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*The Huntsville-Walker
County Chamber of
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Walker County*

November 2017



The 2017 Youth Leadership Institute

Member Spotlight...



Welcome New Members:

- Tech ER
- Farmers Insurance-David Ross
- Guild Mortgage Company
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- Main Street Medical Clinic
- J. Philip Gibbs, Jr. Centre for the Performing Arts
- Gullo Yamaha Motorsports & Marine
- Madison Construction, L.P.

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CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

YOU SIMPLY MUST GO BY TO VISIT THE NEW HEB STORE!! It is beautiful and the staff is wonderful. The store hosted key personnel from around Walker County and the Chamber provided a Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, November 14 AND then the store opened to the public on Wednesday, November 15!!

Time is passing so quickly!! Listen carefully...you will

hear & feel the holiday season quickly arriving. I don't know about you, but this is my all time favorite season of the year. Not only have we gotten some relief from the summer heat, but real hints appear weekly to remind us that winter is headed our way. Crisp, cool days are wonderful when a sweater is just perfect. The beautiful colors this time of year are popping up everywhere, both indoors and out. Vibrant orange and yellow leaves are beginning to adorn trees throughout the community, pumpkins are in abundant supply, family and friends are chatting about Thanksgiving plans, and many of us are launching the daunting task of Christmas shopping.

Our special annual celebration, the Chamber Gala, is set for Friday, December 8th in the LSC Ballroom on the SHSU campus. The evening will begin with a 6:30 pm reception and silent auction, followed by dinner and program at 7:30 pm. This year's event will be a fun celebration of 83 years of benefitting businesses. Plan to arrive early, as the silent auction is a great place to get a head start on your holiday shopping! The tables are quickly filling up, so be sure to call the Chamber at 295-8113 to reserve yours. The Gala is always the highlight of the chamber year, and once again

promises to be a fun-filled evening, with something for everyone.

We will be honoring the 2017 Chamber Chair, Carol Sullivan as she passes the gavel to incoming Chair Scott Francis. Some Chamber Board members will be recognized for their tenure as they retire off the board, as we also welcome several new ones.

Dr. Mary Frances Park is honored through our Scholarship Fund in her name. You will be pleased to know that a portion of the auction proceeds go to this fund; and, you may also make additional donations to this scholarship that is awarded annually to a student attending SHSU.

The many achievements to be recognized at the Gala are a fun surprise to all. You will want to attend to help celebrate with these individuals. A special announcement of the evening will be the recognition of the "Mance Park Lifetime Achievement Award". The chamber is proud to recognize the legacy of the Mance & Mary Francis Park family's involvement and commitment to our community. Last year we recognized George Miles.

The "Ed Sandhop Community Development Award" was established in 2010 to honor Mr. Sandhop, who gave much of his adult life to the betterment of this community. The Chamber can't say "thank you" enough to Ms. Genevieve for sharing her husband with Huntsville and Walker County in so many ways. In presenting this award for the seventh time last year, the Chamber recognized Jane Monday for her many contributions and commitment to this community. We sincerely look forward to seeing you there...indeed, we have much to celebrate!!

Thanks for being great chamber members and supporters of this community!!

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

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Member Spotlight...

McCaffety Electric has been serving customers for 55 YEARS! Owners Rob & Frankie McCaffety and Pam Barnes shared, "McCaffety Electric was started in 1962 with only a truck and a few tools. We have grown to be a successful family owned company who employs 70-80 electricians and two fully staffed offices. We are a true family owned company. Our corporate headquarters is located at 1711 Sycamore Avenue in Huntsville, Texas and our second location at 1610A North Frazier in Conroe, Texas. We stand ready to serve you with our highly trained staff."

McCaffety Electric can help you with your commercial or residential projects, new construction or repairs, lighting or electrical material. "We are prepared to offer our expertise to fulfill all of your lighting and electrical needs. We also offer the services of our engineering department for design/build projects. We are licensed and HUB certified by State of Texas, as well as bonded and insured."

Rob, Frankie and Pam are proud to own a company that continues to value customer service and continues to provide a great experience for their customers. "Reputations are developed over long periods of time, reflecting how a company responds and performs and how a job is completed. For over 50 years, McCaffety Electric has worked hard building a reputation of excellence. Whether during the planning, design or construction phase, our clients have come to expect our commitment to quality. Our sense of teamwork and open communication reinforces the partnership of clients, architects, contractors and designers."

For more information visit one of their stores, or call the Huntsville location at 936-295-2831 or Conroe location at 936-539-5411. You can also check them out online at www.mccaffetyelectric.com



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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville Sept 2017	Walker Co. Sept 2017	Texas Sept 2017	U.S. Sept 2017	Huntsville Sept 2016	Walker Co. Sept 2016	Texas Sept 2016	U.S. Sept 2016
Total Labor Force	11,783	23,395	13,499,113	161,049,000	11,925	23,937	13,359,661	159,636,000
Total Employed	11,199	22,577	12,955,476	154,494,000	11,217	22,613	12,712,681	151,977,000
Total Unemployed	584	1,018	543,637	6,556,000	708	1,324	646,980	7,658,000
Percent Unemployed	5.0%	4.3%	4.0%	4.1%	5.9%	5.5%	4.8%	4.8%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	% Change
Building Residential	642,900	1,102,123	-0.42%
Commercial Building	4,670,001	670,800	5.96%
Certificate of Compliance	-0-	25.00	-0-
Other	662,170	21,154,993	-0.97%
TOTAL	5,975,071	22,927,941	-0.74%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	Nov. 2017	Nov. 2016	% Change	2017 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	964,904.42	813,453.67	18.61%	8,371,792.02	7,286,821.44	14.88%
New Waverly (1.5%)	53,487.29	38,248.08	39.84%	473,410.33	409,523.22	15.60%
Riverside (1.5%)	14,468.51	13,476.61	7.36%	133,983.16	131,746.91	1.69%
Walker County (.5%)	376,237.61	312,520.28	20.38%	3,449,041.45	2,998,176.64	15.03%

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>)



Seminar Schedule

November - December, 2017

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Reasonable accommodations
for persons with disabilities
will be made if requested at
least one week in advance.



On behalf of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and staff, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving holiday! May you all be blessed during this season of giving and thanks!



RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

SEARS Appliance and Hardware

HISD-Huntsville Elementary

HISD-Sam Houston Elementary

Davis Construction Company

Carr, Riggs, & Ingram LLC

The Divas Duvita

Jukebox Etc.

Crossin Moving Company

Sierra Classic Homes

Huntsville Church of Christ

Direct Solutions

American Civil Engineering Svcs., LP

Tractor Supply

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.**

Save the Date

Coming Soon

Business Expo 2018

March 1st, 2018 at the Walker County Fairgrounds

Ribbon Cuttings



Scott Francis-Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Scott Francis-Edward Jones Financial Advisor- Celebrated his Ribbon Cutting with friends, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on October 3, 2017. 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 his office at 130 Col Etheredge Blvd., Suite D2, or give him a call at 936-755-8086. You may also visit his website at www.edwardjones.com/scott-francis



Board & Brush Creative Studio Huntsville

Board & Brush Creative Studio Huntsville- Chamber Members and Ambassadors celebrated their Ribbon Cutting on October 12, 2017. Their goal is to encourage you to understand and appreciate the beauty of raw materials. They offer a wide variety of hands-on experiences from workshops, private parties, corporate events, and fundraisers. Stop by their location at 3011 Hwy. 30 West, Suite 306, or give them a call at 936-438-3286. Also, check out their website at www.boardandbrush.com/huntsville



Duke's Home Inspections, PLLC

Duke's Home Inspections, PLLC- celebrated their Ribbon Cutting on October 19, 2017 with Chamber Members and Ambassadors. They are a locally owned home & commercial inspection business, that includes Commercial Inspections, Home Maintenance Inspections, Listing Inspections, New Construction Inspections and more. For more information, contact them at 936-439-5003, or visit their website at www.dukeshomeinspections.com



Tech-ER

Tech-ER- Celebrated with employees, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors their Ribbon Cutting on October 25, 2017. With over 25 years experience repairing and servicing all brands of computers and cell phones, they provide prompt, friendly service. Home or Business, if you can't come to us, we can come to you! For more information, contact Joe or Michael at 936-439-6768, or stop by their location at 1402 Sam Houston, Suite B.

2017 Gala Auction Items

Auction Sponsored by: American Civil Engineering Services, L.P.

1. Decorative Cabinet *donated by:* Adams Furniture
2. Top Golf Gift Card - \$250 value. May be used for play, food and beverage *donated by:* Air Handlers HVACR-Lynn & Twilia Killingsworth
3. 2018-2019 Curriculum for one student - \$450 value *donated by:* Alpha Omega Academy
4. FOOD TRUCK Crawl! Gift Certificates to several Food Trucks in Huntsville *donated by:* Arnaud's, Fat Boys, Sweet Dough, Swinters Snocones& Taco Mania
5. Handmade Custom Knife-7 3/4" Stainless Steel, Ram Horn Handle, Leather Cross Draw Sheath *donated by:* B.K. Knives-By: Bruce & Tracy Klawinski
6. Basketfull of Backwoods Candle Products *donated by:* Backwoods Candle Company-Amanda Wallace
7. America & Beyond Clutch, 2 Koozies AND a \$50 Gift Card! *donated by:* Barbwire Barbie Boutique
8. "Backyard BBQ" Treat family/friends to a backyard barbeque for 20 *donated by:* Bennie J's Smoke Pit
9. \$20 Gift Card & SHSU Sweatshirt, Ultra Tumbler, Koozie *donated by:* Barefoot Campus Outfitters
10. Private Wine Tasting Tour for 20 to Bernhardt Winery *donated by:* Bernhardt Winery
11. \$100 Gift Card PLUS a Pamper Yourself Basket *donated by:* Buttercup Cottage
12. 2 Night All Inclusive Package for Family of 4. Includes hotel lodging, meals, & usage of lakes/pools/hiking trails. *donated by:* Camp Allen Conference & Retreat Center
13. Christmas Wreath *donated by:* Carra Signature Floral
14. Movie Passes & Basket *donated by:* Cinestar Cinema Huntsville
15. Milwaukee Heated Hoodie *donated by:* City Electric
16. Yeti 2 Quart Roadie Cooler *donated by:* Coburn's Supply Company
17. Pandora Christmas Bracelet *donated by:* Ernst Jewelers, Inc.
18. Hand crafted Bluebonnet Tea Urn *donated by:* Etta Jean's Pout House
19. Manicure & Pedicure from Expert Nails *donated by:* Expert Nails
20. Kendra Scott Necklace, Earring & Ring set *donated by:* Farm Gypsies-Farmhouse Funk & Junk
21. 4-\$25 Gift Certificates to Farmhouse Café *donated by:* Farmhouse Café
22. One Dessert of your choice each month for 5 months *donated by:* Farmhouse Café
23. Shiner Bock Metal Star Sign *donated by:* Faust Distributing
24. Miller Lite - Crawfish Boil Lighted Sign *donated by:* Faust Distributing
25. Pkg 1 - One Week Day Camp - Kindergarten-6th grade student summer 2018 session; *donated by:* Forest Glen Christian Camp
26. Pkg 2 - One Week Day Camp - Kindergarten-6th grade student summer 2018 session; *donated by:* Forest Glen Christian Camp
27. Beveled Edge Mirror; *donated by:* Gardner Glass Products
28. Beveled Edge Mirror; *donated by:* Gardner Glass Products
29. Wine Basket *donated by:* H.E.B.
30. 4 Houston Rockets Tickets- Rockets vs. Phoenix Suns on Sunday, January 28th at 2:30. at the Toyota Center *donated by:* HBI Office Solutions, Inc.
31. One Night stay for 2 at the Hodge Podge Lodge in Montgomery, \$50 VISA Gift Card for dinner or spending *donated by:* Hodge Podge Lodge & Preferred Partners
32. Grinch Glass Block Light & \$50 Gift Card *donated by:* Homegrown Marketplace
33. iFLY High Flying Adventure *donated by:* iFLY Indoor Skydiving in The Woodlands
34. 4 PREMIUM All Day Passes to inSpire ROCK! *donated by:* inSpire Rock
35. University of Texas Canvas Print *donated by:* Jim & Gerda Sessions
36. Large Gold Corbel *donated by:* Jim & Gerda Sessions
37. Framed Abstract Print *donated by:* Jim & Gerda Sessions
38. Black & White Prints (2) *donated by:* Jim & Gerda Sessions
39. Framed Art *donated by:* Jim & Gerda Sessions
40. Old Timer Limited Edition Gift Set *donated by:* Judge Mark Holt
41. SHSU Men's Nike Polo shirt, Flag, Ceramic Tumbler, Camelback Water Bottle, Coffee Mug and Ornament *donated by:* Kampus Korner Bookstore
42. Cozumel Necklace from Premier Jewelry *donated by:* Karen Denman-Premier Independent Consultant
43. Scentsy Basket with warmer, room spray wax and more! *donated by:* Make your home or office smell fabulous! *donated by:* Karen Denman-Scentsy Independent Consultant
44. One Night Stay in a Tower Suite at La Torretta Resort on Lake Conroe and round of golf for 2 Players! *donated by:* La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa
45. Wood & Metal Wall Hanging Cabinet for a Coffee or Wine Bar & Bottle of Wine/2 Glasses *donated by:* Lisa's Gift Box
46. Wine basket, including 2 Wine Glasses, 2 Bottles of Wine, Wine Stopper and T-shirts *donated by:* Lone Hen Winery
47. 3 Course Chef's Special Menu for 2 at the Fork & Spoon Dining Room *donated by:* Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards
48. \$50 Gift Certificate for MARJI's Cosmetics & Travel Bag *donated by:* MARJI LLC, Skin Care & Cosmetic Studio
49. America & Beyond Golden Haze Bag AND \$25 Gift Certificate *donated by:* McAdams Dry Goods
50. Private Wine Tasting Tour for 10 *donated by:* Messina Hof Winery & Resort
51. Messina Hof Winery & Resort Gift Basket *donated by:* Messina Hof Winery & Resort
52. Kitty Cat Wreath *donated by:* McGilberry Mechanical Heating & Cooling
53. Puppy Dog Wreath *donated by:* McGilberry Mechanical Heating & Cooling
54. 4 Tickets to the Woodlands Children's Museum AND Gingerbread House Workshop (Dec. 13th or Dec. 16th), 4 Tickets to the Ice Rink at the Woodlands AND \$50 Gift Card to the Cheesecake Factory *donated by:* Moak & Moak, Attorneys at Law & Spectrum Events
55. Pampered Chef Muffin Pan, Cookie Sheet and Rolling Cookie Cutter and more! *donated by:* Tracy Stoudt, Pampered Chef Independent Consultant
56. Ever After Necklace & Earring Set from Park Lane Jewelry *donated by:* Park Lane Jewelry-Rosie Ledezma
57. Ivoireir Necklace from Park Lane Jewelry *donated by:* Park Lane Jewelry-Rosie Ledezma
58. Raising Canes cooler, gift cards,etc *donated by:* Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
59. Round of Golf for 4 with cart-Take your friends or family! *donated by:* Raven Nest Golf Club
60. Here Kitty Kitty Cat Basket including a feline adoption certificate or spay/neuter for a pet you already have! *donated by:* Rita B. Huff Humane Society
61. Man's Best Friend Dog Basket including a canine adoption certificate or spay/neuter for a pet you already have! *donated by:* Rita B. Huff Humane Society
62. Taste of Huntsville Package 1 *donated by:* Bahama Bucks, Patio Café on the Square, Pita Pit, Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
63. Taste of Huntsville Package 2 *donated by:* Bahama Bucks, Patio Café on the Square, Pita Pit, Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
64. Cater Your next party or lunch meeting with Schlotzskys sandwiches, salads, pizzas and MORE! \$250 gift certificate *donated by:* Schlotzskys
65. Santa's Wonderland - Tickets for Family of 4 for Hayride & Santa's Town in College Station; *donated by:* Scott A. Logan, DDS
66. Basketful of Sam Houston State University Goodies and MORE! *donated by:* SHSU Division of Student Affairs
67. Houston Ballet Nutcracker 2 tickets for Saturday, December 30th at 2:00 p.m. at the Hobby Center-Orchestra Center PLUS a \$75 Visa Card for Dinner *donated by:* Sims Dentistry, PLLC
68. Bud Light - Official Sponsor of the NFL Neon Sign *donated by:* Stevenson Distributing
69. ALL ABOARD THE POLAR EXPRESS! Take a train ride to the North Pole on the Polar Express. Tickets for 2 adults/2 children, Sunday, December 13th at 3:30 Depart from Texas State Railroad in Palestine Package includes hot chocolate, sugar cookies and sleigh bell for each child and visits from Santa! Also included The Polar Express book and keepsake ornament *donated by:* Summit Christian Academy
70. 10 Oil Changes from Team Dodge & Carwash Products. Excludes Diesel *donated by:* Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep
71. Richard Petty Racing Experience...Ride Along in a 2 Seat Indy-Style Race Car! good at Texas Motor Speedway or any course you choose, date is open for your convenience! *donated by:* Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep
72. Richard Petty Racing Experience...Ride Along in a 2 Seat Indy-Style Race Car! good at Texas Motor Speedway or any course you choose, date is open for your convenience! *donated by:* Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep
73. MONSTER JAM Tickets- 2 for Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at NRG Stadium. Seats are lower level *donated by:* Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep
74. Screen Repair; value \$150 each *donated by:* Tech ER-Joe Whitehead
75. Computer Virus Cleanup; value \$65 each *donated by:* Tech ER-Joe Whitehead



76. Handcrafted Mesquite and Walnut Cane **donated by:** Terry Ramback-Black Creek
77. Texas Flag flown over the Texas State Capitol on July 4, 2017 **donated by:** Texas State Senator Charles Schwertner
78. Certificate to the Facemaker for Haircut and 1 Hour Massage. **donated by:** The Facemaker Spa & Salon
79. Shen Yun Performance at Jones Hall in Houston 2 Tickets Wednesday, December 27th; 7:30 p.m. and \$25 Gift Card to The Cheesecake Factory **donated by:** The Story Team-Dale & Donna Story & The Cheesecake Factory
80. Rocking Bull handcrafted by prison offender **donated by:** The Texas Prison Museum
81. \$50 Gift Certificate AND a Tickled Pink Gift Basket **donated by:** Tickled Pink Gifts
82. Complete Tuxedo Rental-Tuxedos By Al's Formal Wear. Includes tuxedo, vest, tie & shoes; \$150 value
donated by: Town & Country Cleaners
83. \$75 Gift Certificate to Town & Country Cleaners. Valid for laundry and/or dry cleaning. 2 convenient locations **donated by:** Town & Country Cleaners
84. Premier 1800 Collection Ultra Soft Sheets **donated by:** Triple "S" Soft Silky Sheets
85. LulaRoe outfit-Let The TX ROE Girls Style You! **donated by:** TX ROE Girls LulaRoe with Shawna & Stephanie
86. Ladies Basket includes several lotions, bath soaps and salts & MORE! **donated by:** Walker County ACE Hardware-Classy Country Corner
87. Man's Toolbox includes Yeti items, food items and hunting items! **donated by:** Walker County ACE Hardware
88. Mr. Buddy Portable Heater & \$ propane canisters **donated by:** Walker County LP Gas
89. Famed American Flag **donated by:** Ward Furniture & Flooring
90. Mark Roberts custom arrangement **donated by:** Kim's Garden Center
91. Round of Golf for 4, Titleist Golf Balls and Hat **donated by:** Elkins Lake Golf Club
92. 2 Aztec Blankets **donated by:** Jim & Melissa Hodges-HBI Office Solutions, Inc
93. **LIVE AUCTION #901** Romantic Getaway for 2 to Fredericksburg. 2 Nights at Cotton Gin Village Cabin and Gift Certificate to the Cabernet Grill PLUS \$125 Gift Card for Spending! AND a Texas Hill Country Cuisine Cabernet Grill Cookbook autographed by Chef Ross Burtwell **donated by:** Community Service Credit Union-Carol Sullivan & Edward Jones Investments-Scott Francis 2017 Chamber Chair and 2018 Chamber Chair Elect!!!
94. **LIVE AUCTION #902** Explore Moody Gardens Festival of Lights, Plus Iceland, Hotel and \$100 Gift Card for spending! Package includes 1 Night-2 Days for a Family of 4. Includes 4 two-day passes*, Valet parking. *The two-day passes include a one time entrance into ICELAND, Festival of Lights and unlimited access for 2 consecutive days to all the other exciting Moody Gardens Attractions Aquarium, Discovery Museum, Colonel Paddlewheel Boat, Ropes Course, Rainforest, Sponge Bob SquarePants, 3D Theater, 4D theater **donated by:** Bryan Orthodontics-Sammy Bryan, DDS, PA & LearningRx-Lisa Branch
95. **LIVE AUCTION #903** Promote Your Business Package Wisely! One Full Page Full Color ad in the Huntsville Item, \$500 in Radio Advertising on KSAM-FM 101.7, \$500 in Radio Advertising on 104.9 The Hits, \$2000 in Radio Advertising on K-Star Country 99.7 Featured in "It's Your Business" video for K-Star News Social Media, Quarter page Full Color ad in the Postcards Piney Woods Edition and Lake Conroe Edition, 1000 Custom Full Color Double Sided Business Cards, Full Color Page in the Walker County Press, 4 ft x 8 ft Full Color Banner, 5 Double Sided Full Color Yard Signs w/Stakes, A Chamber Email Blast- one per quarter for a year , 1 Hour One on One Business Coaching from The Growth Coach of the Woodlands **donated by:** Extreme Signs & Rigging, The Huntsville Item, KSAM-FM 101.7&104.9 The HITS , K-Star Country 99.7, Postcards Magazine-Pinewoods and Lake Conroe, Texas Media, The Growth Coach of The Woodlands-Clint Blinka , Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce
96. **LIVE AUCTION #904** Mudbug Party! *Deluxe 30 Quart Aluminum Pot w/Strainer Basket, Outdoor Cooker Stand & Single Propane Jet Burner *38 lb. Sack of Crawfish, Package of Boil, 5 lb. Bag of Potatoes, 8 Count of Corn and Liquid Butter AND *\$100 Gift Certificate to Best Catch for MORE crawfish or shrimp AND \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Certificate for extras! *30 pack of Miller Lite & Coors Light AND * Miller Lite Wooden Cooler **donated by:** Best Catch Seafood, Faust Distributing, Home Depot, Preferred Partners
97. **LIVE AUCTION #905** GIRLS NIGHT OUT! Ladies Retreat at the Hodge Podge Lodge in Montgomery! Overnight stay for up to 6 people, breakfast delivered AND \$100 VISA Gift Card for spending while you are there! **donated by:** McGilberry Mechanical Heating & Cooling, Inc. & Tyler McCaffety- K&G Capital Mortgage
98. **LIVE AUCTION #906** Coushatta-Louisiana's Best Bet!!! Overnight Stay at the Seven Clans Hotel for 2 guests, Dinner for 2 at the Seven Clans Buffet and \$250 cash! **donated by:** Community Service Credit Union and Coushatta Casino Resort

Gala Sponsors

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Key Member Award



Warm Welcome Award



Small Business of the Year Award



Mance Park Lifetime Achievement Award



Director of the Year Award



Edwin G. Sandhop, Jr. Spirit of Huntsville Award



Community Service Award



Ambassador of the Year Award



Outstanding Service Award



Community Service Award

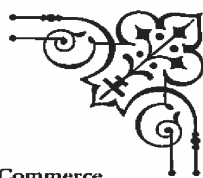
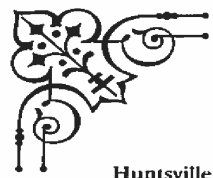


Retiring Board Members



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Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce

2017 Annual Gala

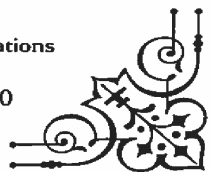
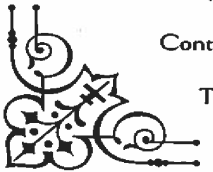
We will honor 2017 Chairman Carol Sullivan
and celebrate the arrival of 2018
with Chair Elect Scott Francis

Friday, December 8, 2017
Lowman Student Center Ballroom
Sam Houston State University



Reception/Silent Auction 6:30 p.m.
Dinner/Live Auction/Program 7:30 p.m.
Auction Proceeds support the
Mary Frances Park Scholarship Fund

Contact the chamber for reservations
295-8113
Tickets \$55 Table of 8 \$440
After Five Attire



WELCOME OUR NEW OCTOBER 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:**

Tech ER- Tech-ER is your one stop shop for all of your computer and cell phone repairs. "At Tech-ER we provide prompt, friendly service from our expert technicians. We have over 25 years of experience repairing and servicing all brands of computers and cell phones. Home or business, if you can't come to us, we can come to you." Call Joe and Michael at 936-439-6768 or come by 1402 Sam Houston Ave Ste B for all your computer and cell phone needs. "We will meet or beat all of our competition."

Farmers Insurance-David Ross- Offers a range of insurance products that include Auto, Home, Life, Business insurance and more. With over 12 years experience in the insurance industry, they focus on customer service. David's goal is to be attentive to every customer's needs when it matters most. Stop by the office located at 325 State Hwy. 75 N, Suite A, or give David a call at 936-438-8898. Also, visit the website at Agents.Farmers.com/Dross6.

Guild Mortgage Company-The Taylor Team is an industry leading Direct lender who has helped thousands of local home buyers and owners make sound financial decisions for buying, refinancing, and building. Whether you are a first time home buyer or a seasoned buyer, the Taylor Team will carefully assess your personal and financial objectives, match that to your credit and financial profile and get the loan best suited for you and your family. As a Direct Lender, the Taylor Team's Processing, Underwriting, and Servicing Team all work together locally to help ensure we provide every client with an exceptional experience. For more information: Office: 936-755-1934 email: taylorteam@guildmortgage.net Website: www.guildmortgage.com/derektaylor

myownplace.me- Myownplace.me leases select town homes, condominiums, and apartments in Huntsville. "We own these places and take care of them as if we lived in them ourselves. With 30 years experience in Huntsville, we pride ourselves on excellent maintenance and responsiveness to our tenants. Our homes are private and quiet with designated parking and close to the center of town and Sam Houston State University. We appeal to graduate assistants, faculty, coaches, professionals, retirees, serious students and others who want to get their own place. We offer washers and dryers in every home as well as free internet and TV. See us on line, then call, text, or email for further information. Natalie Love at 936-730-6331 or Bill Miller at 936-577-6090. Welcome home to your own place."

Main Street Medical Clinic- Provides exceptional and personalized medical care to all patients. Patients can find treatment for all areas of Internal Medicine including all adult diseases, urgent care, and wellness physicals. Dr. Jafri and his staff are dedicated to every patient's well-being and continually strive for the highest quality of care and service. For more information, contact their office at 936-436-9098, or stop by their location at 521 IH-45, Suite 2B. You may also visit their website at: www.mainstreetclinics.com

J. Philip Gibbs, Jr. Centre for the Performing Arts - In promoting the arts in the downtown Huntsville area, the theatre hosts music performances, dramatic and musical theatre, dance, film and community events. It is home to the Huntsville Community Theatre and the New Prison City Film Festival, coming March 1st. They welcome everyone to join them as they provide the families and children of our community with quality entertainment and education in the arts. For more information, contact Lauren Edwards, President at 936-293-8681, or visit their website at www.oldtowntheatre-huntsville.org.

Gullo Yamaha Motorsports & Marine- Do you love the outdoors? Enjoying the outdoor living requires the right equipment. A family owned and operated dealership, that carries full lines of new vehicles from Yamaha Motorsports, G3 Boats, and Sun Catcher Pontoons, motorcycles, scooters, ATVs, side x sides, rhinos, viking boats, and watercraft jet ski's and more. They service all surrounding areas and offer pre-owned inventory as well as a Service Center to make any repairs for your equipment. No matter what you are looking for in outdoor sports, or vehicles they have it. Stop by their location at 256 State Hwy. 19, or call 936-295-5175. Also, visit their website at www.gulloyamaha.com

Madison Construction, L.P.- Joined the Chamber on October 4, 2017. For more information you may contact them at 979-268-5520 or visit their website at www.Madison-Construction.com

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 October visits made to (1) Sam Houston Memorial Museum (2) Huntsville Police Department/Kevin Lunsford (3) Walker County District Court/Robyn Flowers (4) City Service Center-Staff (5) Walker County Sheriff's Office/Clint McRae (6) Subway/2821. Don't be alarmed if you notice a group of excited individuals entering your business soon with balloons and goodies to share. This is a great way the Chamber is helping to highlight and market our members. For more information on being an Ambassador call the Chamber at 295-8113.



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Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **Postcards Magazine** for sponsoring the November Chamber Networking Breakfast. Postcards Magazine is owned and published by Altom Consulting and Marketing, Inc., a local full-service advertising agency with decades of experience in advertising, marketing, design and customer service. Company president Karen Altom shared, "Postcards Magazine was designed and created to be a positive force that helps connect community in a unique and fun way."

Postcards Magazine is a monthly publication that distributes 25,000 copies in the Piney Woods edition covering Huntsville, New Waverly, Madisonville, Trinity, Riverside and Midway. They also publish a Lake Conroe edition with distribution in and around Lake Conroe serving Willis, Conroe and Montgomery. More than 97% of all issues are distributed via direct mail with the remaining copies placed in racks in high traffic areas.

Their website PostcardsLive.com hosts all issues online along with an up-to-date calendar of events, searchable stories and even recipes!

If you have any questions or would like more information on advertising in this popular publication, contact advertising@postcardslive.com or email Karen at publisher@postcardslive.com. Karen says, "Our slogan is, 'Community. It's what we do!' and we mean every word." Call us anytime at 936-293-1188.



Pictured are: Front: Linda Perkins, Writer; Claudia Kirkwood, Writer; Kathryn Miles, Delivery Manager Back: Winston Spencer, writer; Karen Altom, Publisher/Owner; Ruth Fields, Writer; Andrea Lee, Writer; Wes Altom, Publisher/Owner.
Not pictured Janet Jones, Account Representative

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• **M.A.S.H. - Wednesday and Thursday, November 29-30** local radio stations **KSAM 101.7** and **104.9 THE HITS** will once again be spending two days in a camouflage tent in order to **MAKE A SMILE HAPPEN (M.A.S.H.)** for the clients of six different local organizations. Stationed in front of Shenanigans/McKenzie's the radio team, along with ATO fraternity and members of the National Guard will collect toys, gifts and food for the less fortunate in our community – all to "make smiles happen" during the holidays. Every year they begin with some HUGE empty tents and by the end of the two days it is overflowing with generous donations. No toy, gift or food item is too small or too large – they just ask that all merchandise be NEW, not used. All food will stock the Good Shepherd Mission and toys and teen gift items will be distributed among SAAFE House, Santa's Helpers of Wesley Memorial and other churches, Huntsville YMCA, HISD Social Services and items for animal needs will be given to the Rita B. Huff Animal Shelter. Every bit of food, merchandise and cash donated is immediately given to the agencies at the end of M.A.S.H. to be distributed to those in need. As long as they last a M.A.S.H. T-shirt is given to anyone with a donation of \$20 or more value. Businesses, clubs, organizations and families ARE ENCOURAGED TO HELP MAKE A SMILE HAPPEN! For info tune in to the stations or call Dee Everett 291-2651

• **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Learning Rx** at their new location, 1719 11th Street-Suite 103. A re-grand opening ceremony is planned for Tuesday, December 19th from 11-5 and a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:30.

business after hours

Thanks to **Global Financial Partners** for sponsoring the October Chamber Business After Hours. Brian Smith, Managing Partner shared, "At Global Financial Partners we have assembled a team of professionals dedicated to helping our clients achieve their goals. We specialize in helping entrepreneurs, medical and professional practitioners and retirees organize their financial junk drawers, reduce overexposure to taxation and investment risk so they can achieve financial freedom and peace of mind for their families."

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Global Financial Partners is located at 1211 Financial Plaza. You may reach them by phone at phone at (936) 294-0201 or toll free at (800) 775-0201, by Fax (936) 436-0178 or on the web at www.FinancialPartner.net.



Pictured are: Paula R. Armstrong – Networking Communications Manager, Murphy W. Smith – Customer Service Manager, Riley W. Smith – Wealth Planning Assistant, Bryan M. Masten – Director of Wealth Planning and Brian B. Smith – Managing Partner

What's Happening!

- **December 8th - Annual Chamber Gala & Auction at the LSC Ballroom. Only a few tables left, call today to reserve yours! Thank you to our: Presenting Sponsor - Wiesner Inc.-Huntsville, Auction Sponsor - American Civil Engineering Services, Dinner Sponsors - Sam Houston State University and Huntsville Memorial Hospital.**
- **Small Business Breakfast- December 14 at Golden Corral, Doors Open at 7:30a.m. Program begins at 8:00 a.m., sponsored by Community Service Credit Union**
- **December 18th-Annual Chamber Christmas Open House. 4:00-6:00, come & go, light refreshments served**
- **Business After Hours-December 21 at 5:15, sponsored by Adams Furniture- located at 30 Hwy 75 North**

Your 2017 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

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OUR MISSION:

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

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Chamber Calendar

NOVEMBER

20-24 Chamber Office closed for Thanksgiving
 28 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 28 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 am @ Chamber
 30 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber

DECEMBER

5 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 7 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Elkins Lake Clubhouse
 8 Chamber GALA @ LSC Ballroom
 12 HLI, Government
 13 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 am @ Chamber
 14 SBB, 7:30 am @ Golden Corral sponsored by CSCU
 18 Chamber Open House, 4:00-6:00 pm @ Chamber
 19 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 19 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ TBD
 19 Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 am for Re-Grand Opening for Learning RX located at 1719 11th St, Suite 103
 21 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 25-1st Chamber Office closed for Christmas

Community Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

25 10:00am-2:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration @ Joshua's Forge
 29-30 29th- 6:00am-9:00 pm, 30th-6:30am-4:00 pm, KSAM 101.7 Make a Smile Happen (M.A.S.H.) Stationed in front of Shenanigans/McKenzie's on 11th St.
 30 6:00 pm Free Old Town Theatre Screening: "Pan's Labyrinth" @ Old Town Theatre, 1021 12th St
 30 8:00pm Dance Spectrum @ Gaertner Performing Arts Center

DECEMBER

1-2 8:00pm Dance Spectrum @ Gaertner Performing Arts Center
 1-2 7:30pm Holiday Concert featuring Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Bands, and Men & Women's Choirs @ Gaertner Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall
 1-2 6:00-9:00pm Journey Through Bethlehem @ Walker County Fairgrounds
 1 7:30pm A Salute to Sinatra starring Dave Halston @ Old Town Theatre
 2 10:00 am-5:00pm Christmas Fair @ Downtown Square
 2 6:30pm Lions Club Christmas Parade @ Downtown Huntsville
 2 10:00am-2:00pm Houston Family Christmas @ Museum Grounds
 2 2:00pm Dance Spectrum @ Gaertner Performing Arts Center
 8 6:30-9:30 pm Chamber Gala @ LSC Ballroom