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July 2016



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Member Spotlight...

**WILDER DOZER
SERVICE, LLC**

Welcome New Members:

- Lonestar Interiors
- Mary Kay Beauty Consultant-Charlotte McConnell
- Gibbs Manor
- ALREADEE Delivery Service
- Abe's 3 Spoons, Inc.
- Eclectic Coffeehouse Studio & Gallery, LLC
- The Growth Coach of The Woodlands
- Kim Taylor-Independent Tupperware Consultant
- TX Hwy. 19 Storage
- Sam Houston Pizza Hut
- Huntsville Pizza Hut
- BCJ Leather

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CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

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

some of the things your chamber does for you.

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

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

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

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

Also, mark your calendar for Diva Night, coming up August 12 at the LSC Ballroom on the SHSU campus. It is quite helpful to businesses that cater to ladies and will be very entertaining.

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

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



Member Spotlight...

Our Mission Statement: **Wilder Dozer Service** strives to enhance personal and commercial property through land improvement and dirt work, while maintaining the beauty and integrity East Texas is known for. With a heartfelt mission statement such as this, Randy and Jamie Wilder are passionate about the business they have built and the services they provide. " Our business is built on customer satisfaction! With over 15 years experience specializing in agricultural related dozer work, our business is a family owned business with deep roots in Walker and Madison Counties."



Wilder Dozer Service

We offer a variety of options for land improvement and dirt work. Our services include land clearing from light brush to heavily wooded areas; grubbing, shearing and root raking. We do turn key projects converting raw land to pasture land; including planting any type of grass and preparing the land for livestock, hayfields or pure aesthetics. We prepare house and barn pads, as well as commercial building sites for you new construction projects. Some additional services include road construction with any type of driving surface and grading and installation of culverts for proper drainage.

We also offer complete pond and lake design, construction, repair and building services for new and existing ponds from start to finish. We help you determine the best possible location for your pond or lake based on your soil type and usage interest. For existing ponds and lakes, our services include enlarging you current body of water, cleaning out silt and vegetation and repairing leaks. We can also help you with your reforestation needs; we offer full service pine plantation site preparation and planting.

Being a member of the Chamber of Commerce is important to WDS for several reasons. An obvious benefit is additional exposure within the community. Another important feature that we appreciate is the ability to network. Most of our business is based on word of mouth and referrals, so being in contact with other professionals is invaluable to our company. " We are proud to serve our hometown community and the surrounding counties."

Please give Randy a call for any questions you might have at 936-661-9637! Please also visit our website at www.WilderDozerService.com or email us at wilderdozerservice@gmail.com and "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WilderDozerService to see examples of our work.

**SAVE THE DATE:
DIVA NIGHT
AUGUST 12TH
Tickets on sale NOW!**

AMERICA'S SBDC
TEXAS GULF COAST NETWORK
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Seminar Schedule
August, 2016

Texas - 2016 Regional Practitioner Meeting
Date: Thurs. Aug. 18th 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
@ Katy and E.Don Walker Education Ctr - 1400 19th St. Huntsville, Tx

Join us for the latest updates for tax professionals.
Hosted by: **Internal Revenue Service – Stakeholder Liaison**, Texas Small Business Development Centers & Texas Society of Enrolled Agents

Offering up to 7 Continuing Education (CE) Hours \$50 - includes lunch
Topics will include:

Penalties: Prevention and Abatement; Criminal Investigation: Refund Crimes; ACA Provision 4980H - Employer Shared Responsibility Provisions; Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Working with the IRS: Panel Speakers from at least 3 of the following functions: Collection, Exam, Criminal Investigation, Taxpayer Advocate Service, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Admin.-TIGTA, Taxpayer Asst. Ctr.

Please register and reserve your spot at: <http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net>
Contact the SBDC at 936-294-3111 with any questions or assistance with registration

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Changing Our World
Learn how "3D Printing is Changing our World" at this month's Brown Bag Lecture Series on Thursday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Public Library. Pamela Zelbst, Director of the Center for Innovation & Technology at SHSU, will discuss current and future uses of 3D printing in production methods that cut across diverse industries, such as oil and gas, automobile, footwear, NASA, and healthcare. Questions welcome. Attendees may bring a brown bag lunch. Lunch time begins at 11:30 a.m. and the lecture will begin at noon. The lecture series is planned for the fourth Thursday of each month. Beverages will be provided. Admission is free. For more information, call 936-291-5471.

Join us at Diva Night...Kentucky Derby Style!



Sponsored by:



Tickets on sale NOW for the 7th Annual Diva Night which is on FRIDAY, August 12 in the SHSU LSC Ballroom. This is a ladies only night out sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. of Huntsville and hosted by the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce. This year's theme is Kentucky Derby.

The Kentucky Derby is known as "The Greatest Two Minutes In Sports" but our Diva Night is a three hour event with memories that will last a lifetime!

The evening will begin at 5:30 and continue until 8:30 and will consist of shopping, party favors, food and beverages provided by Aramark, Faust Distributing and many restaurants, caterers and bakeries and much more! Ladies won't have to place a bet to win. Your Diva ticket will simply give you the opportunity to win many fabulous prizes including over \$800 in cash and Diva dollars!

Be sure to smile at the photo booth as we capture that special moment with your fellow Divas so that you can share on Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat!

This year we are excited to bring back the Wine Grab. Ladies, this is limited so get there early and purchase a \$10 ticket to "grab" a bottle of wine and maybe even win a special prize too!

Several of our boutiques and jewelry vendors will be in the spotlight on stage as they showcase the latest fashion trends in our Fashion Show; clothing and jewelry will be available for purchase that night.

Summer is heating up and so is Diva Night! Houston Fireman will be there and we will hold an auction at the end of the evening for a special dinner for you and friends prepared by these gentlemen at their fire station. Wiesner of Huntsville will even transport you there! So get together and plan your strategy to bid and win this auction prize!

Remember to come dressed in your special Kentucky Derby attire as we carry on the tradition of the Kentucky Derby Hat Parade! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be decided amongst those who enter.

A limited number of tickets are sold at \$35 each OR take advantage of the special and buy 5 and get the 6th ticket for free. Gather your girlfriends, family, and co-workers together and make it a party! Employers think about sending your staff as a great way to thank them for all they do for you!

Need another reason to get your ticket to this fantastic ladies only event?? Purchase your ticket by July 29th and you will be entered in a drawing to receive a "Diva Weekend" package, including a suite at the Best Western and additional prizes in your room! Winner to be announced August 1st.

Tickets are available at the Chamber, Cole Insurance, LearningRx, Lisa's Gift Box and Curves. For more information call the Chamber at 936-295-8113.

What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours** – July 28th, 5:15p.m.; hosted & sponsored by Unoton Wireless-T-Mobile
- **Small Business Breakfast**- August 11, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral sponsored by Texas Grand Ranch
- **7th Annual Diva Night** presented by Wiesner Huntsville-Friday, August 12th -Tickets on sale NOW!!
- **HLI Class 35 Applications Due** - August 12th, 5:00p.m.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Pre- Fair on the Square Concert**- Friday, September 30th Featuring Jerrett Zoch & The OSR Band
- **42nd Annual Fair on the Square**-Saturday, October 1, 2016-Booths are going fast, call today to reserve yours!

Ribbon Cuttings



Stacey Roberts, Re/Max 1st Source

Stacey Roberts, Re/Max 1st Source - celebrated her Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Family, Friends, Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on June 1, 2016. If you are looking to buy, rent, or sell a home, Stacey is the person who will help you. Although her specialty is Home Sales, she is available when you are! She takes the time to listen and assess your personal needs, and will work to earn your business. She can be reached at staceyroberts@remax.net, or you may call her at 936-577-9129 to find your "dream" home.



Affordable Plumbing

Affordable Plumbing - located at 8 Frank Cloud Road celebrated their Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on June 15, 2016. Whatever your plumbing needs are, they are here to serve Huntsville and surrounding areas. They are Members of the BBB, and offer Flat Rate Pricing. Contact them at 936-291-7886, or by email at affordableplumbinginc@gmail.com

42nd Annual FAIR on the SQUARE
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS
Saturday, October 1st!
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
FREE ADMISSION SATURDAY

FREE

- ★ 380 Booths
- ★ Food Court
- ★ Live Entertainment
- ★ Kids Korner
- ★ Beer Garden
- ★ Classic Cars
- ★ Friday Night Concert
- ★ Wine Tasting

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* www.faironthesquare.com

42 Years of Fair on the Square FUN!

The Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce is proud to host the 42nd Annual Fair on the Square on Saturday, October 1st. Registration has begun and vendor spaces are only \$155 and \$110 for Chamber members for a 10 x 10 booth. The application and map is available on the chamber website, www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us and at www.faironthesquare.com.

Contact us soon to reserve your spot! Interested in marketing your business to the citizens of Huntsville and many surrounding communities as well? Give us a call and we will share with you about the marketing opportunities available. For more information call 936-295-8113.



Friday, September 30th, Tickets \$10, 9-midnight



New Members Showcase 2016

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

The New Member Showcase was held **Thursday, June 25th from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.** at the Walker County Storm Shelter. The Showcase is the June **Business After Hours** and all Chamber members were invited, but only new members who joined in the last year were showcased. The tables were set up simply for each new business members to tell their story visually. It was well worth their time and best of all, it was **FREE!**

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

Heavenly Threads Quilt Shop
 Cabins and More of Texas
 Generations Salon
 Guesco Consulting & Inspection LLC
 Second Baptist Church
 L & J Detail Shop
 Third Coast Gifts and Gourmet
 Lucy's Graz'n Green
 White Ivy Real Estate
 Lightning Clean Pressure Washing
 Quality Inn & Suites
 Pressure Wash TX. Com
 Martin Marietta
 Denim and Diamonds Pre School Kids Klub Inc.
 Element Dental
 Grace Baptist Church
 Program Insurance Group
 Classy RV Park
 Judge Mark W. Holt
 Newman Printing
 Buffalo Wild Wings #598
 Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
 Edward Jones - Kevin Edney, Financial Advisor
 Texas Grand Ranch, LLC
 Hampton Inn & Suites By Hilton, Huntsville
 Ted Kamel Foods, Inc.
 Affordable Plumbing Co.
 George's Garage
 American Civil Engineering Services, L.P. (ACES)

Chemex Modular LLC
 Crossin Moving & Storage
 Eaglenav
 Smile Makers
 El Rancho Viejo Mexican Restaurant
 Farmhouse Funk and Junk
 MARJI, Skin Care and Cosmetic Studio
 The Pizza Parlor
 1836 Steakhouse
 City Electric Supply
 Homegrown Marketplace
 Americas Tax Office
 Magnolia Mey Boutique
 CASA of Walker County
 K & G Capital Mortgage
 Blake Duncan's Premiere Re-Builders
 Re/max 1st Source - Stacey Roberts
 RS Roofing & Construction Group, LLC
 Auldwulf Woodcrafts
 Rodan + Fields - Courtney Nokes
 StyleCraft Builders, Inc.
 It Works - Mary Kay Langolf
 Pathfinder Home Health
 Baking Sweet Memories Cupcake and More
 H & R Block - Huntsville
 Fooshee Freight
 eSign, Inc.
 SWBC Mortgage Corporation
 Arctic Cryotherapy
 McAdams Dry Goods
 Wilder Dozer Service LLC
 Christine Hoover, LPC



Heavenly Threads Quilt Shop



CASA of Walker County



New Members Participating in "Showcase"



Cabins and More of Texas

"The Chamber is an exceptional core of likeminded business people who excel working hands on. They enjoy what they are doing for the community through networking, exposure and building relationships."

It's amazing how the Huntsville Chamber makes us feel welcome with their professionalism and friendliness."

- Robbie Smith, A-1 Smith's Septic Service, Inc.

"The Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce is unique. It's not just about social gatherings and parties. Getting involved has shown me that the Board and staff have a true passion for helping small businesses in our community to grow and thrive."

- Dava Gordy, Bridge Benefit Solutions

The importance in being a Chamber member; "It benefits newcomers who have just moved to town and the Chamber of Commerce has different events during the year that allows newcomers to get acquainted with our businesses."

- Ann McDuffie, Buckner Jewelry

"When it comes to networking in our community, The Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce ensures a positive experience for all involved. At First National Bank of Huntsville, we are proud of our decades long Chamber relationship and we truly appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Chamber Staff, members and volunteers. The positive growth can be found throughout our community; promoting growth in Huntsville and Walker County is their top priority and simply what they do best."

- Sam H. Burris Jr., First National Bank

"The Chamber of Commerce is the best networking opportunity you will ever need for your business. Heartfield Florist has been a member for 50 years. They have helped customers find us and we have used their resources to find qualified vendors that we would not have known about otherwise. Thank you Huntsville/Walker County Chamber for 50 years of loyalty and support."

- Cindy Pierce, Heartfield Florist



Grace Baptist Church



L & J Detail Shop



Arctic Cryotherapy



Marji, LLC



Texas Grand Ranch, LLC



Homegrown Marketplace



El Rancho Viejo Mexican Restaurant



Wilder Dozer Service LLC



Re-Max 1st Source- Stacey Roberts



Program Insurance Group

Ambassador Spotlight ~ Dava Gordy

Dava Gordy is a Benefits Consultant for Bridge Benefit Solutions and she says "the greatest satisfaction in my profession is being able to help others in their time of need." As a Benefits Consultant for small businesses and Individuals for the past eight years, Dava has seen the cost of healthcare continue to rise and the out of pocket costs associated with medical care increase at an alarming rate. She believes that supplemental benefits can help with those out of pocket expenses and income when people are faced with an unexpected medical event. "As an independent agent I am contracted with many different companies, customer service is priority at Bridge Benefit Solutions and there's no cost for a consultation."



Dava Gordy

When asked why it is important for her to be an Ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce she replied, "being an Ambassador has given me the opportunity to meet business owners in the community that may not have the time to come to the Chamber Breakfast or to other Chamber functions. The Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce is unique. It's not just about social gatherings and parties. Getting involved has shown me that the Board and staff have a true passion for helping small businesses in our community to grow and thrive. Whether it is attending a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Prize Patrol Visit, or Business After Hours event, letting members know that we are all a team and that they are appreciated is an important aspect of being an Ambassador and business owner in our community. As an Ambassador, not only do I have the opportunity to let members know who I am, but I get to learn about their business as well. I appreciate the opportunity to represent our Chamber in this position."

Congrats to Ann McDuffie and the Buckner Family on 45 years in business!!



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville	Walker Co.	Texas	U.S.	Huntsville	Walker Co.	Texas	U.S.
	May 2016	May 2016	May 2016	May 2016	May 2015	May 2015	May 2015	May 2015
Total Labor Force	11,534	23,139	13,281,151	158,800,000	11,515	23,062	13,104,878	157,719,000
Total Employed	10,901	21,963	12,722,051	151,594,000	10,862	21,884	12,539,222	149,349,000
Total Unemployed	633	1,176	559,100	7,207,000	653	1,178	565,656	8,370,000
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.1%	4.2%	4.5%	5.7%	5.1%	4.3%	5.3%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	June 2016	June 2015	% Change
Building Residential	944,719	1,556,932	-0.39%
Commercial Building	5,227,400	741,350	6.05%
Certificate of Compliance	0	0	0
Other	6,048,684	5,200,347	0.16%
TOTAL	12,220,803	7,498,629	0.63%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	July 2016	July 2015	% Change	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	\$41,019.19	\$59,295.46	-3.26%	4,532,856.15	4,545,220.99	-0.27%
New Waverly (1.5%)	28,264.74	25,232.61	12.01%	264,970.93	256,103.74	3.46%
Riverside (1.5%)	10,954.73	11,213.82	-2.31%	81,258.90	76,125.38	6.74%
Walker County (.5%)	233,657.18	240,548.23	-2.86%	1,867,103.56	1,894,409.64	-1.44%

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)

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE

The following businesses recently joined the Chamber and we extend **A WARM CHAMBER WELCOME**. The information printed was gained from membership applications. For any additions and/or corrections, contact the Chamber as complete membership information is vital to your records with us. **Our most recent new members we welcome:**

Lonestar Interiors - If you are looking to update your home or business, contact Huntsville native Clint Willenberg, who is the third generation in home building, painting, and remodeling. Stop by their showroom at 1329 University Avenue, Suite G, to custom order flooring (wood flooring and tile), counter tops, cabinet doors and cabinet hardware, or give them a call at 936-295-3797

Gibbs Manor - Wake up to someplace "Special"! Let your celebration begin at Historic Gibbs Street Manor. A country style venue for weddings and other events, up to 150 guests. Gibbs Manor is also a Bed and Breakfast for yourself or guests. Step back in time and visit their location at 525 Gibbs Street in New Waverly, or give them a call at 832-437-7784. You may also visit their website at www.thegibbs-streetmanor.com

ALREADEE Delivery Service - Your inconvenience is our Convenience! Specializing in delivering from any restaurant in Huntsville to your front door where you can enjoy your meal in the comforts of your home. Cash, Credit, and Debit cards are accepted for a small fee. 24 hour service is available Sunday-Thursday, and on Fridays, close at 6 PM and Saturdays open at 6 PM. For more information, please call 936-662-2647.

Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant-Charlotte McConnell - If you are looking for that dream to transform your life and help other women achieve success, Mary Kay can help you build your beauty from the inside out. Charlotte, who has been in business for 11 years, specializes in makeovers, skin care solutions, age fighting skin care, and facials. For a complimentary makeover plus glamour session for you and your friends, give her a call at 512-567-0509 to schedule your appointment.

Abe's 3 Spoons Yogurt - is your "Go To" place for that special frozen treat. They offer over fourteen flavors of frozen yogurt and specialize in custom ordered frozen yogurt pies. With over forty choices of fruit, nuts, candy, and cereal toppings you will be able to create your own unique masterpiece. Most all of their yogurts are fat or sugar free and offer a healthy alternative to other snacks. For a fun, family friendly environment stop by and visit them at 1524 11th St., Suite B, or give them a call at 936-291-0600. Have Fun. Eat Well. Spoon Often!

Eclectic Coffeehouse Studio & Gallery, LLC - is committed to serving freshly prepared food and beverages in a "welcoming" atmosphere. Their specialty is vegan and gluten free, but also offer traditional food. Additionally, art sales, instruction through classes as well as private lessons are available. If you are looking for a place to host a "Special" event for your family they offer the facility as a rental. Stop by their location at 1211 19th Street, or give them a call at 936-439-6208. You may also visit their website at www.eclecticstudioandgallery.com

The Growth Coach of The Woodlands - is the world's leader in business and sales coaching and has been ranked the #1 business and sales coaching franchise by Entrepreneur Magazine. Their proven programs and Strategic Mindset process has helped countless business owners, leaders, managers and sales professionals reach their goals and dreams by driving success and balancing lives. The Growth Coach offers numerous services including continuing education for CPA's and human resource professionals. Your certified business coach, Clint Blinka serves Huntsville, Conroe, The Woodlands and surrounding communities and can be reached by calling (936) 439-5454 or visiting his website at www.TheGrowthCoachWoodlandsTx.com

Kim Taylor-Independent Tupperware Consultant - if you have not checked us out in a while, you are in for a surprise. Tupperware has gone way beyond bowls (though they still make them) by creating kitchen gadgets, microwave cookers, food processors, and so much more. They are focused on helping you make your life simpler and delicious with a dash of "sassitude" as well. For more information, contact Kim Taylor at 936-438-0691, or visit her website at www.KimTaylorTW.com

TX Hwy. 19 Storage - Is the stuff at your house "piling" UP? We have the solution for you. Come and check out TX Hwy. 19 Storage. They offer inside storage and Outside Drive Up. They take great pride in the features they offer which include Climate controlled, 24-hour access, video surveillance, electronic gate access, as well as boxes and moving supplies. For more information, stop by their location at 3150 State Hwy. 19, or call 936-436-9111. You may also visit their website at www.move.com/self-storage/Huntsville

Pizza Hut - At Pizza Hut, we don't just make pizza. We make people's day. "We are the pizza company that lives life unboxed." We are proud to serve our food with a smile, and deliver it fast. For your convenience, Huntsville offers two locations to better serve you: (1) Sam Houston Pizza Hut, 4030 Sam Houston Avenue, 936-295-3580 and (2) Huntsville Pizza Hut, 3010 Hwy. 30 West, Suite F, 936-294-9191. Pizza Night should be "Special", so give them a call or better yet, drop by and let them do the cooking. Be sure to check out their website at www.pizzahut.com

BCJ Leather - if you are looking for a "Special" gift for that hard to buy person in your life, BCJ Leather offers genuine hand crafted Leather products and custom work as well. The Embossed items will make you the envy of the neighborhood. As a leather crafter for over 10 years, they offer quality products such as Wine Bags, Wallets, Purses, Pistol and Rifle cases and more. Check them out at BCJ Leather on Facebook, or contact Beverly Thorndell at 936-344-8181 or email her at thorndell@yahoo.com

Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **City Electric Supply** for sponsoring the July Chamber Small Business Breakfast. City Electric Supply is a distributor of electrical components to Contractors and the public. Klein, Milwaukee, 3M, Southwire, Seimens and Generac are some of the National brands you can find at City Electric. City Electric opened in 2007 to serve the needs of contractors in Huntsville. One of 460 stores nationwide, City Electric Supply is one of the fastest growing Electrical distributors in the United States. They specialize in the latest LED lighting upgrades for your home. They are located at 420 FM 2821 and invite you to stop by Monday thru Friday 8:00-5:00 and Saturday 8:00-12:00 or give them a call at 936-293-8393.



Robert Adams - Branch Manger for City Electric Supply



RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

John McManners	Events Plus
Team Dodge of Huntsville	Wilkison Hardware & Furniture
Forum Huntsville, LTD	Paychex Inc.
Holiday Inn Express	Air Handlers
Huntsville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary	Lisa's Gift Box
Faith Lutheran Church	The Bike Spot
Wish Wash Car Wash	Daisy's Diner
Ample Computer Services	January's Herbs & Wellness
Mr. Ernie Barron	Inspirational Graphic Designs
McCoys Building Supply Center	Diana McRae
Wing Stop	Texas ENT & Allergy Associates
Keller Williams Realty	Murray Insurance & Financial Services, INC
Praise & Glory Worship Center	

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.**

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 35 are available now with the deadline to return them at 5:00 p.m. August 12th. For those interested in the program, please call HLI Coordinator Laura Green at 936-295-8113.

Prize Patrol Makes Stops All Over

The Chamber Ambassador "Prize Patrol" continues to be very busy celebrating with many business members. The Ambassadors make "surprise" visits, complete with balloons and cookies to show appreciation to Chamber business members. Shown here are June visits made to (1) Huntsville Rental (2) Walker County Feed & Farm (3) The Villages of Huntsville (4) The Senior Villages of Huntsville (5) HEARTS Veterans Museum (6) Subway. 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.



Your 2016 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

2016 Officers

Bart Davis, Chairman of the Board.....Davis Construction Management
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*To promote an environment to enhance
 the economic success of business
 in Walker County.*

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Chamber Calendar

JULY

- 19 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 20 Ribbon Cutting, Program Insurance Group, 11:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 21 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Carriage Inn
- 26 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 26 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 28 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ TBD
- 28 Ribbon Cutting, Sam Houston Pizza Hut, 10:00 a.m. @ 4030 Sam Houston Avenue
- 28 Ribbon Cutting, Abe's 3 Spoons, 10:30 a.m. @ 1524 11th St.
- 28 Ribbon Cutting, Huntsville Pizza Hut, 11:15 a.m. @ 3010 Hwy. 30 West, Suite F
- 28 Business After Hours, sponsored by Unoton Wireless T-Mobile

AUGUST

- 2 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 4 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ TBD
- 9 Ribbon Cutting, Kid's Spot Trampoline and Tumbling, 10:00 a.m. @ 176 Hwy. 19
- 9 Ribbon Cutting, Rollo Insurance Agency, 11:30 a.m. @ 1010 University
- 10 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 a.m. @ Chamber (TBD if meeting will be held)
- 11 Small Business Breakfast sponsored by TX Grand Ranch, 7:30 a.m. @ Golden Corral
- 11 Executive Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 12 HLI Class 35 Applications Due, 5:00 pm
- 12 DIVA NIGHT, 5:30-8:30 p.m. @ LSC Ballroom, sponsored by Wiesner-Huntsville
- 16 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 17 Alpha Omega School Starts
- 17 Ribbon Cutting, Baking Sweet Memories, 2:00 p.m. @ 1114 10th St.
- 18 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ TBD
- 18 Board Meeting, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 22 HISD, New Waverly ISD School Starts
- 23 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 23 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 25 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ TBD
- 25 Ribbon Cutting, TX Hwy. 19 Storage, 10:00 a.m. @ 3150 State Hwy. 19
- 25 Business After Hours, sponsored by On Pointe Dance Company
- 26 HHS vs. Houston Waltrip-Home game
- 30 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber

Community Calendar of Events

JULY

- 18 5:30 pm, Walker County Historical Commission Meeting, Gibbs-Powell House Museum
- 18-29 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, SHSU hosts New Summer Camp for Youth, Art on the Edge
- 20 10:00 am to Noon, Bear Bend Wednesday, Embroidery & Needlepoint, Bear Bend Cabin
- 21 7:00 pm, Samuel Walker Houston HS 110th Anniversary, 1530 10th St.
- 21 11:00 am, Christian Women's Connection Luncheon, Elkins Lake Clubhouse
- 21 & 22 5:00 pm, Old School Country Trail Ride, Smith Ranch on Bowden Road
- 27 10:00 am to Noon, Bear Bend Wednesday, Doll Making: Ragdoll & Cornhusk, Bear Bend Cabin
- 28 11:30 am, "3D Printing is Changing our World", Huntsville Public Library
- 29-30 Friday 10 am-5 pm, East Texas Thimble Trail, Walker County Fairgrounds
- Sat. 10 am-4pm, One Stop Shop Hop 2 East Texas Thimble Trail

AUGUST

- 06 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, COME Organization-School Supply Assistance, 342 Hwy. 75 North
- 12 5:00 pm, HLI Class 35 Applications Due
- 12 5:30-8:30 pm, DIVA NIGHT, LSC Ballroom, sponsored by Wiesner-Huntsville
- 17 Alpha Omega School Starts
- 22 HISD and NWISD School Starts