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Chamber*



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Walker County  
Chamber of  
Commerce is the  
Heart and Voice of  
Walker County*

*October 2016*



**Congratulations to B & D Woodworx for receiving the Best Booth Award at the 2016 Fair on the Square!**

## *Member Spotlight...*



## **Welcome New Members:**

- Daiquiri Beebe-Texas Home Group Realtors
- Liberty Tax Service
- Emblem Properties, LLC
- MBT Lawn Specialist
- Anthem Technology

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**CAROL'S CORNER**



Carol Smith

**WOW!! The 42nd Fair on the Square is now history!!**  
Steaming cups of hot coffee and flash lights were being passed among the Fair on the Square committee assembled in downtown Square eager for the day to dawn. Even though weary from the evening before, the group was excited about the day ahead. Fair on the

Square is a spectacular way to market our community to the enormous crowd that descends each year on our wonderful community. And, to make it even better, many local organizations participate and are able to have great fundraisers. Congrats to Sue Slater and her committee for an exceptional job!! Sue, and husband Danny, along with son Cody have been long time organizers of the annual Fair on the Square. Not only do they have a passion for helping make Huntsville the best it can be, they also love "teamwork" with the many sponsors, volunteers and Chamber staff that come together to make this event the caliber it has become. Many, many positive comments are still being passed along about how great the event turned out. Be sure to see the center section of this publication for photos and additional appreciation to our many supporters. Making sure all Chamber events are beneficial to our members are our staff Gwen Lucas, Lydia Montgomery, Shannon Higbie and Laura Green.

When you hear the word **TEAM**, what pops into your mind's vision? For many, it's "**TEAM...Together Everyone Achieves More**", and that's exactly what it means at the Chamber. By mid-October, when this newsletter hits the streets and mailboxes, the Chamber will be busy with the final quarter of 2016. Several major events are on the horizon and we've barely packed away the last of the spring and summer events. As always, everything we do is planned with **YOU** in mind... where "team" is the primary focus...events to recognize the importance of our existing members...events to provide new members reasons to join us...and events to events communicate what we as a "**team**" can do for our local economy and community as a whole...teamwork!!

In an effort of "**teamwork**" October 11, 5:30 to 7:30 pm was the "State of the City" address. The Chamber, along with the City of Huntsville, planned this community-wide event at the Walker County Storm Shelter to better inform the local residents. Huntsville Memorial Hospital provided hors d'oeuvres and many of the City's divisions had informational booths and representatives. The City Manager gave a great report on the three propositions to be on the ballot, along with other important city issues; so, be "**informed**" and **VOTE!!**

In closing, let me encourage each of you to be part of the "**team**"...make sure to watch for Chamber ballots for new board members; and, exercise your right as an American citizen to vote on all levels of elections coming up on November 3. My challenge for you this month is to be a "**TEAM**" player...be part of helping make Walker County the best it can be!! I hope to see you soon.

Happy Trails, **YOUR** Chamber President,  
Carol Smith

**Member Spotlight...**

**Huntsville Rental Center**

Normally you don't need to rent fine china and a tile stripper or trencher on the same day but thanks to Huntsville Rental Center you could if you had the need!  
Owner, Glen Andrus, purchased the business in 2006 and has been working ever since to be responsive to the needs of customers in this area.



Glen Andrus

One of the things that set Huntsville Rental Center apart from other rental businesses is the breadth of rental options that are available. Some rental companies specialize only in equipment rentals with no party rentals whatsoever. Others will rent tables, chairs and tents with that selection being very limited. Huntsville Rental Center is the only local rental business where you can find everything mentioned previously along with a myriad selection of party planning options. For those who may be planning a wedding or banquet, Huntsville Rental Center offers the rental of china, flatware, glassware, and table linens that can serve 100-120 guests. You will also find options like chafing dishes, coffee urns and champagne fountains. Andrus said, "One thing we run into often are the people that just don't realize we have the china and glassware. They will come in to look at wedding rental items like candelabras and white wedding chairs and then find all of this as well." Other items available are a 16x16 dance floor and tall cocktail tables. "As far as I know, we are the only ones in town to offer these," says Glen. "There are local venues that are carpeted but where someone might like to host a reception or dance and now they can!"

Another popular rental group of items are made for parties. Whether you are looking to host an awesome kids birthday party, a "cool" party for teens or just a fun adult get together or reunion, Huntsville Rental Center probably has what you're looking for. When it comes to party food you'll find your choice of machines that make sno cones, popcorn, cotton candy, nachos and hot dogs. According to Andrus, many of these items are rented in conjunction with inflatables or "moonwalks" as they're commonly known. Ranging from standard bounce houses to water slides and slip 'n' slides, they have 26 inflatables from which to choose. This includes specialty items and interactive games like a bungee run, boxing ring and gladiator ring.

"I think one of the things that sets us apart as a company is our responsiveness. Our mission is to take care of our customers so I prefer to have equipment here that I can haul myself. My goal is to keep it where, if someone calls me and needs a piece of equipment, I can have it sitting at their job site in 30 minutes to an hour. That's not something that many companies are able or willing to do," says Andrus. "We also rent open-type trailers either as stand alones or if you rent equipment and need a trailer to haul it on, we will do that for you at a reduced price."

When asked why he feels Chamber membership is important, Andrus said, "I think it's important to give back to our community and to shop locally as much as possible. Chamber membership allows me to network with other business owners and be aware of what they offer as well as allow me the opportunity to share what I can do for them. We are invested in this community and the Chamber is one of the ways we invest."

**Hornet Pride Flags Flying**

Many of you will remember last year when Huntsville was decked out in "green and white" to show pride for "Hornet Happenings". Well that time is upon us once again and on August 26 you saw them out all over downtown & beyond. Be sure to get yours for home or your business by calling the Chamber @ 295-8113. You can "honor" someone or donate in "memory" of a friend or loved one. Cost on all flags is \$25 to donate for the downtown area; and for your home and/or business location. Let's stand together and let the Hornets know we're all pulling for them!! **STING 'EM HORNETS!!**

**Feel the STING!  
Get a Flag!**



**Seminar Schedule  
September - November, 2016**

**Microsoft Excel 2016**



**Intro to Microsoft Excel - Tues. Oct 18th 6 - 8pm**  
**Advanced Microsoft Excel - Thurs. Oct 27th 6 - 8pm**  
**Data Manipulation - Thurs. Nov 10th 6 - 8pm**

**All hands-on classes - 15 spaces (computers) available - Register Early**

**Low cost - \$20 each class - classes held at SBDC Computer Lab**  
**Register online at: [www.samhoustonsateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net](http://www.samhoustonsateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net)**

**Facility Rental**

Our Meeting/Computer Learning Center facilities can be rented by the day or by the hour. The Computer Learning Center is equipped with desks and Dell OptiPlex workstations featuring flat screen monitors for maximum workspace. Our computers are loaded with the latest software and have high-speed Internet access. We can also customize a training course for your Business. Please contact us for details.

936-294-3737

**What's Happening!**

- **Business After Hours - October 27 5:15p.m.;** hosted & sponsored by HBI Office Solutions Celebrating their 40th Anniversary!
- **Small Business Breakfast- November 10, 7:30a.m.** at Golden Corral sponsored by Walker County Federal Credit Union
- **SAVE THE DATE: Chamber Annual Holiday Open House, Thursday, December 1st, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**
- **Chamber Gala & Auction, Friday, December 9th**



## RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

Snap Fitness	Sara Kelly
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Facemaker Inc.	Facemaker Inc.
Huntsville HISD / Shannon Williams	HISD - Shannon Williams
Program Insurance Group	Huntsville Pet Clinic
The Divas Duvita	Sam Houston Cancer Center
Extreme Signs	Maurice's
Jukebox Etc.	Walker Count Hardware
George's Garage	Affordable Plumbing Co.
Dawson Insurance	Texas
BBVA Compass	Alcohol & Drug Testing
Senior Villages of Huntsville	Edward Jones- Scotti Castro
Newman Printing Company, Inc.	
Montgomery Meadows	

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.

## “NEW” Business & Outdoor Expo

Thursday March 2, 2017

Step up to next level of "Marketing Your Business"

\*Corporate Sponsor(s)

Other Sponsorships Available:

\*Transportation Sponsorship

\*Taste of Huntsville Sponsorship

\*Home & Garden Sponsorship

\*Sports & Outdoors

Call Lydia Montgomery @ Chamber for more info 295-8113!!

**The Chamber V.O.I.C.E.** is a monthly publication that highlights people who are the heart of the Chamber, recognizes the countless volunteers who dedicate their time and talents, gives insight to the endless opportunities to network and connect with others, promotes ideas for involvement from businesses and/or organizations that make up the membership, provides communication to the Huntsville-Walker County community, and keeps you abreast of the events within the chamber and our town.

## Ribbon Cuttings



**Auldwulf Woodcrafts**

**Auldwulf Woodcrafts-** Charles Staggs celebrated his Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Family Members, Chamber Members and Ambassadors on September 1, 2016. A home service company offering everything from minor repairs to complete remodeling, as well as 35+ year's in woodworking experience. For more information, contact Charles at 936-438-3127 or email him at cstags1958@gmail.com



**Custom Construction & Remodeling**

**Custom Construction & Remodeling-** Along with Staff, Family Members, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors, Michael Frazier celebrated his Ribbon Cutting on September 1, 2016. Designing a home can be a daunting task. His commitment to you is to bring you the highest quality of work and to provide a pleasant experience while updating or renovating your home. For more information, give Michael a call at 936-730-6826 and start Building your Dream!



**Jays Automotive**

**Jays Automotive-** celebrated their Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Friends, Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on September 7, 2016. If you are looking for the full-service auto repair shop that will handle all your automotive needs with honesty and integrity give them a call at 936-755-8037, or stop by their location at 517 11th St.



**Inspirational Graphic Design**

**Inspirational Graphic Design-** Diane Prather celebrated her Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Friends, Chamber Members and Ambassadors on September 29, 2016. They offer a wide array of printing services from Wedding programs to Graduations at a reasonable price. For more information call or email owner/operator Diane Prather at 936-994-8239 or email at inspirationalgd@sbcglobal.net.



# FAIR on the SQUARE

## HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS



Billy Hillman & Shane

### 2016 Fair on the Square Sponsors:



- Allegiance Mobile Health
- Alpha Omega Academy
  - Atkinson Toyota
  - Bill Fick Ford
- Boys & Girls Club of Walker County
  - Brookshire Brothers
  - City of Huntsville
- Davis Construction Management
  - Tim Deahl, M.D. FACOG
  - Domino's
  - Easco A/C & Heating
  - Encore at Sam Houston
  - Extreme Signs
- First Financial Bank Huntsville
- First National Bank Huntsville
  - H.E.B.
  - Homegrown Marketplace
  - Huntsville Arts Commission
  - Huntsville Rental Center
    - Jukebox, etc.
  - KSAM 101.7/THE HITS
  - KSTAR Country 99.7
    - LearningRx
    - McCaffety Electric
- Moak & Moak, P.C., Attorneys at Law
  - Pete Johnson Towing
  - Rockin' D Services, Inc.
  - Sherwin Williams
- Smither Company Real Estate
- Smither Family Bed and Breakfast
  - Summit Christian Academy
  - Texas Renaissance Festival
  - The Forum at Sam Houston
- The Wynne Home/Huntsville Arts Commission
  - Unoton Wireless/T-Mobile
    - Wal-Mart
  - Ward Furniture & Flooring
  - Wiesner, Inc.- Huntsville
  - Wilder Dozer Service, Inc.
    - YMCA-Huntsville



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The food at the Fair on the Square is always a crowd

### Special Thanks

- Anthem Productions
  - AT&T
- Boys & Girls Club of Walker County
  - Brookshire Brothers
  - City Electric Supply
  - City of Huntsville
    - City Hall
    - City Hall Cafe
- Community Service Credit Union
  - Conroe Coca-Cola
    - Entergy
    - Extreme Signs
  - Fair Ice Company
  - First Financial Bank
  - First National Bank
    - Fresh Donuts
    - Gibbs Brothers
- HHS Interact Club
  - HLI Class 35
  - Home Depot
  - Huntsville Item
- Huntsville Memorial Hospital
  - Huntsville Main Street
  - Huntsville Police Department
  - Huntsville Public Library
  - Huntsville Rental Center
  - Junior Service League
    - Kampus Korner
      - Kroger
- KSAM 101.7 & KHVL 104.9 The Hits
  - KSTAR Radio
  - McCaffety Electric
  - Oodles Entertainment
  - Rockin' D Services, Inc.



Attendance was large and continuous all day at this year's event. Thanks to everyone who came out!



Huntsville Cruisers-Classic Car Show!



the Barnhill Duo



Lone Hen Winery, one of the 12 Vineyards that were in the Wine Knot Wine Tasting! Thanks to Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville for sponsoring the Wine Knot!



Sims Dentistry from Huntsville Texas!



more than 200 volunteers to keep the Fair on the Square running smoothly.



Enjoying drinks from Wild Bill's Old Fashioned Soda - Dripping Springs, Texas!



Trash Wagon Crew, Rockin' D Services, Inc. and SHSU University 1301 Class kept the Fair clean!!! And a BIG thanks to the City of Huntsville crew who came in and cleaned up following the event!



pleaser!



Kirby's Crafts from Ore City Texas!



Mix It from Shoreacres Texas!



Terry Ramback-Black Creek from Huntsville!

To:

- Sam Houston State University
    - SHSU Delta Ta Delta
  - SHSU Kappa Alpha Order-Gamma Tau
    - SHSU LAE-Delta Chi
    - SHSU School of Nursing
  - SHSU-The Exceptional Men of the Talented Tenth, Inc.
    - TDCJ-Huntsville Unit
    - The Carpet Store
    - Tractor Supply Center
    - United Rentals
  - Walker County Courthouse and Annex
  - Walker County Citizens on Patrol
  - Walker County Fair Association
  - Walker County Sheriff's Office
- & ALL THE SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS!

## 2016 Fair on the Square Committee

Sue Slater-Chairman  
 Laura Green-FOS  
 Coordinator  
 Lisa Branch  
 Diane Balderas  
 John & Kinsey Butler  
 Sam & Dannel Donnell  
 Glenn Green  
 Ben & Bobbie Hamblen  
 Natalie Mimms  
 Sam Moak

Roy Moore  
 Dustin Nance  
 Mona & Michael Peck  
 Cody Slater  
 Danny Slater  
 Michelle Spencer  
 Carol Smith  
 Shannon Higbie  
 Gwen Lucas  
 Lydia Montgomery



## Ambassador Spotlight ~ George Miles, Jr

George Miles Jr. currently works part time as the Marketing and Public Relations Specialist for First National Bank of Huntsville. First National Bank of Huntsville (FNB) is family - owned and is the oldest bank in Huntsville. "I have been with FNB for almost 30 years and in banking for almost 50 years. At the time of my retirement in a full time capacity, I was Executive Vice President for Commercial Lending. My work with FNB has always been extremely satisfying in that it allowed me "up-close and personal" contact with so many wonderful community businesses and individuals."



George Miles, Jr.

Mr. Miles has been involved with the Huntsville Walker County Chamber for many years and has served as our Chairman of the Board in 2010. In addition to his work with the Chamber, Mr. Miles is quite involved in a number of community and civic organizations. As a Sam Houston State University graduate, Mr. Miles has been very involved with many advisory boards for the university over the past several years. He has served as a past President of the Alumni Association and was named a Distinguish Alumnus of Sam Houston State University.

As a Chamber Ambassador Mr. Miles feels he can continue to impact the Huntsville community. "Being an Ambassador member for the Chamber continues to afford me with that same kind of community involvement. I love Huntsville and Walker County and always want the very best for this community and its people. I've always worked toward building relationships and bring people together. I always look forward to our Ambassador visits, as these are the times when we get to "surprise" our members with a personal visit, including cookies and balloons! The chance to visit and chat one-on-one with the people who belong to our Chamber and keep our city humming are priceless. First National Bank of Huntsville is probably one of the longest running members of Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce and I am proud to represent both entities.

Mr. George Miles has been married to his wife Beth, since 1984 and has one son, two stepsons and two granddaughters.

Mr. Miles expressed his heart and passion for the city of Huntsville, "I love not only the people of Huntsville, but the history of the area and what it has meant to the State of Texas and the United States! I'm proud to say I'm a Texan."

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS IN SEPTEMBER

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:**

**Daiquiri Beebe-Texas Home Group Realtors-** Heart and passion is to provide 5-Star customer service. Her clients are #1 priority, and she is not happy until you are HAPPY! Specializing in Residential and Marketing listings, she donates 10% of her net proceeds to a charity of your choice, which gives back to the Community of Huntsville. For more information, contact Daiquiri at 936-870-5276 for your Real Estate needs.

**Liberty Tax Service-** Every year, Americans are faced with the prospect of tax return preparation. Many people try to go it alone, but are finding more reasons to contact a tax consultant like Liberty Tax. Their goal is to provide security, confidence, and protection to you the client. For more information, contact Patty Daniels at 936-291-9757 or stop by their location at 1302 A Sam Houston Avenue.

**Emblem Properties, LLC-** Provides a wide-range of real estate services. Consumers continue to find value in having a real estate professional help them through the home buying and selling process. If you are looking to buy or sell a home, contact Sherri Barrett at 936-439-6630, or stop by their location at 168 Col.Etheredge Blvd., Suite D.

**MBT Lawn Specialist-** Voted number one lawn care company in Walker County, MBT Lawn Specialist focus on providing quality services with the highest levels of customer service. They are a licensed and fully insured firm, offering annual contracts, one-time visits and month-to-month services depending on your needs. In addition to professional lawn maintenance they offer competitive rates for spring and fall clean-ups, planting mulching and maintaining flower beds, planting trees and a host of other services. For more information, contact Derek Forsythe at 936-714-7243.

**Anthem Technology-** Brings a big business approach to small businesses. Licensed by the State of Texas, they specialize in networking and full IT consultations. If you are looking to provide security surveillance for your home, they offer a high quality video security equipment, access control technologies and innovative alarm systems. For more information, contact Kevin Dixon at Toll Free Number 866-994-3968. As your trusted single source IT and Security provider they know how to collaborate, operate and deliver their values to all their clients.

Mark Your Calendars....

# Friday, December 9 2016 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.*

*Past Chairman's Reception hosted bt Dr. Dana Hoyt, SHSU President*

*Corporate Sponsor: Wiesner, Inc. - Huntsville  
Dinner Sponsor: Huntsville Memorial Hospital & Sam  
Houston State University  
Auction Sponsor: CHI St. Luke's Health Emergency  
Center*

### ECONOMIC INDICATORS

#### HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville August 2016	Walker Co. August 2016	Texas August 2016	U.S. August 2016	Huntsville August 2015	Walker Co. August 2015	Texas August 2015	U.S. August 2015
Total Labor Force	11,478	23,035	13,378,918	159,800,000	11,291	22,633	13,047,642	157,390,000
Total Employed	10,723	21,604	12,709,695	151,804,000	10,603	21,361	12,447,603	149,228,000
Total Unemployed	755	1,431	669,223	7,996,000	688	1,272	600,039	8,162,000
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.2%	5.0%	5.0%	6.1%	5.6%	4.6%	5.2%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	September 2016	September 2015	% Change
Building Residential	1,572,975	176,100	0.89%
Commercial Building	23,560,454	1,241,100	0.95%
Certificate of Compliance	0	0	0
Other	188,462	348,358	-0.85%
TOTAL	25,321,891	1,765,558	0.93%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2015	% Change	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	629,396.31	595,922.23	5.61%	6,473,367.77	6,457,381.70	0.24%
New Waverly (1.5%)	37,112.81	35,650.56	4.10%	371,275.14	371,167.84	0.02%
Riverside (1.5%)	10,601.67	10,355.88	2.37%	118,270.30	111,298.17	6.26%
Walker County (.5%)	268,811.19	262,354.94	2.46%	2,685,656.36	2,707,513.54	-0.80%

**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>)

# Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to the **Huntsville Family YMCA** for sponsoring the October Small Business Breakfast. Director Sandra Clifton shared, "The Huntsville Family YMCA has served Walker County since 1986, and is proud to be a part of the YMCA of Greater Houston that has served families since 1886. The Huntsville YMCA cares for over 300 families each day in Walker County and provided \$83,486 in scholarships last year serving 1,076 adults and children."

The YMCA is honored to provide the following services to our community:

- Children's Academy serving infants to PreK
- HISD Afterschool program
- Teen Outreach
- Youth Sports
- Adaptive Sports
- Day Camp
- Health and Wellness classes.

For information on any YMCA program visit their website [www.ymcahouston.org/huntsville](http://www.ymcahouston.org/huntsville) or call 936-295-8009.



Pictured are: Youth Development Director for Teens Dorian Nero and Youth Development Director for Preschool Camp & After School Programs Jacob Giroux

# business after hours

Thanks to **Magnolia Lake** for sponsoring the September Chamber Business After Hours. Owner Ruby Rushing and General Manager/Sales Event Coordinator Shelly Bush shared, "Magnolia Lake really is "A place to celebrate every occasion". Magnolia Lake can handle more than weddings. We do love weddings, but we want you to think of us for any milestone you want to celebrate."

"We cordially invite you out to see the latest renovations of the Lake House. The Lake House has recently been transformed to offer a warm and open atmosphere that is perfect for any occasion. Whether it is a wedding, graduation, prom, baby or bridal shower, we can handle it. Want to take all the hard work out of planning for your next celebration? Enlist Magnolia Lake to do it! From catering, to decorating with custom décor, even the invite list. We are here to help with all your party planning needs. We even handle the dreaded cleanup after your guests have left the party."

"Eleven acres of pure serenity and personalized service will keep you thinking local for your next celebration." Magnolia Lake is a proud member of the Chamber. "We believe it is vital to stay connected to Huntsville and this great community that we are blessed to be a part of."

If you haven't heard of Magnolia Lake, you need to stop by. They are located at 2001 Hwy 30 East Huntsville, TX 77320. Magnolia Lake hours are Monday- Friday 8:00am – 4:00 pm and tours are available by appointment only. For more information call 936-294-0991 and remember...**Magnolia Lake "A place to celebrate every occasion"**



Pictured are: General Manager/ Sales Event Coordinator Shelly Bush and Owner Ruby Rushing

## 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 September visits made to (1) University Heights Baptist Church (2) Inscriptions of the Heart (3) Sherwin Williams Co. (4) Unique Tan (5) Family Hearing Center (6) Wing Stop. 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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# Your 2016 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

## 2016 Officers

Bart Davis, Chairman of the Board.....Davis Construction Management  
 Robert Pate, Immediate Past Chair/Nominating .....First Financial Bank  
 Carol Sullivan, Treasurer .....Community Service Credit Union  
 Lisa Branch, Vice Chair Community Affairs .....LearningRx  
 Scott Francis, Vice Chair Community Growth.....Edward Jones  
 Michelle Hebert, MD, Vice Chair Business Services.....Pathology & Lab Services  
 Aron Kulhavy, Vice Chair Economic Development & Tourism .....City of Huntsville  
 Tammie Nokes, Vice Chair Membership/Communication.....McGilberry Mechanical  
 Carol Smith, President .....Chamber of Commerce

## Directors

Daniel Bayes .....Bayes Achievement Center  
 Brandon Cooper.....Sam Houston State University  
 Jennifer Davis..... First National Bank of Huntsville  
 Sam Donnell.....Rockin' D Services, Inc.  
 Margaret Gulledege.....Huntsville Memorial Hospital  
 Jimmy Henry .....Walker County Commissioner  
 Ken Holland.....University Heights Baptist Church  
 David Markham.....Markham Realty, Inc.  
 Jacob Paschal .....Haney,Moorman,Paschal, P.C.  
 Marcus Payne..... Citizens National Bank  
 Kristy Vienne.....Sam Houston State University  
 Reginald Watkins .....Praise & Glory Worship Center  
 Trey Wharton.....Wharton Insurance/Investments

## Chamber Staff

Carol Smith.....President  
 Shannon Higbie.....Office Manager  
 Laura Green.....Events & Communications Manager  
 Lydia Montgomery.....Membership Coordinator  
 Gwen Lucas.....Receptionist/Secretary

## OUR MISSION:

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

## Contact Us

The Chamber V.O.I.C.E. is the monthly newsletter of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce. For story ideas, calendar of events, advertising information or any other contributions to this publication, please contact the Chamber at 295-8113 or toll free 877-646-8068, by mail at PO Box 538-Huntsville, TX 77342, by fax at 295-0571 or by e-mail at [chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us](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

### OCTOBER

18 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 18 HLI Class 35 Ropes @ Forest Glen Christian Camp  
 20 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Snap Fitness  
 20 Board Meeting, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 25 CHOICES-New Waverly @ 7:30 a.m.  
 25 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 25 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber  
 26 CHOICES-New Waverly @ 7:30 a.m.  
 27 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 27 Business After Hours, sponsored by HBI (40th anniversary) 5:15-6:15 p.m.  
 31 Halloween

### NOVEMBER

1 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 3 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 8 **ELECTION DAY! GET OUT AND VOTE!**  
 9 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 a.m. @ Chamber  
 10 Small Business Breakfast, sponsored by Walker County Federal Credit Union, 7:30 a.m. @ Golden Corral  
 10 Executive Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m. @ Chamber  
 15 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 17 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ TBD  
 17 Business After Hours, sponsored by Alpha Omega Academy  
 22 Preferred Partners, 8:00 @ Chamber TBD  
 22 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber TBD  
 24 thru 25th- Chamber Offices Closed for Thanksgiving  
 29 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber

## Community Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER

20 6:30 pm SHSU vs. Northwestern State Volleyball Johnson Coliseum  
 20 5:00 pm 2nd Annual Hometown Throwdown featuring Cody Johnson & Friends Walker Co. Fairgrounds  
 21 6:30 pm SHSU vs. Incarnate Word Soccer\* Pritchett Field  
 21 5:00-8:00 pm Day of the Dead Exhibit & Reception Wynne Home  
 22 2:00 pm SHSU vs. Central Arkansas Volleyball\* Johnson Coliseum  
 22 10:00 am-2:00 pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Joshua's Forge  
 22 TBD 6th Annual Butterfly Festival & Plant Sale Walker Co. Mstrs. Gard.  
 23 1:00 pm SHSU vs. Abilene Christian Soccer \* Pritchett Field  
 27 4:00-6:00 pm Pumpkin Carving Bear Bend Cabin  
 29 TBD Scare on the Square Downtown Square  
 29 9:00am-Noon Pioneer Skills(Bearkat Family Weekend) Bear Bend Cabin  
 29 6:00 pm SHSU vs. TX Southern(Bearkat Weekend) Football\* Bower Stadium  
 29 6:00 pm Walker County Fair Association Halloween Carnival Walker Cty. Fairgrounds  
 30 4:00 pm SHSU Joint Recital (piano and violin) Gaertner Arts Center  
 30 7:30 pm SHSU Steel Band Concert Gaertner Arts Center  
 30 6:00 pm/7:30 pm SHSU OcTUBAfest Student Recitals Gaertner Arts Center

### NOVEMBER

1 6:30 pm SHSU vs. Stephen F. Austin Volleyball Johnson Coliseum  
 3 6:30 pm SHSU vs. Southeastern Louisiana Volleyball Johnson Coliseum  
 5 6:00 pm SHSU vs. McNeese State Football (Pink Out) Bower Stadium  
 5 TBD SHSU vs. New Orleans Volleyball Johnson Coliseum  
 5 4:00-6:00 pm Opening Reception for the Exhibition JAMES SURLS-TIME AND AGAIN Wynne Home  
 5 10:00 am-2:00 pm Spinning & Weaving Demonstration Woodland Home Porch  
 10 4:00-6:00 pm Harvest Festival @ Eliza's Kitchen Museum Grounds  
 11 7:30 pm Murder at the Howard Johnson's Huntsville Theatre  
 12 7:30 pm Murder at the Howard Johnson's Huntsville Theatre  
 12 10:00 am-2:00 pm Woodworking Demonstration Guerrant Cabin  
 13 2:00 pm Murder at the Howard Johnson's Huntsville Theatre  
 18 7:30 pm Murder at the Howard Johnson's Huntsville Theatre  
 19 7:30 pm Murder at the Howard Johnson's Huntsville Theatre  
 19 6:00 pm SHSU vs. Central Arkansas Football (Letterwinner's Day) Bower Stadium  
 19 10:00 am-2:00 pm Kick Wheel Pottery Making Raven's Pottery Shed  
 20 2:00 pm Murder at the Howard Johnson's Huntsville Theatre  
 TBD Rocky Raccoon 50K/25K Trail Run Huntsville State Park  
 26 10:00 am-2:00 pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Museum Grounds