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Walker County  
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Walker County*

**June 2016**



Class #34 of Huntsville Leadership Institute at Graduation, June 2, 2016

## Member Spotlight...



## Welcome New Members:

David Busby, World Financial Group  
Colby Ballew-Family Heritage Life  
KIDS SPOT Trampoline & Tumbling  
Texas Custom Awards and Promotions

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**CAROL'S CORNER**



Carol Smith

**IT'S HERE!!** Yes, the **CHAMBER RE-LOCATION GUIDE** is arriving in Huntsville any day now. Some people call it the Chamber Directory, but we have expanded it over the past several years to serve also as a guide to those visiting and/or moving to this area. It still has the list of our current membership in the back which

will be very helpful to you. As our membership grows

throughout this year, we will insert an "addendum" of all new members. Whether you are here for a few short hours or the rest of your life--we hope you enjoy this document! Should you need additional information, please contact us at (936) 295-8113.

You will want to know about a very important activity we are involved with currently... welcoming incoming freshmen and their parents at Freshman Orientation each Thursday during June and July. I gathered up our Board Chair, Bart Davis, along with any chamber members desiring to be of assistance to 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 be part of the Chamber group. Also, congrats to the SHSU Baseball team on doing so well this season!! They may not have

gone "all the way", but they represented us extremely well!!

The Chamber is pleased to be working with the Target Marketing firm to publish a new, up-to-date full-color *Huntsville-Walker County Street Map and Resource Guide*. **This publication will be the only official map endorsed and distributed by our Chamber.** Visitors to our area, along with hometown folks will find this publication very helpful. Contact us if you have any questions.

A couple of other activities we are working on--items for New Teacher Goody Bags and Diva Night. We are accepting pens, pencils, note pads, etc. until July 21 for our new teachers across Walker County. We estimate about 215 items, but watch for our weekly e-mail blast. Diva Night is set for August 12 at Sam Houston State's LSC Ballroom. It is designed to help promote businesses that cater to women throughout Walker County, so come shop!! Local restaurants will have a variety of goodies (served by our gentlemen) for the ladies to munch on throughout the evening. A \$35 ticket will get you into this event...we will have many different activities, so be sure to get a ticket soon!

Best wishes to all those candidates that were either elected or re-elected back on May 24th. We wish you well!! Also, to those who were not elected, we wish you the best in your future endeavors.

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, it's "happy trails" and we hope you have the best summer ever!!

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

**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.

## Member Spotlight...

**Huntsville Memorial Center for Rehab** is the only comprehensive provider of rehabilitation services in Walker County. A staff of 17 licensed therapists, 5 rehab nurses and an experienced rehabilitation physician provide high quality rehabilitation in a warm and caring atmosphere. Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Physical Therapy services are provided to both inpatients and outpatients with Huntsville Memorial Hospital offering the only acute rehab unit in Walker County. Cardiac and Pulmonary rehab are offered to outpatients seeking rehabilitation for cardiac or pulmonary disease.

HMH has encouraged members of the rehabilitation team to seek advanced training and certification in multiple specialty areas. Those areas of specialization include sports medicine, stroke, balance, lymphedema, hand therapy, driving rehabilitation, pediatrics and home modification, and



HMH Rehab

rehabilitation nursing. The rehabilitation team has also been aggressive about pursuing higher education. During the past year, there were two clinical doctorates and one master's degree earned in the rehab department. The therapists and nurses at HMH profess to be lifelong learners who are driven to provide the highest quality of rehab care that is available.

According to Dr. Ben Agana, MD, physiatrist and former medical director, "The inpatient rehabilitation unit is the best that I've ever worked on and would be more than pleased to have any loved one receive rehab by the professional on the unit, more so than other facilities I have been to including TIRR."

The Official HMH Mission Statement: We are devoted to the health and well-being of our regional communities by providing exceptional care to every patient every day with a spirit of warmth, compassion and personal pride. We achieve this through advanced and efficient medical care with strong self-governance. Innovations are happening everyday at Huntsville Memorial Hospital. For example, recently one of our therapists teamed with the SHSU Small Business Administration to design and build a prosthetic hand for a six year old girl who was born without fingers. This occupational therapist has continued to pursue improvements with the design of the hand.

Also unique to HMH are the outpatient cardiac and pulmonary rehab programs. Extensive research has shown that cardiac rehab is the most effective method for improving quality of life and life expectancy after a cardiac event, even more effective than medication. This physician supervised, telemetry monitored program is saving and changing lives every day.

HMH Rehab is also very active in the sports community. A visit to the Center for Rehab between the hours of 4:00-6:00 pm will reveal some very unique therapy. This is the most popular time for area athletes to be seen in Physical Therapy. Therapists specializing in sports rehab create challenging and effective exercise routines to get local athletes back in the game.

Being a chamber member allows this department to interact with the community to both identify needed services as well as communicate health care information back to the business community. For example, HMH recently became a certified primary stroke center in which the rehab department played an integral role. The chamber of commerce events provided a great venue for providing stroke education to the community and to spread the word that HMH should be the first stop if experiencing stroke symptoms.

These are but a few of the exciting happenings at Huntsville Memorial Hospital. We encourage you to come visit our facility and meet our staff of professionals.

	<h3>Seminar Schedule</h3> <h4>June - August, 2016</h4>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Comptroller of Public Accounts</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Taxpayer Seminar</b> Wed. June 29<sup>th</sup> 1:00 - 3:00 pm @ SHSU SBDC Computer Lab <b>NO FEE</b></p> <p>Taxpayer seminars are geared toward new taxpayers, but offer helpful information for all taxpayers. They include an overview of tax responsibilities and information on voluntary compliance with sales tax laws and regulations. Each seminar is also driven by discussion and attendees are encouraged to bring their questions and comments.</p> <p>Please register and reserve your spot at: <a href="http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net">http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net</a></p> <p>Contact the SBDC at 936-294-3111 with any questions or assistance with registration</p>	<p><b>Texas - 2016 Regional Practitioner Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> Thurs. Aug. 18th 8:00 am - 4:30 pm <b>@ Katy and E. Don Walker Education Ctr - 1400 19th St. Huntsville, Tx</b></p> <p><b>Join us for the latest updates for tax professionals.</b> Hosted by: <b>Internal Revenue Service - Stakeholder Liaison</b> Texas Small Business Development Centers &amp; Texas Society of Enrolled Agents</p> <p><b>Offering up to 7 Continuing Education (CE) Hours</b> <b>\$50 - includes lunch</b> <b>Topics will include:</b></p> <p><b>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:</b> <b>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.</b></p>

## What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours - June 23rd, 5:15p.m.; Hearts Veterans Storm Shelter**
- This is our NEW MEMBER SHOWCASE!**
- **Small Business Breakfast- July 14, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral sponsored by City Electric**
- **7th Annual Diva Night presented by Wiesner Huntsville-FRIDAY August 12th -Tickets on sale July 1st!!**
- **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-Registration begins SOON. call for details!**

# Ribbon Cuttings



**City Electric Supply**

**City Electric Supply** - located at 420 FM 2821 celebrated their Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on May 4, 2016. A family owned electrical wholesale distributor that provides quality supplies for customers in the residential, commercial, and industrial markets. Give them a call at 936-293-8393, or visit their website at [www.cityelectricsupply.com](http://www.cityelectricsupply.com)



**Edward Jones - Kevin Edney Financial Advisor**

**Edward Jones-Kevin Edney Financial Advisor** - celebrated his Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on May 5, 2016. Kevin is here to help individual's achieve their serious, long-term financial goals by understanding their needs and implementing tailored solutions. Stop by his office located at 1314 10th Street, Suite 120, or call 936-295-5445. You may also email him at [kevin.edney@edwardjones.com](mailto:kevin.edney@edwardjones.com), or visit their website at [www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)



**It Works - Mary Kay Landgolf**

**It Works-Mary Kay Landgolf** - celebrated her Ribbon Cutting ceremony with many friends, Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on May 11th, 2016. It Works, is a Wellness company most widely recognized for the "ultimate" body wrap. For more information contact Mary Kay Langolf at 936-668-0316, or visit the website at [www.marykaskinnywraps.itworks.com](http://www.marykaskinnywraps.itworks.com)



**City Hall Cafe & Pie Bar**

**City Hall Cafe & Pie Bar** - located at 1421 Sam Houston Avenue, celebrated their Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on May 11, 2016. They offer a variety of entrees, sandwiches, salads and appetizers as well as their "famous" deep dish pies, cobblers and mini pies. Give them a call at 936-439-6113, or visit their website at [www.cityhalltexas.com](http://www.cityhalltexas.com)



**Crossin Moving & Storage**

**Crossin Moving & Storage** - celebrated their Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on May 12, 2016. A family -owned business that takes great pride in ensuring your piece-of-mind as you focus on establishing your new home or business. For more information call 936-967-5660, or visit their website at [www.crossinmoving.com](http://www.crossinmoving.com)



**McAdams Dry Goods**

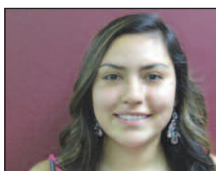
**McAdams Dry Goods** - the newest location in Huntsville providing Women's apparel and accessories, celebrated their Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on May 12, 2016. They invite you to come by their location at 1113 University Avenue, or give them a call at 936-294-6053, or visit their website at [www.mcadamsdry-goods.com](http://www.mcadamsdry-goods.com)

## Mary Frances Park Memorial Scholarship Awarded

On May 23, 2016 the Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce awarded the Mary Frances Park Memorial Scholarship to Brenda Negrete, a senior at Huntsville High School. Brenda is the daughter of Enrique and Mana Negrete.

Brenda is a member of the Spanish National Honor Society (vice-president), the French Honor Society (treasurer), English National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and national Technical Honor Society. She is a member of St. Thomas Apostolic Church. Brenda has chosen to attend Sam Houston State University because of the business school and standard of academics. While at Sam Houston State University she plans to major in Human Resource Management and minor in Accounting. She has plans for a Master's Degree and a Doctorate.

The Mary Frances Park Memorial Scholarship for \$1500.00 is for use at Sam Houston State University. Funds for the scholarship are raised through an auction at the chamber's annual gala. The selection committee reviewed applications from eight hopeful recipients attending area high schools. The chamber is proud to fund this scholarship and support our local students.



Brenda Negrete

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"The Best Western Huntsville Inn & Suites is pleased to receive a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence," said Debbie Miller, General Manager at the Best Western Huntsville Inn & Suites. "We strive to offer our customers a memorable experience, and this accolade is evidence that our hard work is translating into positive traveler reviews on TripAdvisor."





# HLI Class 34

## Oh The Places You Will Go

*Oh the places you will go, if you apply for the Huntsville Leadership Institute that is!* The 2016-2017 class of the Huntsville Leadership Institute will begin in September with a 2 day retreat and will continue through May with monthly day-long sessions.

September begins the building process of strengthening your leadership skills and inspiring you to the best you can be. You will soon realize that each and every session focuses on **Leadership, Community Awareness and Networking/Relationships.**

HLI Class 34 member Kirstie Legerski shared, *"HLI has provided us with a much greater understanding about how we can serve our community and our citizens. We will be able to take our passions, strengths and abilities and apply them in areas to make a greater impact. We have networked. We have made friends."*

HLI expands your circle of contacts by introducing you to many influential men and women who are key leaders in our community. HLI Coordinator Laura Green shared, *"Introducing you to some of the leaders in our community and acquiring knowledge of their personal leadership styles is one of the many attributes of HLI. Every one of the speakers and tour guides we meet along the way is key to the development of Huntsville. Many of these influential people will tell you that HLI was the stepping stone that inspired and encouraged them to become a better leader in their place of business, in their community and in their homes."*

As the year progresses your awareness about your community will broaden as HLI helps you develop a better understanding of what makes Huntsville a unique and thriving community to live, work and play. Sessions focus on education, tourism, business industry, health care, government, criminal justice, natural resources and more. Tours of SHSU, TDCJ Wynne Unit, Trinity River Authority, Steely Lumber, Gardner Glass and the Walker County Jail are just some of the places the class will visit during the nine month course.

There are no minimum educational requirements to apply. You do not have to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce, nor employed. To request an application or more information contact the Chamber at 936-295-8113.



Learning how mirrors are made at Gardner Glass



Criminal Justice Day at the historical "Walls" Unit



HLI Class 34 recently held their graduation ceremony at Elkins Lake Clubhouse. Pictured are:

Front Row: Kirstie Legerski, TDCJ; Jeannie White, Snap Fitness; Sandra Gray, SHSU

Second Row: Kyle Barnard, SHSU; Laura Shotwell, CSCU; Celeste Slatter, White Ivy Real Estate; Courtney Chastine, SHSU; Tanya Hudnall, TDCJ; Mike Nokes, McGilberry Mechanical; Samantha Molina, CSCU

Back Row: Brad Ertl, SHSU; Andrew Miller, SHSU; Scotti Castro, Edward Jones Investments; Sam Donnell, Rockin' D Services; Christopher Day, HMM and Will Mejia, Walker Co. Federal Credit Union. Not pictured is Brian McColpin, SHSU



Dan Phillips of Phoenix Commotion led a tour at the "Bone House"

# Graduates:



Games @ Retreat



Visiting SHSU Campus



HLI Class 34!



ROPES Day is always a big highlight!



Scotti Smith with Edward Jones Investments



Laura Shotwell, CSCU tackles the high ropes course!



Jeannie White from Snap Fitness



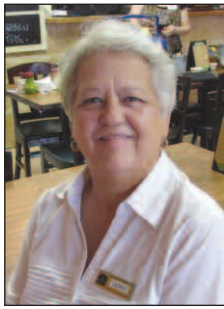
Kirstie Legerski, TDCJ and Celeste Slatter, White Ivy Real Estate learn more about the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum



## Ambassador Spotlight ~ Debbie Miller

Debbie Miller is the General Manager for Best Western - Huntsville Inn

"I am blessed with an amazing and supportive family" said Mrs. Miller who's son Hollis Miller is the Assistant General Manger at the Best Western. The General Manager is solely responsible for the entire brand branch and she has grown the brand by hiring devoted employees who embody the Best Western identity in appearance, demeanor, values and voice. Their strength lies in their ability to strengthen the customer- product/service relationship. "As General Manager I do my best to completely understand the corporate plan well, so that I am able to insure the success of our planned goals. Achieving optimal guest satisfaction and maintaining a great work environment are the main focus. I would not be here today without all of the support and encouragement from my staff and I sincerely thank everyone here at 201 West Hill Park Circle, it means everything to me."



Debbie Miller

"It is a complete pleasure and honor to address you as an ambassador representing Best Western and the Chamber of Commerce; it feels good to be able to help others and participate in a position where my passions and my skills can be deployed and put into constructive use. As ambassadors we plan to promote, provide, engage customers and business owners and listen to their feedback, we act as general cheerleaders for more of what the world needs; love through giving everyone outstanding exceptional heartfelt customer care services. I feel immensely grateful for this wonderful opportunity that I have been given to do just that!" In her spare time Debbie loves to hunt and fish.

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS IN MAY

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

**David Busby, World Financial Group**- is your World Financial Group associate who will walk alongside you in your journey to financial success, helping you assess your situation, understand how money works, and find the products and services that can best fit your needs. For more information, contact David Busby at 832-715-1415 or by email at [adavidbusby@yahoo.com](mailto:adavidbusby@yahoo.com)

**Colby Ballew-Family Heritage Life**- is an Independent Insurance Agent representing Family Heritage Life , which provides Supplemental Insurance that pays you in the event of long term illness or accident. He also services small businesses and families. Office Hours are M-F 9 am-8 pm, and on Saturday and Sunday by appointment. For more information contact Colby at 936-777-5669 or by email at [colby.ballew@gmail.com](mailto:colby.ballew@gmail.com). Be sure to check out their website at [www.familyheritagelife.com](http://www.familyheritagelife.com)

**KIDS SPOT Trampoline & Tumbling**- offers Trampoline and Tumbling classes as well as private and semi-private lessons for children from 3-18 years of age. Birthday parties can be arranged on the weekends. A combined experience of 35 years, Joyce Davison and Lisa Fountain strive to give these young athletes a positive, safe, working atmosphere to develop the child's individual abilities and skills. Stop by and visit them at 176 State Highway 19, or give them a call at 936-436-9133. You may also email them at [kidsspottrampoline@gmail.com](mailto:kidsspottrampoline@gmail.com)

**Texas Custom Awards and Promotions**- is a promotional product distributor and member of the Advertising Specialty Institute. They are able to supply your company with every possible promotional product from over 3000 suppliers. Whether you are needing mugs, pens, or t-shirts, their mission is to help you create long lasting relationships with your clients through the power of promotional products. For more information, contact Paul Hainline at 214-531-0623, or visit their website at <http://texascustom-awardsandpromotions.com>



## RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

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| Air Handlers                   | Chi St Luke's health Emergency Center |
| Lisa's gift Box                | Unique Tan                            |
| Hospitality House              | The Cellar Wine Lounge                |
| Daisy's Diner                  | The Homestead Restaurant              |
| Republican Party Walker County | Tax Express                           |
| Park View Place                | Northside Baptist Church              |
| Davis Construction Management  | Giddy up Glamour                      |
| EASCO A/C & HTG                | Ravenwood Village                     |
| Dr. Timothy Deahl, MD          | Rockin' D Services                    |
| Home Health Care of Huntsville | Frameworks & Gallery                  |
| ACE Foundation Repair          | Carra Signature Floral                |
| Econo Lodge                    |                                       |

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.**

Friday  
August  
12th



5:30-8:30p.m.  
SHSU LSC Ballroom

Tickets \$35/\$45 at the door  
Buy 5 Get 6th Ticket FREE!!  
Limited Tickets Sold

Shopping \* Entertainment \* Food & Drink  
Wine Grab \* Door Prizes \* Fashion Show  
Diva Weekend Giveaway \* Auction \* Special Guests  
**Join us at Diva Night...Kentucky Derby Style!**

Grab your girlfriends and spend **FRIDAY evening, August 12th**, with us and you are sure to feel pampered and spoiled at this year's **Diva Night** presented by the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. This year's theme is Kentucky Derby...so come dressed in your best derby dress and matching hat or just come casual and enjoy the food, fun, and shopping!

Prepare to be lavished with trinkets and gifts upon entering as the first **350 ladies** will receive a goodie bag! Enjoy shopping at your favorite local stores all gathered in one place. Come thirsty and hungry as yummy food and beverages from local restaurants, caterers, and bakers will be plentiful.

Buy your ticket **before July 29th** to be entered into the **Diva Weekend Contest!** One lucky Diva will receive a suite at the local Best Western to be used on Diva Night. Her room will be full of extra goodies and surprises!

Tickets available July 1st at The Chamber, Curves, Lisa's Gift Box, Learning RX, and Cole Insurance  
Call 936-295-8113 for more info

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## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville	Walker Co.	Texas	U.S.	Huntsville	Walker Co.	Texas	U.S.
	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Apr 2016	Apr 2015	Apr 2015	Apr 2015	Apr 2015
Total Labor Force	11,388	22,926	13,257,468	158,488,000	11,410	22,961	13,054,103	156,554,000
Total Employed	10,824	21,807	12,696,755	151,075,000	10,894	21,949	12,524,751	148,587,000
Total Unemployed	564	1,119	560,713	7,413,000	516	1,012	529,352	7,966,000
Percent Unemployed	5.0%	4.9%	4.2%	4.7%	4.5%	4.4%	4.1%	5.1%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	May 2016	May 2015	% Change
Building Residential	614,674	1,755,918	-0.65%
Commercial Building	899,018	1,390,000	-0.35%
Certificate of Compliance	0	0	0
Other	523,096	3,103,736	-0.83%
TOTAL	2,036,788	6,249,654	-0.67%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	June 2016	June 2015	% Change	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	588,094.80	613,033.97	-4.06%	3,991,836.96	3,985,925.53	0.14%
New Waverly (1.5%)	32,922.42	32,624.68	0.91%	236,706.19	230,871.13	2.52%
Riverside (1.5%)	10,863.58	10,285.40	5.62%	70,304.17	64,911.56	8.30%
Walker County (.5%)	252,423.35	269,427.56	-6.31%	1,633,446.38	1,653,861.41	-1.23%

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>)

Thanks to **Allegiance Mobile Health** for sponsoring the June Chamber Small Business Breakfast. Allegiance Mobile Health is the largest private Texas based provider of medical transportation and 911 emergency services throughout the state. With over 1,200 employees they operate 300 vehicles, manage more than 40 stations, provide 911 services to 24 communities and complete in excess of 250,000 requests for service annually! Business Development District Manager Jessica Jones shared, "As a result, our service territory touches over 6 million residents covering urban, suburban and rural areas. This is expected to double to a population of 12 million in 2016. This scale in the State of Texas and our reputation for being a trusted provider of top tier patient care has enabled Allegiance to expand its offerings to include initiatives in Mobile Integrated Health."

"Allegiance Mobile Health was built on guiding principles that shape every aspect of how we operate:"

- Compassionate – we deeply care about our patients, partners, customers, and colleagues
- Leader – we always strive for excellence in everything we do
- Integrity – we hold ourselves to the highest standards of professionalism, compliance, and honesty
- Modern – we stay on the cutting edge of technology, training, and technique
- Benevolent – we exist for the purpose of doing good and improving the delivery of health-care

"These core values are represented by the acronym "CLIMB", which is a daily reminder to always move upward through continuous improvement in order achieve ever higher levels of execution as individuals and as an organization."

**Allegiance Mobile Health has set a foundation to achieve their 2016 goals which are:**

- Become a top decile private EMS agency in the US through operational excellence
- Provide a nationally recognized top quartile quality of service
- Lead the industry in long term financial strength and stability
- Participate as a leader in Population Health

For more information call 979-824-8289.



Picture are Operations District Manager for the East Region, Jessica Mathieson and Jessica Jones Business Development District Manager

Thanks to **LearningRx** for sponsoring the May Chamber Business After Hours. Owner Lisa Branch shared, "Did you know that many struggles with thinking, learning, reading, memory, and attention are caused by weak cognitive skills?"

"At LearningRx, our brain training programs target those very skills. We do it through a series of intense (but fun!) mental exercises that work on the way the brain thinks, learns, reads, and remembers. Our brain trainers know exactly how to encourage and challenge clients past their comfort zones and into the thrill of new accomplishments."

"Because cognitive weaknesses are not necessarily strengthened by time, children who struggle with reading, learning, reasoning, remembering, or paying attention often grow into adults with the same struggles. Many of our clients are, in fact, adults of all ages and stages of life, from the college-bound, to career builders, to seniors."

"LearningRx is both a pioneer and leader in the field of brain training and is the ideal company to train your cognitive skills, too."

This summer you can experience the life changing effects of brain training through several different venues for all ages! "We have a summer Brain Camp for elementary age children and a Brain Boot Camp for Junior and Senior High aged students. We are hosting a SmartStart workshop for parents of preschoolers who want to ensure their little ones have the best opportunities as they begin their academic career. Additionally, we have Brain Boosters for those adults who need to process information faster and operate more efficiently. Make this summer your best ever with LearningRx bBrain Training!"

LearningRx is located at 1423 A Brazos Drive. To find out more about this summer camps/workshops or information in general stop by their location, call them at 936-295-4579, or on the web at [www.learningrx.com/huntsville](http://www.learningrx.com/huntsville).



Pictured from the top are: Neal Gandy-Caterer, Taylor Holt-Cognitive Skills Trainer, Todd Williams- Cognitive Skills Trainer, Jennifer Smith- Office Assistant, Heidi Reddin- Master Trainer, Melissa Howe- Assistant Director, Courtney Givens- Director of Training, Nick Sweeten- Cognitive Skills Trainer, Lisa Roberts- Owner/Director, Jadon Kirven- Cognitive Skills Trainer and Lisa Branch- Owner/Director

## Prize Patrol Makes Stops All Over

The Chamber Ambassador "Prize Patrol" continues to be very busy celebrating with many business members. The Ambassadors make "surprise" visits, complete with balloons and cookies to show appreciation to Chamber business members. Shown here are May visits made to (1) Boys & Girls Club (2) Huntsville ISD (3) CSCU (4) City Electric and (5) Mr. Hamburger. 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  
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 Jennifer Davis..... First National Bank of Huntsville  
 Sam Donnell .....Rockin' D Services  
 Margaret Gullede .....Huntsville Memorial Hospital  
 Jimmy Henry .....Walker County Commissioner  
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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

### JUNE

- 21 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 23 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 23 New Member Showcase, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. @ HEARTS Veterans Storm Shelter
- 28 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 28 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 30 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber

### JULY

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY! OFFICE CLOSED
- 5 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 7 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 12 Ribbon Cutting , 11:30 a.m. for CASA of Walker County here @ Chamber Office
- 14 Small Business Breakfast sponsored by City Electric, 7:30 a.m. @ Golden Corral
- 14 Executive Board Meeting @ 11:30 a.m. @ Chamber Conference Room
- 14 POP Committee, 2:00 p.m. @ Chamber Office
- 19 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 20 Ribbon Cutting, 11:00 a.m. for Program Insurance Group here @ Chamber Office
- 21 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m.
- 21 Board Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 26 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 26 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 28 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 28 Business After Hours, sponsored by TBA

## Community Calendar of Events

### JUNE

- 20 8:00 to 5:00 p.m., Animal Creation Summer Camp, SHSU Department of Art
- 21 5:30 p.m. Snakebite Prevention Seminar @ Huntsville Memorial Hospital,
- 22 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Bear Bend Wednesday-Gardening with Vegetables & Herbs, Bear Bend Cabin
- 29 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Bear Bend Wednesday-Pioneer Skills, Bear Bend Cabin
- 30 7:00 p.m. Walker County Beekeepers Association Meeting @ Walker Senior Education Center

### JULY

- 4 4th of July Celebration, Kate Barr Ross Park, Fireworks to begin at 9:00 p.m. or at dark, weather permitting
- 6 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Bear Bend Wednesday-Nature Walk with Leaf Etchings and Rubbings, Bear Bend Cabin
- 11-15 9:00-12:30 p.m. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, First Baptist Church
- 13 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Bear Bend Wednesday-Flower Pounding, Bear Bend Cabin
- 18-29 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., SHSU hosts New Summer Camp for Youth, Art on the Edge
- 20 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Bear Bend Wednesday-Embroidery & Needlepoint, Bear Bend Cabin
- 27 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Bear Bend Wednesday-Ragdoll & Cornhusk, Bear Bend Cabin
- 29-30 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Friday), East Texas Thimble Trail, Walker County Fairgrounds  
 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Saturday), One Stop Shop Hop, Walker County Fairgrounds