Sam Houston State University*  
*Schlotsky's*  
*Stevenson Distributing*  
*The Huntsville Item*  
*United Rental*  
*Walker County Ace Hardware*  
*Walker County Sheriff's Office*

*And all our volunteers!! We couldn't do it without them!*

*Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor:*

# TEAM

**DODGE ♦ CHRYSLER ♦ Jeep  
 HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS**



*Thanks to all our Sponsors:*



14th Annual Shot in the Dark Night Golf Tournament  
 The Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce  
 Raven Nest Golf Club, Huntsville, Texas  
 Friday, May 19, 2017  
 -1214-1471 www.mhkgolf.com "Putting the FUN into Fund-Raising!"  
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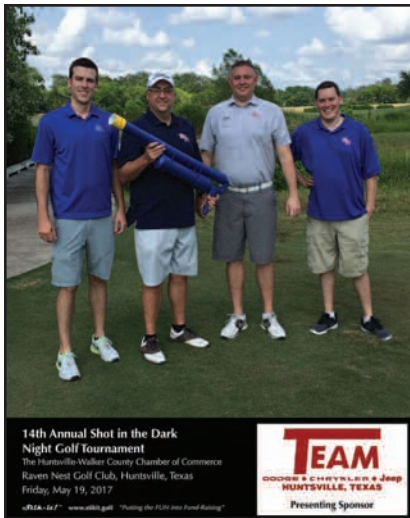
**2017 Shot in the Dark Night Golf Tournament Winners:**  
 Prizes awarded to top 1st and 2nd place teams in both flights

**1st Place: Bill Fick Ford**  
 William Wood, Shane Smith, Mike Macaluso, Brad Warner

**1st Place: Walker County Sherriff's Office**  
 Clint McRae, Steve Fisher, Wayne Jeske, Howard White

**2nd Place: Maverick**  
 Bobby Weeks, John Buller, Chris Chamblee, Chris Proiffitt

**2nd Place: Moak & Moak Attorneys at Law**  
 Jacob Moak, Sam Moak, Cathy Moak, Brandon Batten



*Thanks to our Hole Sponsors!*

**Adams Furniture**  
**Advantage Travel**  
**Bickley, Prescott, Webb & Wells CPA**  
**Bryan Orthodontics**  
**Candyce F. Dixon, CPA**  
**Carriage Inn-Huntsville**  
**Citizens National Bank**  
**Coburn's Supply Company, Inc.**  
**Community Service Credit Union**  
**Domino's Pizza**  
**Double Dave's Pizza**  
**Eagle Graphics/Tough Shirts**  
**Edward Jones Investments-Scotti Castro**  
**Elliott Electric Supply**  
**Haney-Moorman-Paschal, P.C.**  
**HBI Office Solutions, Inc.**  
**Heartfield Florist**  
**K&G Capital Mortgage**  
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**Moak & Moak, PC Attorneys at Law**  
**MRC Creekside**  
**Physical Therapy Associates**  
**Sandel Energy**  
**Tax Express**  
**The Jack Olsta Company**  
**Town & Country Cleaners**  
**TSR Exterior Cleaning**  
**Walker County LP Gas**  
**Wharton Insurance Network**

*Proceeds benefit the  
Huntsville Leadership Institute*

# Ribbon Cutting



## Texpress Urgent Care

**Texpress Urgent Care**- 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](http://www.TexpressUrgentCare.com)



## WELCOME TO Business Marketing Workshop\*

and LUNCH!!

\$10 member/\$30 non-member

Chamber Board Room

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

June 29, 2017

With **THE GROWTH COACH**

**Clint Blinka**

Reservations Required by 6/26/17  
Contact Carol: 295-8113 or 661-9361

\*The Business Marketing Workshop will redefine your marketing strategies to increase sales and drive success. We will provide valuable insight with our proven strategies and help you apply them directly to your business for powerful results. Advantages/benefits: evaluate current marketing reality; develop unique selling proposition; create and implement strategies for marketing success; & improve marketing return on investment. Areas of focus: marketing for growth; marketing for retention; marketing to increase spend; social media basics & tips for success.

**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.

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS MAY

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:**

**Vacations To Live For**- So...where do you want to go? Do you dream of dipping your toes in the sands of the Caribbean? How about a river cruise in Europe? Is Alaska calling? As a travel photographer, I traveled to many places around the globe. Now, I am ready to send you on the journey of your dreams with Vacations To Live For. Land packages/all inclusive resorts/guided tours and more are ready for you. Call Brian today at 936-391-8711, email [bharg@dreamvacations.com](mailto:bharg@dreamvacations.com), or visit [www.vacationstolivefor.com](http://www.vacationstolivefor.com) and start your adventure.

**Amy Cannon-Independent Arbonne Consultant**- The idea to provide skin care products unparalleled in quality and effectiveness developed in Switzerland in 1975, when Petter Morck, together with a group of leading biochemists, biologists and herbalists, fulfilled his vision and founded Arbonne. Arbonne has also led the way in the green arena with pure, beneficial products and cruelty-free formulas. Green is not a destination; it is a continuing journey. If this is what you are wanting out of beauty, health and wellness products, contact Amy Cannon at 936-520-2155, or visit her website at [www.amycannon.arbonne.com](http://www.amycannon.arbonne.com)

**Edward Jones-Scott Francis, Financial Advisor**- As an Edward Jones financial advisor, I believe it's important to invest my time to understand what you're working toward before you invest your money. It's also important to understand the level of risk you're comfortable accepting when investing so we can balance it with the steps necessary to reach your long-term goals. Whether you're planning for retirement, saving for college for children or grandchildren, or just trying to protect the financial future of the ones you care for the most, we can work together to develop specific strategies to help you achieve your goals. For more information stop by my office at 130 Col Etheredge Blvd. Ste D2, or give me a call at (936) 755-8086. You may also visit the website at [www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com) or by email at [www.edwardjones.com/scott-francis](mailto:www.edwardjones.com/scott-francis)

**TX ROE Girls LuLaRoe with Shawna and Stephanie**- "TX ROE Girls LuLaRoe with Shawna and Stephanie is dedicated to selling comfortable, affordable and stylish clothing to everyone ages 2 to 102! Through pop-up boutiques and online opportunities, we create a unique shopping experience that is relaxing, comfortable, and most of all, fun! LuLaRoe production and development that goes into each style, print and design touches the hands of thousands of artists and craftsman around the world. To learn more information about shopping and hosting a pop-up boutique, you can find us at <http://www.facebook.com/txroegirls/> or email us at [txroegirls@gmail.com](mailto:txroegirls@gmail.com)"

**GameXSports**- GameXSports (Game Time Sports) is excited to now be in the Huntsville area. The Lindsey family has been involved in sports their entire life, both playing college baseball and softball. They hope to use the love they have for the game to help your child become the best athlete and respected individual. They offer private lessons, sports camps, cage rentals, facility rentals, boot camps, blacklight camps, birthday parties and holiday fun camps. For more information contact Lauren Lindsey at 979-571-2355 or visit their website at [www.facebook.com/GameXSports](http://www.facebook.com/GameXSports).

**Sport Clips**- At Sport Clips we know you don't think about haircuts 24/7. That's our job. That's why we made Sport Clips, where we specialize in haircuts for men and boys. Sport Clips Haircuts of Huntsville-Market at Ravenwood is like no other place you've ever gotten your hair cut. Sports everywhere. TV's everywhere-playing sports. You might not know the difference between a fade, or a pompadour, but our guy-smart stylists sure do! Trained in all the latest and classic haircuts, they can give you the cut you want, and if you don't know what you want, they can suggest the cut that suits your style. You don't ever need an appointment at Sport Clips, and you will walk out feeling like an MVP. Stop by their location at 193 IH-45, Suite G. Call them for more information at 936-228-9224, or visit their website at [www.haircutmenmarketravenwoodhuntsville.com](http://www.haircutmenmarketravenwoodhuntsville.com)

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**LET Us: Design and Coordination**- Let Us is a Wedding and Event Planning Service. Their mission is to provide clients with reliable, professional, and innovative ways to carry out their events. LET Us focuses on taking the stress off of the client while striving to make their event everything they imagined. LET Us also does social media marketing, website design, and brand management. For more information contact Lexie Stoudt at 936-662-3306, or visit their website at [www.letu-sevents.com](http://www.letu-sevents.com)

**DCB Writers Consultant**- Do you have writing that needs to be done but no time to do it; research that is waiting to get done, or a business website/social media site that needs to be updated and maintained with relevant content? You are in luck, DCB Writer's offer these services and more! At DCB, we strive to take some of the burdens of writing off your busy schedules and at the same time giving your writing needs the professionalism and skill set it needs to get the job done, and done right. Please contact freelance writer, Chase Blosser, a SHSU graduate at 832-439-9327 or email at [chaseblosser@me.com](mailto:chaseblosser@me.com) Also check out their website at [www.dcbwriterconsultant.com](http://www.dcbwriterconsultant.com)

**John Young-INTEGRA Insurance Services**- John Young - Integra Insurance is located in Huntsville, Texas. We strive to build a strong, lasting relationship with our clients and our goal is to serve each client by helping them to better protect their assets. We do this by providing an increased understanding and awareness of their overall insurance needs. We offer a full line of insurance products including Personal Auto, Homeowners, RV, Watercraft, Motorcycle, Commercial/Business Insurance, and Life and Health Insurance. As an Integra Partner Agent, we are able to offer you, the insured, more coverage options and better premiums from a number of different carriers. We would love to have you become part of the Integra Family and look forward to doing business with you. Email John at [john@johnyoungintegra.com](mailto:john@johnyoungintegra.com) or call the office (936) 755-8067. You may also visit our website at: <http://www.johnyoungintegra.com>

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## Seminar Schedule June - August, 2017

**1st Step To Starting Your Own Business**  
Tuesday- June 27th from 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.  
FREE - class held at SBDC Computer Lab  
Register online at:  
[www.samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net](http://www.samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net)

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](http://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](http://www.samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net)

# Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **Huntsville Memorial Hospital** for sponsoring the June Chamber Small Business Breakfast. Dr. Parmar, General Surgeon and Chair of Huntsville Memorial Hospital's Robotics Department, hosted the breakfast on June 8th to discuss HMH's newest addition to the surgical team – the daVinci XI surgeon-assisted minimally invasive surgical robot. Bringing this technology to Walker County is part of Huntsville Memorial's commitment to advancing medical care through technology clinical expertise and to care for the community of Walker County and surrounding areas.

Dr. Parmar discussed the advantages for patients such as:

- Shorter hospital stay • Less blood loss • Fewer complications • Less need for narcotic pain medicine • Faster recovery time • Minimal scarring

Dr. Parmar also discussed the different areas that the daVinci Surgical System is used in:

- Gynecology • Urology • Thoracic • Cardiac • General surgery

Huntsville Memorial Hospital and Dr. Parmar are truly thrilled to be a leader in this field and look forward to continue bringing Walker County and surrounding areas minimally invasive surgical options.



Pictured is Dr. Parmar, General Surgeon

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4**  
5:30 - 8:30 P.M. \* SHSU LSC BALLROOM

**DIVA NIGHT**  
*Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*

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

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# business after hours

Thanks to **3 Spoons Yogurt** for sponsoring and hosting the May Chamber Business After Hours. 3 Spoons Yogurt is family owned and operated by the Carter family. Carter Enterprises currently owns 50 restaurants all across Central and East Texas. The family desires to be a part of the community where they are located. Community Relations Representative Carrie Rose shared, "The Carters are genuine in their desire to offer a great product while giving back to the community that support them as well. They never want to become so big that they lose the "hometown" feel."

Carrie also shared "3 Spoons Frozen Yogurt will help you stay cool in the hot summer Texas heat! We have several delicious varieties every day including toppings to help you create a tasty treat designed just for you! We alternate flavors every two weeks depending on popularity but we always have two sugar free options."

"Remember we offer gift cards for purchase to give someone special a sweet treat for birthdays, employee recognition, customer appreciation, graduations, etc. In addition, 3 Spoons Yogurt provides catering for church events, staff meetings/parties, teacher appreciation...the options are endless!"

"3 Spoons can help you fundraise for your events. The profit share program is ideal for organizations, sports teams, churches, etc who want to partner with us to promote their cause. All you have to do is pick a day and help promote sales and the Carter family will generously give back 25% of the sales that mention your cause."

3 Spoons Yogurt is located at 1524 11th Street, Suite B in Huntsville. Hours are 12 noon to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and Friday- Saturday opens from 12 noon - 11 p.m. You may also find out more about the Carter Family Enterprises through Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/CarterEnterprises>.



Pictured are 3 Spoons employees along with Community Relations Representative Carrie Rose

**43rd Annual FAIR on the SQUARE**

**HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS**

**Saturday, October 7th! 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**FREE ADMISSION to the FAIR**

- ★ 350+ Booths
- ★ Food Court
- ★ Live Entertainment
- ★ Kids Korner
- ★ Beer Garden
- ★ Wine Tasting
- ★ Classic Cars

**only \$10 WINE KNOT**

Fair on the Square

Saturday, October 7th!  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

come see us!

**Wine? Why not at the Wine Knot!**

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

**PRE-FAIR CONCERT**

**FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 6**

Gates Open 8:00 p.m.

**FREE CONCERT**

**VENDOR REGISTRATION BEGINS END OF JUNE**

Call 936-295-8113 or email [chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us](mailto:chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us)

# Your 2017 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

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Carol Sullivan, Chairman of the Board .....Community Service Credit Union  
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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](mailto: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

### JUNE

20 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber  
 20 Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 am @ Anytime Fitness Center, 2416 Sam Houston  
 22 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber  
 22 New Member Showcase, 5:15-6:15 pm @ HEARTS Veterans Storm Shelter/Conference Center  
 27 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber  
 27 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber- 10:30 am  
 29 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber  
 29 Business Marketing Seminar/Clint Blinka, 11:00 am-1:00 pm @ Chamber  
 30 Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 am @ Firestone's New Location, 201 IH-45 N

### JULY

4 Chamber Office Closed for July 4th Celebration  
 6 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @  
 12 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 am @ Chamber  
 13 Small Business Breakfast, 7:30 am @ Golden Corral sponsored by The Chamber  
 18 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber  
 18 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Holiday Inn Express  
 20 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber, Thursday Leads @ TBA  
 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 @ Boys and Girls Club, 119 FM 980

## Community Calendar of Events

### JUNE

19 9:00 am-1:30 pm Region VI Blood Drive @ 3332 Montgomery Drive  
 19 thru 23rd 8:00 am-5:00pm Animation Creation Camp @ SHSU Department of Art  
 20 thru July 28th 10:00 am and 2:00 pm Guided Tours @ Sam Houston Mem. Museum  
 25-29 Jr. High/High School Orchestra Camp @ SHSU Fine Arts  
 28 9:00 am-11:00am Bear Bend Wednesday Pioneer Skills @ Bear Bend Cabin

### JULY

4 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm fireworks begin 4th of July Celebration @ Kate Barr Ross Park  
 5 9:00 am, 9:30 am, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Bear Bend Wednesday Nature Walk @ Bear Bend Cabin  
 5th thru Aug. 27 Mudcats & Dogtrots: A Reprisal Exhibit Gallery @ Walker Education Center  
 9-13 Art Educators' Summer Studio Intensive @ SHSU Dept. of Art  
 12 9:00 am-11:00 am Bear Bend Wednesday Flower Pounding & Tin Punching @ Bear Bend Cabin  
 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