



# April 2021 Wrap Up

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## Letter From the CEO

### *Charging Forward*

Busy is a word I use a lot... probably overuse at times. I usually start my letters saying how busy I was, all the things going on, speed of the month, etc. While that was very, VERY true for April, it was a GREAT month! Looking back, I cannot point to one thing in April that I consider being bad. We had a really busy and really strong month for the Chamber, and I look forward to continuing this momentum.

As y'all have seen, Brandon is off and running, learning a lot about how a Chamber runs, and really embracing a mindset of "members first". We also had our first-ever Ellis County Market with all four Ellis County Chambers. We hosted a successful and informative Red Oak ISD School Board Candidate Forum. Our 2021 Chamber Directory is being finalized as we speak. Lastly, we have been working/pushing the Golf Tournament, which will be this Friday! We have about 26 teams, and ALL of our sponsorships have SOLD OUT! So happy with the successes we have had and looking forward to what's ahead.

Speaking of the Golf Tournament, one reason we promote it as heavily as we do is because a portion of the proceeds goes toward Scholarships for Red Oak High School and Life Waxahachie High School. In 2020, we were unable to give any scholarships, but in 2019, we gave \$8250 to 14 different Seniors. While the Golf Tournament helps support this program, we also rely on the generosity of our Local Businesses to assist us in giving out Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee is right now in the process of interviewing 19 different Seniors, but currently, we only have 8 Scholarships to give. We want to do better than this, and we need your help. If you/your business is able, please consider donating to our Scholarship fund. We already have the selection process in place, along with a great committee consisting of business leaders, local pastors, and collegiate faculty. Rather than select



your own candidate, help us bless a Senior in our community. If interested, please reach out to me at (972) 617-0906 or email me at [admin@redoakareachamber.org](mailto:admin@redoakareachamber.org)

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President/CEO  
Red Oak Area  
Chamber



# REDOAK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Support Seniors from Red Oak and Life Waxahachie High Schools

\$1000, \$750, and \$500 Scholarships Available  
Promote your business and help a local Senior go to College

**Donate TODAY!**  
Deadline is May 14th

(972) 617-0906 or [admin@redoakareachamber.org](mailto:admin@redoakareachamber.org)

**Red Oak Area Chamber**  
**2021 Membership Update**

Start of Year: 161 Members  
NEW Members: 20



Dropped Members: 24  
Total Members: 157

# NEW MEMBERS:

**The Dallas Oasis  
Wedding Venue**



**Pete's Tire and  
Automotive**

*Pete's Automotive*



**Shirley Heating and Air**



**Gary Chad Shirley**

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469-843-0952  
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**Essential Foundations Inc**



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Foundation** INC

**3s Pressure Washing**



Board Member Highlight:

## **Henry Batson III**

*2021 Vice-Chair of the Board  
2021 Golf Chair*



2021 Auction Committee  
2021 Scholarship Committee  
Pastor, Red Oak Faith Fellowship



Pastor Henry H. Batson III serves as the Senior Pastor of Red Oak Faith Fellowship in Red Oak. Pastor Batson's twenty-six years of ministry experience, has provided him the ability to effectively manage the challenges he faces daily as the Senior Pastor of Faith Fellowship.

Pastor Batson has a heart for this community and proudly has been an active part of the Chamber for several years. Entering his 3rd year as the Golf Committee Chair, he brings energy to the event and makes it a success each and every year. Serving his 2nd year as the Vice-Chair of the Board, Henry is active in promoting community and is always looking for ways to get the Chamber involved.

## REDOAK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2021 Platinum Members



Thank you

# Platinum Members for your support!

## 2021 Board Members:

Beth Trimble (Red Oak ISD), 2021 Board Chair  
Henry Batson III (Red Oak Faith Fellowship), 2021 Board Vice Chair  
Barry Moore (Edward Jones), 2020 Past Board Chair  
Christopher Faggins (Believer's City Church), 2022 Board Chair-Elect  
Dr. Scott Fuller (Life School), 2021 Board Secretary  
Holly Jones (InterBank), 2021 Treasurer

Arthur Pierot (First Financial)  
David Johnston (Highland Meadows Church)  
Donny Lutrick (SAGU)  
Jeremy Trojacek (Chick-fil-A Red Oak)  
Dr. Karen Finn (KJ Content Marketing)  
Logan Ragsdale (Red Oak Public Library)  
Patty Jordan (RE/Max Realty)  
Sherry Davis (Discount Event Rentals)  
Will Turner (Baylor S&W Medical Center)  
(Alternate) Ben LaFleur (Green Funeral Home/Green Pet Care Center)

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