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## TCLM Chamber to host State of the County and Cities Luncheon on Feb. 18



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The annual State of the County and Cities business luncheon will be hosted by the Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Citizens who attend will hear first-hand from elected officials about highlights of past projects, achievements, challenges and future opportunities. It will be

hosted at the Doyle Convention Center, located at 2010 5th Avenue N. in Texas City.

Speakers will include Galveston County Judge Mark Henry, La Marque Mayor Keith Bell and Texas City Mayor Dedrick Johnson. The Chamber's 2021 Chairman of the Board, Georgia Meyer

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## LUNCHEON

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Barzilay, will be the emcee.

Sponsorship opportunities, reserved tables and a limited quantity of individual tickets are now available.

Safe gathering procedures will be in place at this event. Attendees will be asked to wear masks/facial coverings while attending, seats/tables will be spaced apart, and social distancing practices will be in place.

The speakers' presentations will air live online on i45NOW's Facebook page. Presentations also will be recorded and available to view later on the Chamber's YouTube channel.

The luncheon is sold out!



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# NEW FACES AT THE CHAMBER



## Jordan Kleinecke *Director of Membership*

Jordan Kleinecke is the new Director of Membership at the Texas City-La Marque Chamber. He was born and raised in the Texas City area.

"This area means a lot to both my family and myself, which is a key reason why I'm proud to work at the Chamber," Kleinecke said. "I'm eager to help this community and the businesses that make the area what it is."

Kleinecke attended the University of St. Thomas in Houston

on a full athletic scholarship for golf. He received a business degree and previously worked in sales and marketing. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling with his girlfriend Lynde, playing golf and doing anything by the water.

"I am excited about the opportunity to help make a difference in the community and to help grow local businesses," Kleinecke said.



## Jessie Trigo *Small Business Support Coordinator*

Jessie Trigo is the Small Business Support Coordinator, a new position at the Chamber created to provide additional resources to local businesses in pandemic recovery mode. Trigo coordinates the Chamber's social media channels and loves to feature photos and videos from area businesses. She also coordinates the TCLM-giftcards.com program and Shop Local Aware-

ness campaign, featuring the new Hot Deals coupon booklet. Members can contact her for personalized help with these high-impact promotions. A graduate of Dickinson High School, Trigo graduated from College of the Mainland, East Texas Baptist University and the University of Houston. She is newly married and a talented artist with her CreatedWithHeartShop on Etsy and Instagram.

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# 'ADVENTURE AWAITS' AT ANNUAL CHAMBER GALA

Be sure to save the date and get your ticket for a fun adventure in the new year! The chamber's annual Membership Gala will be held Thursday, March 25 at the Doyle Convention Center.

The theme is "Adventure Awaits" and, amidst iconic images of faraway lands and traveling machines, you will feel transported and inspired. What a great way to kick off the year!

The Board of Directors and staff of the Texas City-La Marque Chamber invite you to celebrate this adventure-filled night with colleagues and friends, delicious food and drinks, festive entertainment and prestigious awards. The banquet also will feature a special celebration

with outgoing Chamber President Jenny Senter that you won't want to miss! We look forward to sharing an exciting evening of appreciation with you!

A private VIP reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. for sponsors, and the banquet will begin at 7 p.m.

At this event, the outgoing Chair of the Board, Rusty Plackemeier with Lyons & Plackemeier, will pass the gavel to the 2021 Chair, Georgia Meyer Barzilay of Karat Creations Jewelry.

The banquet program will include the installation of 2021 Chamber officers and directors, as well as naming the Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Small Business of the

Year, Large Business of the Year and the Jimmy Hayley Community Service Award winners.

**Outstanding Citizen Award** - based on accomplishments and community involvement for the year 2020.

**Jimmy Hayley Community Service Award**- a citizen who has continually demonstrated an unselfish commitment to the community over the past several years.

**Small Business of the Year**- A locally owned business with less than 100 employees that has experienced outstanding growth, demonstrated community involvement and service and had accomplishments or awards during 2020.

**Large Business of the Year**- A locally owned business with more than 100 employees that has experienced outstanding growth, demonstrated community involvement and service and had accomplishments or awards during 2020.

View banquet details online at [www.TCLMchamber.com/annual-banquet](http://www.TCLMchamber.com/annual-banquet). To reserve your seat/table at the gala, call the Chamber at 409-935-1408 or email at [reservations@texascitychamber.com](mailto:reservations@texascitychamber.com).

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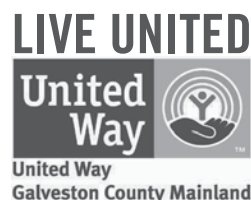
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### Contact information

For more information about the Video Power Package, contact Jessica Spangle at 409-935-1408 or [jessica@texascitychamber.com](mailto:jessica@texascitychamber.com).



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The Texas City-La Marque Chamber’s “Women in Business” is a group of highly influential and diverse women who enjoy building their social and business networks and who are dedicated to the advancement and empowerment of women through avenues of leadership, education, advocacy and mentoring. *New members are always welcome!!*

Monthly gatherings include social time and network building, and several months also feature dynamic guest speakers. Even when it’s all online (via Zoom), “Women in Business” enjoy these personal and professional growth opportunities together!

For more information, or to get on the list to receive W.I.B. meeting notices and reminders, call the Chamber at 409-935-1408 or send an email to [WiB@texascitychamber.com](mailto:WiB@texascitychamber.com).

**Dates, locations and topics are all subject to change.**

DATE *	LOCATION *	REGISTRATION	TOPIC *
February 25 11:45am-1pm	On-screen networking fun & Zoom  Presentation	Email sign-up with no registration fee.	WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH <i>presented by Memorial Hermann</i>
March 18 11:45am-1pm	On-screen networking fun & Zoom  Presentation	Email sign-up with no registration fee.	NUTRITION NEWS <i>presented by UTMB Health</i>
April 15 11:45am-1pm	On-screen networking fun & Zoom  Presentation	Email sign-up with no registration fee.	SYMPTOMS WOMEN SHOULDN'T IGNORE <i>presentation by MD Anderson Cancer Center</i>
May 13 11:30am-1pm	Sea Star Base	\$15 per person (\$30 non-member)	Enjoy a casual lunch and network building!
June 17 11:30am-1pm	TCLM Chamber Conference Room	\$15 per person (\$30 non-member)	FAMILY HEALTH & FITNESS <i>presented by UTMB Health</i>
July 13 11:30am-1pm	Texas City Live Bar & Grill	\$15 per person (\$30 non-member)	Enjoy a casual lunch and network building!
August 26 11:30am-1pm	Showboat Pavilion	\$15 per person (\$30 non-member)	SUMMERTIME SKIN CARE <i>presented by UTMB Health</i>
September 15 11:30am-1pm	Doyle Convention Center	\$25 per person Sponsorships available.	Women in Leadership Awards Luncheon
October 21 11:30am-1pm	TCLM Chamber Conference Room	\$15 per person (\$30 non-member)	BREAST CANCER AWARENESS <i>presented by UTMB Health</i>
November date TBA	San Luis Resort	\$15 per person (\$30 non-member)	Festive holiday luncheon and network building!





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Doug has over 20 years' experience in marketing, advertising and sales. He specializes in B2B and industrial marketing services. Prior to founding Mansfield Marketing, Doug served as Director of Marketing for a law firm and Marketing Manager for a construction contractor. Doug is a U.S. Navy veteran of the Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, and Mansfield Marketing is a VA Certified Veteran Owned Business. His areas of expertise include digital marketing, advertising, and sales consulting. Associations include: University of Houston SBDC Workshop Instructor, Houston Better Business Bureau Marketing Sub Committee Member, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region Task Force Member, Forbes Agency Council Member, and SCORE Workshop Presenter.



Co-Chairs of TC-LM Young Professionals in 2021 include: (left to right) **John Snow**, Texas First Bank; **Cathie Woltena**, Associated Credit Union of Texas; and **Braxton Skipper**, Skipper Insurance Advisors.



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# BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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Crescent Electric was founded in 1946 as a full-service electrical contractor, performing electrical work throughout Galveston County. The business covers a broad range of electrical services, including residential, com-

mercial, institutional/medical, design build and maintenance. Crescent assists in the engineering, planning and procurement of new projects for its customers in order to keep those projects as cost-effective as possible.

In 2002, the company added Industrial I&E, which services local industrial facilities. This business offers electrical maintenance, instrumentation, and new construction. Industrial I&E performs high-voltage distri-

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# MEMBER PROFILE

Farmers Copper Ltd. Co-Presidents Richard Farmer, left, and Robert Farmer, right.



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### Representatives:

Richard Farmer and Robert Farmer

### Tell us about what your company does and its background.

Farmers Copper is a family-owned stocking distributor and metals service center. In 1920, brothers Les Farmer Sr. and Sidney Farmer Sr. came to the U.S. from England. Starting with the Farmers Marine Copper Works, their love and dedication for the business has been passed down through four generations.

### How has your business succeeded in the Texas City-La Marque region?

Farmers Copper Ltd. is one of the oldest family-operated metal service centers in the U.S. In addition to its headquarters in Texas City, the company also has a branch warehouse in San Antonio.

### What are some of your proudest accomplishments?

Some of the company's proudest accomplishments are that it continues to service the U.S. Navy and Fortune 500 companies, while also helping local machine and fabrication shops in the Galveston and Houston area. The staff lives by the company motto of "Truth, Quality and Service."

### What are you working on now?

Right now, the business is working on expanding the company through social media, launching a new website and adjusting to the new normal.

## MEMBER PROFILE

Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce members have amazing talents and stories to tell. With this series, we want to introduce you to some of our members and spotlight their businesses. If you would like to be spotlighted in our Member Profile, contact Lorrie Koster at [lorrie@texascitychamber.com](mailto:lorrie@texascitychamber.com).



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

*A big 'THANK YOU' to these businesses for their long-standing support of the chamber and this community. (Renewals from Dec. 16, 2020 to Jan. 22, 2021)*

COMPANY/BUSINESS	NUMBER OF YEARS	COMPANY/BUSINESS	NUMBER OF YEARS	COMPANY/BUSINESS	NUMBER OF YEARS
Joseph Hoover AIA & Associates	64	Texas First Bank	39	Refractory Construction Services Co.	12
Crescent Electric	60	Lyons & Plackemeier	36	Turbo Non Destructive Testing, Inc.	12
Trey Industries, Inc.	60	Oxbow Energy Solutions LLC	36	Advanced Refrigerant Technologies	10
The Galveston County Daily News	59	Wilkinson Supply	35	Congressman Randy Weber	10
United Way Galveston County Mainland	59	ROBCO Services	34	Gulf Coast Water Authority	10
Cook Ford	59	Kelley's Country Cookin'	34	Meador Staffing	9
HCA Houston Healthcare Mainland	56	Gus' Restaurant, Inc.	34	Wells Fargo Advisors	8
College of the Mainland	54	Hospice Care Team, Inc.	33	Murray Lobb PLLC	7
Dunn Heat Exchangers Inc	53	Stewart Title Company	33	Wellnow Health Occupational/St. Elizabeth UCFP	7
AMOCO Federal Credit Union	52	Grand Prize Barbeque	33	Custom Chemical Services LLC	7
Emken-Linton Funeral Home	52	Texas First Insurance	33	Primero Industrial Services, Ltd.	6
Valero Texas City Refinery	47	Alex's Air Conditioning	32	Willow Creek Golf Shop	5
Standard Steel Supply L.P.	46	D. Michael Bartholomew, P.C.	32	Open for Business Consulting	5
Triplex, Inc.	46	Doyle Law Firm	31	Concept Controls Inc.	5
Texas City Independent School District	45	OMI	30	Global Health - HASC	5
Bohn's Building Materials	44	Mitchell Chuoke Plumbing, Inc.	30	Pro-Surve Technical Services, LLC	5
Beeler Manske Clinic L.L.P.	42	Housing Authority - City of Texas City	26	Land Tejas Development	4
Associated Credit Union of Texas	41	Chemical Process & Production	25	Verwater USA Projects, LLC	4
DeJean Construction Company, Inc.	41	Galveston Central Appraisal District	25	BMS Construction	3
Gulf Coast Authority	41	Baypointe Manor Apartments	23	Next Generation Scaffold Services	3
Mainland Tool & Supply, Inc.	41	Catering by Benno	22	Mobius Partners	3
Roberts, Johnson & Cain	41	Gringo's Mexican Kitchen	22	Hospitality Health ER	3
TNMP	41	Diamondback Works, LP	19	The Mundy Companies	2
Walton Roofing	41	State Senator Larry Taylor	18	Sole'Ana Stables	2
Bradshaw's Florist, Inc.	40	Mainland Children's Partnership	18	Kort Industries LLC	2
Faust Distributing Company	40	Carnes Funeral Home	17	Chick-fil-A	2
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