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APRIL 2021

Hear about the 'State of Industry' from local leaders

On Tuesday, April 27, the Texas City-La Marque Chamber will host the "State of Industry" business luncheon featuring updates from leaders of several local industrial plants. The luncheon will be held at the Doyle Convention Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This community has been a strategic partner to the petrochemical industry since the early 20th century. It is home to the third largest concentration of crude-based refining manufacturers in the United States and the No. 15 largest port in the nation. There are more than 4,000 manufacturing and petrochemical jobs in Texas City-La Marque. The city and community proudly support the local industries in their endurance and expansion.

This event will feature six speakers on a variety of industrial topics:

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Andrew Connolly, *Air Products*The 2021 Chamber Board Chair Georgia Meyer Barzilay of Karat Creations
Jewelry will serve as host of the event. The event will be covered live by i45NOW and community members can view the event live or as a recording on the Facebook pages of i45NOW and

The Chamber thanks the following sponsors for making this event

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possible: A&A Machine & Fabrication, AMOCO Federal Credit Ashland, Union, City of Texas City, Eastman and Marathon, TNMP and Valero.

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$200 for a reserved table of six. Seating will be limited as safety procedures and spacing requirements are still in place.

For more information, contact Jessica Spangle at the chamber at 409-935-1408 or jessica@texascitychamber.com.

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QAB BEAUTY BAR (Formerly: Queen's Attic Boutique)

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Owner: April Jones

Now known as QAB Beauty Bar, this business is comprised of Queen's Attic Boutique and Ebony & Ivory Hair Salon. Stop by to receive friendly and professional services and the highest-quality products. Owner April Jones is a creative and business-savvy entrepreneur who is well-established in the beauty industry. She

attributes her love of style and fashion to working with new stylists in the profession. She is dedicated to sharing her talents with fellow stylists, who are in the just starting to express their craft or those interested in furthering their skills in the profession.

At QAB Beauty Bar, the

staff truly believes that customers deserve nothing less than the best. Jones is an outside-the-box thinker and "dares to be different" when shopping for her QAB queens. In addition to her passion for fashion, Jones has the eye and heart for making you look your best from literally your head to toe.

MEMBER PROFILE



CASA OF GALVESTON COUNTY

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Representative: Erin Cohen

CASA of Galveston County is a non-profit organization that provides trained, court-appointed volunteers to serve as advocates for children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect and have been removed from their home.

CASA volunteers support for children and families involved in the child welfare system and work to ensure a child's best interest is being met in a variety of ways. Some examples include identifying and addressing risks to the child's safety and well-being, ensuring appropriate physical and mental health assessments are completed and verifying educational assessments are completed and supports are in place. CASA volunteers stay by a child's side throughout the duration of a case, advocating first for

reunification when safe and possible.

CASA of Galveston County has been in existence for more than 25 years, initially formed by the Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston. The organization serves children in all of Galveston County. CASA recruits volunteers from all around the mainland, including the Texas City-La Marque community.

CASA's main focus is volunteer recruitment. There is an urgent need. The goal is to provide a CASA to every child who needs one. They need 60-70 more volunteers to make the goal a reality. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming a CASA, please go to casagalveston.org/volunteer or contact Erin Cohen at erin@casagalveston.org for more information.

MEMBER PROFILE

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

LEADERSHIP MAINLAND

A NEW YEAR BEGINS

The 2021 class of Leadership Mainland recently had a "reboot" with 25 members who are seizing the opportunity to change themselves and our region for the better. These members originally came together in early 2020, but, due to the pandemic, the program was put on "pause" until it was relaunched a few weeks ago.

Leadership Mainland is a key program the chamber offers each year to inform and prepare participants for leadership positions through learning experiences and an expanded knowledge of community resources and issues.

This year's first session was a Team-Building Retreat held at TopGolf at the end of February. Facilitator Kent Hutchison led the group to complete a few mentally challenging activities. The challenges brought out leadership skills and traits that some participants didn't know they possessed. They discovered new ways to work effectively in groups and on their own.

The group's next session will focus on State Government and will be hosted at Sea Star Base Galveston with presentations by Senator Larry Taylor and State Rep. Mayes Middleton.

Leadership Mainland will hold sessions for the rest of the year and "graduate" in December. Class leaders for this year include Sloane Witter from the City of La Marque and James Finchum from Ashland. For more information, visit www.TCLMchamber.com/leadership.









2021 Leadership Mainland participants

Rachel Ashwood Texas First Bank

Lee Barrera
City of La Marque

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April Ciccarello
UTMB Health

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Odyssey Academy

Debbie Fuller TCISD-Guajardo Elementary

Logan Hanna *Valero*

Logan Jacob *Valero*

Dr. Karthik Jayakumar UTMB Health

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David Jordan
City of La Marque

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DOW

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HCA Houston Healthcare
Jessica Spangle

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Big Brothers/Big Sisters Gulf

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Monica Vargas

United Way-Galveston Cty.

Mainland

Kathy Warnell

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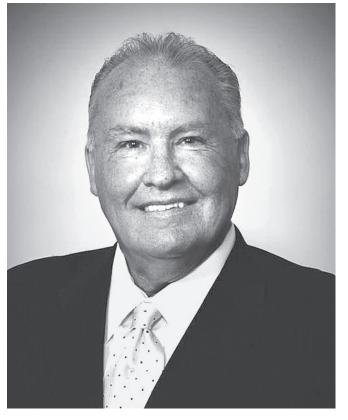
At the Chamber's annual Membership Banquet on March 25, several prestigious awards were presented. The Master of Ceremonies Mark Ciavaglia and outgoing Chairman of the Board Rusty Plackemeier were joined on stage by several outstanding businesses and individuals from the community.

Incoming 2021 Board Chair Georgia Meyer Barzilay was presented with the gavel by Plackemeier to lead this year. New Chamber President Page Michel gave a special welcome and led the crowd in an invocation before the dinner. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the following awards:



The Legend Award was presented to Jenny Senter. In its 52-year history, the Texas City-La Marque Chamber has only recognized two other Legend Award winners: Jimmy Hayley and Ron Plackemeier. The third to join the rare group of honored individuals was Jenny Senter, who spent 30 years with the chamber — the last four as its President/CEO. She retired in December, 2020.





The 2020 Jimmy Hayley Community Service Award was presented to Former Mayor Bobby Hocking, a community leader widely regarded for his compassion, service and variety of community activities. Hocking was selected to receive this honor for his leadership and service to the City of La Marque, and the entire Mainland region over the past 10 years. The award was presented virtually and a humorous acceptance speech by Hocking was shown to the audience. On stage, the award was accepted by current Mayor of the City of La Marque Keith Bell and a proud City team!



The 2020 Small Business of the Year Award was presented to South Land Title. This honor recognizes and celebrates the company's growth in Texas City and beyond, for providing excellent jobs and keeping everyone employed during the pandemic crisis and for supporting many charitable causes in the community. Congrats to Patrick Doyle, Carolyn Sunseri, Shannon Doyle Osborn and the whole SLT team!



The 2020 Large Business of the Year Award was presented to UTMB Health. The award symbolizes the community's appreciation for all their employees being on the front line of the pandemic, for UTMB being a trusted resource to everyone in the community during the crisis and for leadership excellence at all levels. Dr. Matthew Hay and Christine Wade, RN MSN, ED accepted the award at the chamber banquet.



The Rising Star Award was given to KHEA Radio/Clear Life Media's Gardy Garcia and Curt Casper. During the pandemic while so many small businesses were forced to close and hurting, this team went above and beyond with their talent and resources to provide exposure and boost local businesses.



The Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Warren Nichols for outstanding accomplishments with construction of new state-of-the-art facilities for College of the Mainland. The award recognizes recognize Dr. Nichols' vision and dedication to overseeing contractors, architects and engineers to achieve the highest-quality construction safely, on time, and under budget. At the same time, he has led the college through the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis. Throughout 2020, Dr. Nichols used tremendous leadership skills to manage the logistics, technology and social challenges caused by the pandemic.



The Chairman's Award was given by outgoing 2020 Chairman Rusty Plackemeier to Kirk Broiles, a past Chairman of the Chamber Board and long-time active volunteer. Plackemeier said Broiles was selected for this honor for his above-and-beyond service throughout the year.



The Shining Star Award was given to volunteer Dom Orozco, a co-chair of the Golden Division. Dom spent countless hours in 2020 assisting the chamber with projects and events, despite the difficult conditions presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

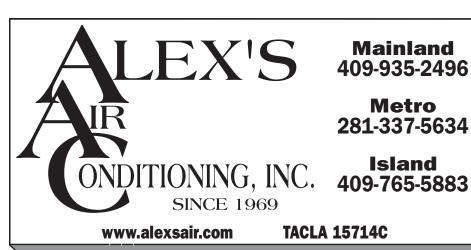
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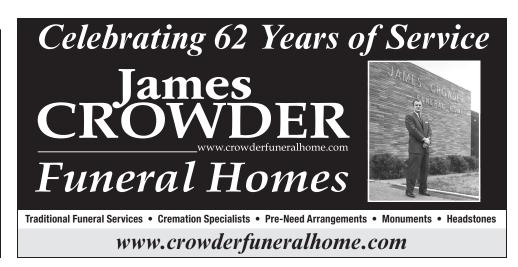
A big 'THANK YOU' to these businesses for their long-standing support of the chamber and this community. Renewals from Feb. 23 to March 19.

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Affinity Urgent Care	
ARKK Engineers, LLC	

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Mainland Pawn and Jewelry Shop	4
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Doyle's Hair Shop	3
Gallant Builders	3
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