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Chamber**



VOICE

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

Volunteers. Opportunities. Involvement. Community. Events.

March 2016



The Chamber hosted the 29th Annual Business Expo on March 3rd!!

Member Spotlight...



Welcome New Members:

- Thick as Thieves Tattoo Company
- RE/MAX 1st Source-Stacey Roberts
- RS Roofing & Construction Group LLC
- Auldwolf Woodcrafts
- Jared Webb, Bickley, Prescott
- Courtney Nokes, Rodan+Fields
- Stylecraft Builders, Inc.
- It Work's-Mary Kay Langolf
- Pathfinder Home Health
- Baking Sweet Memories

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CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

WOW!! What a **"Business After Hours"** held on February 25 at **Magnolia Mey's!!** The shop recently opened at 1116 10th Street. Lauren Blinka, owner, was most gracious and the food was wonderful! If you have not been by their new location, please drop in soon!

Kudos to Event Chair **Scott Francis** (BBVD), along with **Bart Davis** (Davis

Construction Management), **Sam Donnell** (Rockin' D Services and **David Markham** (Markham Realty) who headed up the 29th annual Business Expo this year! They did an outstanding job, along with other volunteers and Chamber staff, making this 29th annual event one for the record book. We can't begin to say **"THANKS"** enough to all the sponsors for the evening. Hats off to **Susan Ellis** for winning the grand prize, \$500, sponsored by **Mid-South Synergy**. **Rockin' D Services** and **El Rancho Viejo** both won "Best Booth" awards and **Christy Inman** (H&R Block) won the \$100 gift card to 1836 Steak House. Be sure to refer to the center section of this publication for a complete overview of the event, our sponsors and all the participating vendors. Big hugs to all who helped make it a great evening!!

"Fabulous February" has now come and gone...in the blink of an eye!! "Marvelous March" is already promising a great beginning of a beautiful spring in our part of the world. I can't wait to see what the wildflowers do this year since we had so much rainfall earlier. Walker County usually has some of the prettiest wildflowers around!!

By the time you read this Spring Break will have come and gone, and Daylight Savings time will be back in our lives. Schools are back in full swing and counting down for Easter and the end of the school year. Hopefully during the break you all got in some much deserved rest and relaxation and are geared up for the largest youth and family-oriented activity in our county...yep "Pardner", Walker County Fair is about to kick off on Friday, April 1st and runs through April 9th. A scholarship fundraiser steak dinner will be served April 1 & 2, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm just prior to the rodeo. Be sure to note this on your calendar!!

Soooo, it's time for the residents of Walker County to dust off their cowboy hats and get out their favorite western boots. **"County Scenes & Kid's Dreams"** is this year's theme for the Walker County Fair. We at the Chamber are very proud of all the youth in Walker County and applaud WCFA. To date, over 13 million dollars have gone back into the hands of local youth in the form of various scholarships and awards. We look forward to visiting the Fair during its run, and cheering on the students from the various schools and organizations as they proudly exhibit their projects. We encourage everyone to attend this 38th annual event that showcases a wide variety of educational and leadership skills these young people have acquired...hope to see you there!!

You are cordially invited to drop in anytime for a visit and share what's on your mind...we'll have the coffee ready and waiting!! Be sure to note on the Chamber website special meetings that will occur regarding various upcoming meetings.

Spring time is on its way, so get out and enjoy the beautiful communities throughout Walker County.

Happy Trails, **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...

Juice Plus+ Is the #1 selling encapsulated and researched nutritional product in the world and is supported by leading health professionals around the world according to Representative Kay and Bob Cheney. "As Juice Plus+ representatives, we embrace the Juice Plus+ health habit, share Juice Plus+ with friends and family and inspire others to do the same." Juice Plus+ offers a simple solution in capsule and chewable form, quick shakes and nutrition bars to replace fats, sugars and heavy processed food. Juice



Juice Plus+

Plus+ now has a Tower Garden representing the next generation of urban farming. This highly efficient aeroponic growing system allows you to grow massive amounts of produce in a tiny amount of space in about half the time with less effort and water. The Tower garden allows you to experience the freshness of the plant to your plate.

Please visit our website, www.TheWellWay.com to address questions about Juice Plus+, its production, published clinical research studies and information from a variety of medical professionals. Balance your life, be at your best so you can stay healthy, happy and whole; It's your life make it complete.

When asked about their Chamber membership the Cheney's replied, "Our Chamber membership is a very wise investment and the dividends continue to escalate both personally and financially. Building relationships in the community with the Chamber members fits in our company motto, "Inspiring healthy living around the world".

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville Jan. 2016	Walker Co. Jan. 2016	Texas Jan. 2016	U.S. Jan. 2016	Huntsville Jan. 2015	Walker Co. Jan. 2015	Texas Jan. 2015	U.S. Jan. 2015
Total Labor Force	11,232	22,589	13,114,646	157,347,000	11,379	22,810	13,004,462	156,050,000
Total Employed	10,645	21,446	12,533,133	149,037,000	10,758	21,673	12,393,247	146,552,000
Total Unemployed	587	1,143	581,513	8,309,000	621	1,137	611,215	9,498,000
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.1%	4.4%	5.3%	5.5%	5.0%	4.7%	6.1%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	Feb. 2016	Feb. 2015	% Change
Building Residential	1,845,076	1,722,664	0.071%
Commercial Building	140,175	180,400	-0.22%
Certificate of Compliance	0	0	0
Other	879,838	401,236	1.19%
TOTAL	2,865,089	2,304,300	0.24%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	Mar. 2016	Mar. 2015	% Change	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	591,721.62	546,415.31	8.29%	2,032,281.40	1,949,101.79	4.26%
New Waverly (1.5%)	37,913.55	36,638.53	3.47%	134,886.77	142,260.91	-5.18%
Riverside (1.5%)	9,670.07	8,672.21	11.50%	33,389.10	30,656.98	8.91%
Walker County (.5%)	250,826.50	236,763.15	5.93%	831,122.60	822,394.33	1.06%

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>)

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Promoting Our Positives (POP) Committee of the Chamber is hosting a book drive on April 12, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for grades PK through 4th grade. Please bring by your new or "gently used" children books to the Chamber or City Library. These will all be donated to Huntsville ISD.

Join First Baptist Church for Easter services on March 27. Sunday School for all ages begins @ 9:30 am with Exciting Family Friendly Worship at 10:50 am. Then join 1st Baptist @ Rather Park for an Easter Egg Hunt, Free Family Photos, Live Music and Family Fun!! Call 291-3441 for more info.

As the old adage goes..."The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." And so it is when promoting tourism in Huntsville and Walker County. For us all to succeed, to survive, we need to work together with a strategy of marketing "synergy." Cross-promotions is the key!! So on May 13th through May 15th is the General Sam Houston Folk Festival. This year we have a tent and table located in a high traffic area for everyone to promote your venue or event. Your volunteers will be able to inform and invite folks to stay the night or come back for a longer visit to experience all of what Huntsville has to offer. Your folks will not be asked to come in costume nor will they be asked to help with the festival. Volunteers can work in shifts on Friday (May 13th) 9am-3pm; Saturday (May 14th) 10am-6pm; and Sunday (May 15th) Noon-5pm. **THIS IS ALL ABOUT YOU!!** Admission to the Festival is free for thos working this Tourism Tent/Table. Contact Megan Buro if you want to participate and how many Festival passes you will need.



RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

Terry Stivers	Fuller & Associates
Huntsville RV Repair & Supply	Divine Life Change
Margarita's Mexican Restaurant	All Risk Insurance Specialists
Brookshire Brothers	Global Financial Partners
Barefoot Athletics	Pampered Chef- Tracy Stoudt
Huntsville Board of Realtors	Ground Control Lawn Care Service
Walker County Democrats	Cole Insurance
Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home	State Farm - Diana Barnes
Huntsville Rental Center	Boys & Girls Club of Walker County
Josey Lodge	Bosworth Roofing
Huntsville Memorial Hospital	Park Lane Jewelry - Maria Ledezma
Elliott Electrical	Baker Motel
Huntsville Ducks Unlimited	Home Depot
Dahill Industries	Roxie Douglas Foundation
Rita B Huff Humane Society	

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.

What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours - March 24th, 5:15p.m. hosted & sponsored by HMH Multi Specialty Clinic**
- **Small Business Breakfast- April 14, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral, sponsored by Green Acres of Huntsville**
- **13th Annual Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament, Friday, May 6 at Raven Nest Golf Club, sponsored by Team Dodge**
- **Helicopter Golf Ball Drop-Friday, May 6th at Raven Nest Golf Club, sponsored by Bill Fick Ford**
- **SAVE THE DATE: DIVA NIGHT, Friday, August 12th Theme: Kentucky Derby; sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville**

Ribbon Cuttings



Grace Baptist Church

Grace Baptist Church- celebrated their ribbon cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on February 25, 2016. Located at 248 Hwy. 19, Pastor David Beaty invites you to come and visit, or give their office a call at 936-291-7083. Also, you may email them at pastor@gbch.info, or visit their website at www.gbch.info They will make you feel WELCOME!



Magnolia Mey Boutique

Magnolia Mey Boutique- located at 1116 10th St. celebrated their ribbon cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on February 1, 2016. They offer a place for women to shop for trendy, yet practical clothing and accessories at an affordable price. Call them at 936-755-8107 or visit their website at www.magnoliameyboutique.com

April 12th Little Stingers Book Drive (Pre-K - 4th Grade)

**Let's Make A Difference
Bring gently used or new books.
Bring to the Chamber, City Library,
or one of the Elementary Schools.**



Business Expo 2016 a

Thank You to all that supported the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo 2016. Approximately 85 businesses participated in this year's Business Expo and Taste of Huntsville. The 29th annual event was held at the Huntsville Convention Center. Exhibitors networked with new and old customers as well as other businesses to market their services and products. The event was a great success and we thank everyone who made it possible.

Taste of Huntsville Sponsor:
Texas Grand Ranch



\$500 Grand Prize Sponsor:
Mid-South Synergy



Communications Sponsor:
Huntsville ISD



Hospitality Sponsor:
Texas Grand Ranch



Transportation Sponsors:
Bill Fick Ford
Hyundai Huntsville
TEAM Dodge



Business Expo Exhibitors

Able Ammo
America's SBDC
Ample Computer Services, Inc.
AT&T
Barbwire Barbie Boutique
Bill Fick Ford
Carriage Inn - Huntsville
Casey R. Frazier, D.D.S.-Pediatric Dentistry
Champion Forest Resource Management Inc.
Community Service Credit Union
Easco A/C & Htg.
Family Hearing & Sensory-Neural Center
First National Bank of Huntsville
Forest Glen Camps
H & R Block - Huntsville
Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, Huntsville
Home Depot
Homegrown Marketplace
Hospitality House
Huntsville Board of Realtors
Huntsville Health Care Center
Huntsville I.S.D.
Huntsville Lions Club
Huntsville Memorial Hospital
Huntsville Physical Medicine Institute
Hyundai of Huntsville
It Works- Mary Kay Langolf
Juice Plus +
K&G Capital Mortgage
KSAM-FM 101.7 / 104.9 THE HITS
Leadercast
LearningRx
Lightning Clean Pressure Washing

Loving Care Personal Care Home & Services
Magnolia Lake
Magnolia Mey Boutique
McAdams Dry Goods
McGilberry Mechanical Heating and Cooling, Inc.
MediaGenics Co
Mid-South Synergy
Mid-South Synergy
MRC Creekside
Northside Baptist Church
Northwest Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Park Lane Jewelry - Rosie Ledezma
Pathfinder Home Health
PhysiciansER Huntsville
Postcards Magazine
Rockin' D Services, Inc.
Rodan+Fields - Courtney Nokes
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Senior Center of Walker County
Smile Makers
Sports Reach Ministry
STAT Home Health
Stella & Dot
Summit Christian Academy
Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep
Texas Grand Ranch, LLC
The Huntsville Item
Third Coast Gifts and Gourmet
U.S. Border patrol Recruiting
United Way of the Piney Woods
University Heights Baptist Church
Walker County
Walker County Federal Credit Union

Taste of Huntsville

City Hall Café
Conroe Coca-Cola
Dominos
El Rancho Viejo
El Gordo Taqueria
Farmhouse Café
Faust Distributing - Goliad Brewing Co.
Faust Distributing - Mike's Hard Lemonade
Golden Corral
Lucy's Graz'n Green
Mama Juanita's
MRC Creekside
Sugar & Spice
Wing Stop

Special Thanks to:

Huntsville Rental Center, Kim's Garden Center, McCoy's Building Supply, Davis Construction Management, Westridge Grocery, Brookshire Brothers, KSAM 101.7, Paula Armstrong and Walker County Sheriff's Office.

Business Expo Committee:

Event Chair – Scott Francis, BBVA Compass
Vice Chair – Michelle Hebert, MD – Arbonne Independent Consultant
Director – David Markham, Markham Realty
Bart Davis, Davis Construction Management
Sam Donnell, Rockin'D Services
Shannon Higbie, Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce

nd Taste of Huntsville

member and our Members at the Expo!!

held at the Walker County Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 3 2016 and featured a Business Only Hour from 4:00 to 5:00p.m.

Taste of Huntsville featured fourteen tasting stations with a variety of local fare! A huge THANK YOU to our sponsors!



The Chamber Booth



Rockin' D Services & Sam Donnell won Best Booth of Expo



The Committee & Carol Smith welcome Mid South Electric to present \$500.



Huntsville ISD and Shannon Duncan



Many people enjoyed the Taste of Huntsville



Texas Grand Ranch (Debra Burkhalter) was Taste of Huntsville sponsor.



El Rancho Viejo won Best Food Booth

After Dark...it is a brand NEW GAME!

Golf at Night?...OF COURSE! On **Friday, May 6**, golfers adorned with glow necklaces and such, will light up the course as they participate in the **13th Annual Shot in the Dark Night Golf Tournament at Raven Nest Golf Club in Huntsville, Texas!**

The Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce and **presenting sponsor Team Dodge** will bring this tournament unlike any other to Huntsville as the sun begins to set over Huntsville.

The format is a 4 person scramble that begins at 4:00 p.m. with the first nine holes and then the second nine begin at dusk with 32 teams max/128 golfers.

Entry fee includes cart fees, dinner/beverages/snacks, glow accessories, cap, shirt and MORE! Golfers playing in this fun, challenging and unique golf tournament will also compete to **WIN top prizes**. Two **\$10,000 Hole-In-One** holes are set up on the course during the daylight hours as well as closest to the pin and longest drive for more opportunities to win great prizes. Prior to the tournament and during the dinner intermission, golfers can practice their hand at the putting green, sponsored by **Raising Canes**, for a chance to **WIN a YETI Tundra 65 Cooler** provided by...**Walker County ACE Hardware**.

We also give away over **\$6000** in prizes to the 1st and 2nd place winners in each flight. Not only is this tournament unique because you can play after dark, but will also give away top dollar in prizes!

Need more?...We have one more opportunity to WIN at the **helicopter golf ball drop, sponsored by Bill Fick Ford**. At approximately 7:15 p.m. a helicopter will hover over the course and 600 golf balls, purchased prior to this point, will be dropped over a designated hole on the course. The winner will take home a **\$1,000 VISA gift card!** ANYONE can purchase one of these coveted golf balls, whether they play golf or not. **AND the best part is you don't have to be present to win!** Just provide us your phone number at registration and we will call you to claim your prize. Golf balls are only \$10 each, 6 for \$50 or better your odds and purchase 13 for \$100.

Golf teams for the tournament and the helicopter golf balls are limited so give the chamber a call at 936-295-8113 to claim your spot and hopefully a prize!

Thanks to the following sponsors and donors: Team Dodge, Bill Fick Ford, Davis Construction Management, Sherwin Williams Paint Co., Dr. Curtis Montgomery-Samaritan Women's Care, McGilberry Mechanical, Walker Co. Federal Credit Union, Mid-South Synergy, Raising Canes, HBI Office Solutions, Walker County ACE Hardware, Faust Distributing, Stevenson Beer Distributing, Conroe Coca-Cola, Lone Star Commissary, Classic Fare Catering-Aramark, City of Huntsville, Huntsville Truck & Tractor, Rockin' D Services and Schlotzsky's.

A complete list of all our sponsors and hole sponsors will be in the next issue of the VOICE.

SHOT in the DARK Friday, May 6th
Raven Nest Golf Club
Night Golf Tournament
4:00 pm

4 Person Scramble
18 holes of Golf
9 in daylight; 9 after dark!
Dinner, cart, glow accessories
and MORE... all included

CHANCE to WIN GREAT PRIZES
Including \$10,000 Hole-in-One!

Helicopter Golf Ball Drop!
WIN \$1000
Not a Golfer? You can still participate
AND you do not have to be present to WIN!!!

Call 936-295-8113
www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us

Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS IN FEBRUARY

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:**

Thick as Thieves Tattoo Company -Huntsville's newest tattoo shop specializing in America Traditional and Black & Grey Realism. Owned and Operated by Grey Witte, who is a graduate of Pittsburgh, PA Art Institute, and has 15 years of world wide experience. Come by and visit with them at 1501-C Sam Houston Avenue, or give them a call at 936-755-8110. You may also email him at thickasthievestatootocompany@gmail.com, or visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thickasthievestatootocompany

RE/MAX 1st Source-Stacey Roberts- 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.

RS Roofing & Construction Group LLC- have years of experience planning, managing, and executing construction projects of all kinds. Our construction experts are dedicated to completing your project large or small with quality results, on time and within your budget. Their goal is to work as your agent to take care of your insurance claim whether it is for roofing, restoration-remodel or-renovation. Come by and visit our office at 7060 B State Hwy. 75 South, or give them a call at 936-205-2219. You may also visit their website at www.rsroofing.biz, or email them at rsroofing@live.com

Auldwulf Woodcrafts- a home service company offering everything from minor repairs to complete remodeling. 35+ year's woodworking experience, specializing in Intarsia, which is an art form creating scenes using different woods and grain patterns instead of paints or stains. For more information, contact Charles Staggs, at 936-438-3127 or email him at cstags1958@gmail.com

Jared Webb, Partner with Bickley, Prescott, Webb and Wells, PC - is here to help you maintain financial viability in the present, while taking a proactive approach to achieve your goals. They are a full service CPA firm, specializing in taxation and business development consulting. Whether you are needing someone to prepare an audit, financial statement, or work on financial planning, please give him a call at 936-295-9193 or stop by the office at 901 Normal Park, Suite 206

Courtney Nokes with Rodan+Fields- Founded by dermatologists in 2002, Rodan+Fields puts the power of dermatology-based skincare in your hands. They developed a line of clinically proven, dermatology-based anti-aging products that addresses your biggest skin concerns such as sensitivity, acne, sun damage, and aging. For more information call Courtney at 936-581-2257, or by email at courtneynokes@myrandf.com

Stylecraft Builders, Inc.- Whether you are a first time home buyer or a growing family looking to move up, Stylecraft Builders is the place to start. Stylecraft Builders has built its reputation on integrity, honesty, value and style. Their number one goal is to provide more home for less money to residents. For more information, please contact Caroline Bates at 936-295-9800, or visit their website at www.stylecraft-builders.com

It Works- is a Wellness company most widely recognized for the "ultimate" body wrap. The Ultimate Body Wrap is a non-woven cloth wrap that has been infused with a powerful, botanically-based formula to deliver maximum tightening, toning, and firming results where applied to the skin. They also offer skin-care, anti-aging, weight-loss supplements and vitamins. For more information, please contact Mary Kay Langolf at 936-668-0316, or visit the website at www.marykaskinnywraps.itworks.com

Pathfinder Home Health- is a local family owned agency that is dedicated to providing compassionate care to meet our community's needs. They will help you create a plan of care using nursing and therapy designed to improve the quality of life and level of independence for you or your loved one. For more information, you may contact Jennifer Franklin, LVN at 936-291-7284, or visit their website at www.pathfinderhomehealth.com

Baking Sweet Memories- Huntsville's only Gourmet Cupcake Shop located at 1114 10th St. offers custom cakes, cookies, wedding cupcakes, breads and other treats. If you are looking for that "Special" treat for your loved one, or just for yourself, give them a call at 936-755-8175, or visit their website at www.bakingsweetmemories.com

AMERICA'S SBDC
TEXAS GULF COAST NETWORK
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Seminar Schedule
January - March, 2016

QuickBooks Online Basics
Wed, March 23rd
8:30am - 11:30am; 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Location: SHSU SBDC Computer Lab
Fee: \$60

Key Topics: Bookkeeping basics, General navigation within QuickBooks applications * Create a company and meaningful Chart of Accounts * Customers and vendors * Accounts receivable * Managing bank accounts * Adding entries, Job estimates, Billing and invoicing, Receiving payments * Purchase orders, Paying bills and printing checks, Accounts Payable *Understanding financial reports, budgeting and planning.

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To register for a seminar or latest updates, visit our website at
<http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net>
Or call us at 936-294-3737

Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **Rockin' D Services** for sponsoring the Chamber Small Business Breakfast in March. Rockin' D Services, family owned and operated since 2007, provides landscaping and lawn maintenance for residential and commercial settings throughout Walker County. Owners Sam and Dannel shared, "We also provide Landscape Design, Retaining wall design and construction, as well as drainage planning and construction. We hope that as your yard begins to take on the look of spring, you'll consider contacting us. We are an insured professional company and we provide free estimates. We hold an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau and Angie's List Top Honors. We work hard for our clients and understand that every project is a stake in our reputation."

To see photos of their work check them out on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/rockinderservicesinc>. Call them for all your yard maintenance and landscaping needs at 936-662-8385.



business after hours

Magnolia Mey Boutique is a new boutique in Huntsville, Texas full of comfortable clothes with a fashion edge... "the kind of clothes that look stylish and fit a woman's busy lifestyle." Owner Lauren Blinka, a self-proclaimed professional shopper, has had a passion for fashion all her life and has dreamed of owning her own boutique since a young girl.

Magnolia Mey got its start in late 2014 as a trunk show business, but soon the success of the brand demanded a physical location to fulfill the fashion needs of ladies in Huntsville and surrounding areas. Magnolia Mey Boutique opened the doors just a block from downtown Huntsville on November 7th of 2015. When opening her business, she wanted a name that would represent her history, her life and love. "As a young girl I frequently climbed a large magnolia tree in my parent's yard and I have many fond memories of time spent there. Because of my fondness for southern hospitality and charm, the magnolia seemed the perfect icon to represent my style. The name Mey came from combining the first initials of the three most important ladies in my life - my grandmother, Michaelene, great-grandmother, Elizabeth and mother, Yvonne. I feel blessed to be molded into the lady I am now by these three strong women, and I am pleased to find a way to honor them for their influence and love. They are even present in the boutique through framed pictures to keep them close!"

Lauren has impeccable style and a talent for picking clothing that compliment a lady's body type, personality and lifestyle. She prides herself on making her customers feel like family, and providing her customers with the feeling of having a personal shopper pick just the right pieces to fit in every way! The clothing is not only fabulous, it is affordable and classically trendy for a liveable lifestyle.

Lauren is the wife to Clint and mother of three boys - Gage, Gunner and Kannon. She is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and former track coach. "I am over-the-moon excited and appreciative of all the support Magnolia Mey Boutique has received and will work diligently to continue provide the best fashion at the best prices combined with customer service that makes clients feel like family!"

Magnolia Mey Boutique is located at 1116 10th Street. You can reach them at 936-755-8107 or on the web at www.magnoliameyboutique.com



Pictured is: Christin Chavers, Lauren Blinka, Kendall Goode, and Heather Graham

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 February visits made to (1) Annette's Touch of Class (2) New Waverly ISD (3) Prosperity Bank (4) Third Coast Gifts and Gourmet (5) The Pizza Parlor. 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

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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

MARCH

- 22 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 23 Ribbon Cutting at Smile Makers @ 3:00 p.m. located at 3011 State Hwy 30W, St 101C
- 24 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 24 Business after Hours, 5:15 p.m. sponsored by Multi Specialty Clinic located at 125 Medical Park Lane, Suite D
- 25 **Good Friday-Chamber Office closed**
- 29 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 29 Ambassador Meeting @ 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 31 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber

APRIL

- 1 Walker County Fair Begins
- 5 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 7 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 13 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 14 Small Business Breakfast sponsored by Green Acres of Huntsville, 7:30 a.m. @ Golden Corral
- 14 Executive Board Meeting @ 11:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 15 RELAY FOR LIFE @ SHSU
- 19 HLI-Business Tours
- 19 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 21 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Sam Houston Funeral Home
- 21 Board Meeting, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 26 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 26 Ambassador Meeting @ 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 27 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY!
- 28 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 28 Business after Hours, 5:15 p.m. sponsored by Homegrown Marketplace located at 1108 16th St

Community Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 22 7:30 p.m. SHSU Chorale & Concert Choir Spring Concert, Gaertner Performing Arts Center
- 26 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Blacksmithing Demonstration, Joshua's Forge-Museum Grounds
- 28 5:00-7:00 p.m. 17th Annual Juried Student Exhibit, Gaddis Geeslin Gallery
- 29 7:30 p.m. Women's Invitational Choir Concert, Gaertner Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall
- 30 7:30 p.m. Guest Artist: Mike Forbes: Tuba, Gaertner Performing Arts Center, Recital Hall
- 31 8:00 p.m. SHSU Dance Dept. presents Dances@8, Gaertner Performing Arts Center

APRIL

- 1-2 7:30 p.m. Bill Shew Jazz Festival featuring Bill Watrous & Bobby Shew, Gaertner Performing Center
- 1-9 38th Walker County Fair, Rodeo, & Barbeque Cook Off, Walker County Fairgrounds
- 2 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Spinning & Weaving Demonstration, Woodland Home Front Porch
- 9 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Woodworking Demonstration, Guerrant Cabin-Museum Grounds
- 10 Margaret Houston Birthday Celebration, Location and Time TBA
- 16 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Kick Wheel Pottery Making Demonstration, Raven's Pottery Shed-Museum Grounds
- 15-17 Fri-Sat, 7:30 p.m. "The Gondoliers", Huntsville Community Theatre, Old Town Theatre
 Sun. 2:00 p.m.
- 18 24th Annual Hogs Hunt 50K/25K/10K Trail Run, Huntsville State Park
- 22 8:00 p.m. Neon for Neurons Run for Stroke Awareness, 291-4300
- 22-24 Fri-Sat. 7:30 p.m. "The Gondoliers", Huntsville Community Theatre, Old Town Theatre
 Sun. 2:00 p.m.