

**NOVEMBER
2022**



Chamber Works

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS

Chairman of the Board

Dr. John Turner
Blinn College District

First Vice Chair

Shay Morrow
QuestSpecialty Corporation

Second Vice Chair

Becky Ogg
Germania Insurance

Treasurer

Dan Blalock
Brenham Abstract & Title Co.

Secretary

Jolene Curtis
Texas Farm Credit

Immediate Past Chair

Joe Robertson
Blue Bell Creameries

Blake Barnes
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center

Eric Benitez
Cedar Frame Real Estate

Susan Cates
City of Brenham

Dr. Tylor Chaplin
Brenham ISD

Jim Chisolm
Texas Star Winery

Carlos Garcia
Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant

Kara Matheney
Washington County AgriLife Extension Service

Michelle Panko
Barking Ranch Pet Resort

Roger Ross
Coldwell Banker Properties Unlimited

Jeffrey Sadler
Del Sol Food Co., Inc. BRIANNAS

Darron Smith
Brenham National Bank

Community Health, Fitness and Wellness Expo Held on October 20th



A Community Health, Fitness and Wellness Expo was held on October 20th at the Blinn College Student Center. There were 17 exhibitors handing out information, services, and fun giveaways. Throughout the morning, there were also

informational sessions on mental health by Dr. Emily Worthy, women's health by Dr Venessa Sarfoh, senior care by Dr. William Loesch, and nutrition by Jena Brown.

Health Care Forum & Luncheon Held after Fitness & Wellness Expo



After the Community Health, Fitness and Wellness Expo, a Health Care Forum and Luncheon was held in the Blinn College Banquet room. The keynote speaker was Dr. Tiffany Barry, VP of Primary Care for Baylor Scott & White. Expert

panelists were Jason Jennings, President BSWH College Station Region; Eric Alford, MD - BSWH Family Medicine/Regional Medical Director; and Seth Sullivan, MD - BSWH Infectious Disease.

Ribbon Cuttings



Brenham Blessings
PO Box 2155, Brenham, TX



IQ Car Wash
1404 N. Park St. Brenham, TX 77833



Markets on Main by The CEO
101 E. Main St., Brenham



Brenham Quality Meat Market
509 S. Market St., Brenham



Platinum Bin Washers
Brenham, 979-203-4565



Lone Star Trust & Investment Services
401 S. Austin St., Brenham

4th Annual Brazos Valley Gives

Twenty-two of our non-profit members participated in the 4th Annual Brazos Valley Gives. The Chamber served as a donation hub on giving day, Oct. 18th and representatives from each non-profit were invited to come greet drive-by donors and hand out popcorn. Brazos Valley Gives raised over \$1 Million dollars in this year's campaign.



Matt Wellmann, of Wellmann Insurance Agency, brought by a check that will benefit eight different participating non-profit organizations.



First Baptist Church School 45th Anniversary
302 Pahl St., Brenham



Grace Lutheran School 75th Anniversary
1212 W. Jefferson, Brenham



The Storybook Cottage
Brenham 214-213-8101



Star Nails
2831 Hwy. 36 S., Brenham

Welcome New Members

October 2022

BRENNHAM BLESSINGS
President: Austin Taylor
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 936-218-0138
Community Outreach

FRIENDS FOR WISHES
Contact: Judith Wirzberg
P O Box 1926
Cypress, Texas 77410
Phone: 281-468-1439
www.friendsforwishes.org
Non Profit Organization

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Contact: Pastor Ryan J. Ogradowicz
1212 W. Jefferson Street
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-836-2030
www.GLSBrenham.com
Education

LONE STAR TRUST & INVESTMENT SERVICES
Contact: Sandra S. Boecker
401 S. Austin St.
Brenham, Texas 77833
Bryan, Texas 77805-5247

Phone: 979-776-0800
www.lonestartrust.com
Financial Services

PILOT CLUB OF BRENNHAM
Contact: Carol Hutchens, Board Member
P O Box 2015
Brenham, Texas 77834
Phone: 979-451-9579
www.texas-pilot.portalbuzz.com
Non Profit Clubs & Organizations

PLINKERS AMMO
Owners: Richard & Jennifer Fleetwood
202 S. Blue Bell Road
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-353-1030
www.plinkersammo.com
Guns & Accessories

RE/MAX BLUEBONNET PROPERTIES
DANNY WARREN
Contact: Danny Warren
308 S. St. Charles Street (Physical Address)
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 832-334-9413
www.daniel-warren.remax.com

Real Estate-Land/Farm/Ranch

THE COTTAGES AT CHAPPELL HILL
Contact: Mandy Forbes
4875 Main Street (Physical Address)
P O Box 491
Chappell Hill, Texas 77426
Phone: 979-530-7878
www.cottageschtx.com
Residential Rental
Rental/Lease Property-Commercial/Residential

THE STORYBOOK COTTAGE
Owner: Amanda Darr
Brenham, Texas
Phone: 214-213-8101
www.thestorybookcottage.com
Party/Event Planning

TOP FLOOR CARS
Owner: Tony Ramirez
301 S. Market Street
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-41-2075
www.topfloorcars.com
Classic Car Dealership



Jamie RankinPresident
Jane Hinze.....Member Services Manager
Shae Janner.....Business Programs Manager
Dawn Konieczny.....Communications Coordinator
Sarah Hansen.....Financial Coordinator



ONE STOP SERVICE COMPANY
Residential – Commercial
Electrical
1-979-836-6336

TECL 22459

bjelectricinc@att.net



Edward Jones



Rachel Eckert Nordt
Financial Advisor
613 S Austin St
Brenham, TX 77833
Bus. 979-836-1038 • TF 833-606-1615
Fax 844-879-3933
rachel.nordt@edwardjones.com
edwardjones.com



WILLIAM "BOO" CHRISTENSEN
BROKER ASSOCIATE

112 WEST MAIN STREET
BRENNHAM, TEXAS 77833
boo@realtorboo.com

979-836-8532 OFFICE
979-277-8426 CELL

WWW.HODDERE.COM

Five Star Financial Group

Ray L Weiss, CLU®, FIC
Financial Advisor
ray.weiss@thrivent.com
connect.thrivent.com/five-star-financial-group
Million Dollar Round Table Top of the Table

Office 979-836-0693 | 203 S. Jackson St.
Brenham, TX 77833

thrivent



BUY EARLY
NOVEMBER
IS THE NEW
DECEMBER

Buy Local

Washington County Chamber Since 1917 BrenhamTexas.com
Chamber.BrenhamTexas.com/list

GROUP BUYING POWER

Chamber members can now get major savings on credit card payment processing.
Learn about our new member benefit program.

infintech
SMARTER PAYMENT PROCESSING
An i3 Verticals Company

Contact Will Watson at (979) 345-2988 • will.watson@infintechllc.com
www.infintechllc.com

Exploring Education

The November session of Leadership Washington County focused on Education, and the class began the day with a light breakfast on the campus of Brenham High School. The group heard from Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Tylor Chaplin (LWC Class of 2020), and then went on a tour of the building. The made flower arrangements in the Floral Design class and yummy desserts in Culinary Arts. The floral arrangements were delivered by Chamber staff to the various senior care facilities in Brenham. The class then watch the Brenham MCJROTC exhibition drill. They are 2021 National Drill Champions.

The group then visited the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, where Executive Director Stephanie Wehring (LWC Class of 2008) and Program Director Angelica Gamboa (LWC Class of 2018) led a tour of the club facilities, detailed the volunteer opportunities available, and explained the benefits and programs available for local youth.

The session culminated on the Blinn

College campus. After lunch in the Blinn Student Center, the class heard from representatives from various schools in Washington County, such as: St. Paul's Christian Day School, First Baptist Church School, Grace Lutheran, and Burton ISD. They also heard from Sam Sommer who spoke on the Blinn College Foundation. Executive Dean Dr. John Turner (LWC Class of 2019) met the class and traveled to the W.J. "Bill" Rankin Agricultural Complex, Old Main, and to the new student housing facility, Prairie Lea Hall.



LWC Class at Brenham High School



The class on the steps of Old Main on the Blinn Campus.



Wanda Avalos and Tina Webb show off their floral arrangements.



James Llewellyn, Myron Dippel, Tina Webb and Jason Von Rosenberg work on desserts.

Thank you to our Chairman's Circle members...



Thank you to our Presidential Level members...



– www.facebook.com/washingtoncountychamber –

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 10

Connect After 5 - Edward Jones-Brice Milliorn, CFP, Financial Advisor

This event invites you to come enjoy some great networking, delicious food and refreshments.

Bring plenty of business cards to share with others. 1110 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Nov 10 - 17

Build & Decorate a Gingerbread House

Houses will be auctioned off to benefit the Senior Activity Center. Complete and submit a registration form before November 17th - available online and at the Senior Center. Take your decorated house to the Senior Center on or before November 28th, 1301 E. Tom Green St., Brenham (SeniorCenterBrenham.org/gingerbread).

Thursdays

Thirsty Thursdays Tacos & Trivia

The taproom is open from 3-9pm on Thursdays with trivia from 6pm to close. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

Thursday - Saturday

Music at Grapevine on Main

Music from 6-9pm on the deck under the trees, with an always present cool breeze. Wagyu burgers, Artisan thin-crust pizzas, charcuterie boards and other light bite menu items available. 5120 Main St., Chappell Hill.

Thursdays - Sundays

Chapelton Vineyards Wine Tastings & Tours

Taste & Tour the newest winery in Washington County. Open Friday-Sunday 11am-5pm. Reservations recommended, but not required. Tour included in purchase of a tasting flight. Charcuterie & cheese plates available for purchase; 14858 Whitman Rd., Washington (chapeltonvineyards.com).

Fridays

Friday Vibes

Live music, beer, and bites at Brazos Valley Brewery. Taproom is open from noon to 10pm every Friday. Family and dog friendly. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham

(brazosvalleybrewery.com).

Nov 11

St. Peter's Art Sale

The thirteenth annual St. Peter's Art Sale begins with a free reception from 5-8pm. Enjoy refreshments while bidding on the silent auction of work donated by the artists. There will be a special auction item - a painting by well-known artist, Nita Ross. Proceeds from the silent auction will go to St. Peter's charitable outreach projects. 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham (stpeters-brenham.org).

Nov 12

Art from Our Collection

Brenham Heritage Museum's new exhibit in the Julie & Larry Tegeler Bus Depot Gallery is simply entitled Art from Our Collection. This exhibit showcases a wide variety of art contained in the museum's permanent collection, 313 E. Alamo St., 10am-4pm on Saturdays or by appointment (brenhamheritagemuseum.org).

Saturdays

Sound on Stage Saturdays

Brazos Valley Brewery and Taproom is open Saturday from 12pm-10pm with live music every Saturday from 6pm-9pm and all day on a beer release day. Playground for the kiddos and lots of outside seating for the doggos. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com)

Live Music at Floyd's Wine Lounge

Live music every Saturday night 8-11pm, 315 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham

Nov 12

Big Star Texas Night 2022

The Burton Area Chamber of Commerce along with Burton Friends & Neighbors is hosting the 12th annual "Big Star Texas Night" at the histor-

ic La Bahia Turn Verein and Dance Hall at 550 Hwy 237 Burton, TX from 6-11pm. Music by Sean Orr & Texas Gold band along with the Rocky King Band; silent and live auctions, meal. In advance individual tickets include food/drinks, and are \$40, \$20 for kids 12 and under. There will be a \$2 service charge per ticket if you purchase online with credit card. Tickets at the door that night will be \$50. Tickets can be purchased at the Texas Cotton Gin Museum at 307 N Main St., Burton

(burtontexas.org/bigstartexasnight, 979-251-4078, info@burtontexas.org).

Sundays

Sunday Funday at Brazos Valley Brewery

Open 12pm-7pm serving Big "A" Pretzels and Nachos and rotating Food Trucks. Playground for the kiddos and lots of outside seating for the doggos. Live Music for amazing Texas Artists from 3-6pm. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

Nov 15

BVH Senior Discount Day

Brenham Veterinary Hospital offers a senior discount day on the third Tuesday of each month. Pet owners over age 50 save 15% on wellness exams, wellness vaccines, spays and neuters. By appointment only, please call 979-836-2472 to schedule. Small animals only, does not apply to large animals - cattle, horses, llamas, donkeys etc. (brenhamvethospital.com).

Nov 15

For the Sake of our Youth

Parenting in a tech obsessed world. Talking points: smart phones, social media, screen addiction. Presented by Tessa Stuckey, Licensed Professional Counselor. Held at Grapevine on Main, 5120 Main St., Chappell Hill; 6-8pm; \$15. Registrations and questions: 979-530-7878, mandyforbes@me.com

Nov 15

Blinn College Department of Music Faculty Recital

Come watch the skilled Blinn College Department of Music faculty put on an entertaining show. Finke Recital Hall C.F. Schmidt Building, 800 College Ave., Brenham, 7-8:30pm, no fee (blinnbrenham.ludus.com).

Wednesdays

Whiskey Wednesday at Brown Water Cigar Bar

Every Wednesday, join Brown Water Cigar Bar for weekly cigar and whiskey (Brown Water) pairings and specials. Enjoy national premium cigars from a walk-in humidor with bourbon, scotch, rum, Irish whiskey and wine flights; 11am-8pm, 200 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham.

Hop Day Wednesday

Open 3pm to 9pm with Dapper Bear Food Truck from 4pm to 9pm serving their famous crabcakes and other seafood goodies. Family and pet friendly with plenty of outside seating and playground. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

Beer Wednesday at Floyd's Wine Lounge

Every Wednesday for Beer Wednesday. Half-off all draft beers from 3-10pm, 315 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham.

Nov 17

Ribbon Cutting - Brenham Heritage Museum

Construction and renovation for the entire building is complete. Join in a ribbon cutting celebration. Historic Post Office Building, 105 S. Market St., Brenham, 10am.

Nov 17

Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

Sponsored by Texas Star Winery, 10587 Old Chappell Hill Rd., Chap-

EVENTS Continued on page 6

EVENTS Continued from page 5

pell Hill, 5-pm.

Nov 19

St. Mary’s PCCW Pre-Holiday Bazaar

Homemade cakes, pies, cookies, jams, jellies, canned goods and crafts. Also, raffle tickets will be sold for a quilt, gift card and other items. 9am-12pm, Parish Activity Center (PAC), corner of Germania and Park St., Brenham.

Nov 19

Living History Saturday

Travel back in time to where a nation was born in 1836. On the third Saturday of each month, staff and volunteers dress in period clothing to bring to life the people and events of Old Washington for a unique opportunity for the entire family to discover various aspects of life during the Republic of Texas. The program features family activities including writing with a quill pen, signing a copy of the Texas

Nov 25

Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department’s Christmas Lane of Lights

Enjoy a hayride through a lighted path of Christmas reflections. Live musical entertainment and Santa will be there each night. All proceeds of this event

benefits the Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department. For additional information, or for large groups contact Gwen 979-540-0105 or Lana 979-966-3477. FM 1291 & Hwy 290, Downtown Ledbetter Fridays & Saturdays 6-8:30pm until Dec. 23. \$10 per person, cash or check. Children 2 years and under are free.

Nov 26

Twilight Firelight

Visitors enjoy the ambiance of the candlelit inn, period music, dancing, mule-drawn stagecoach rides and reenactors clad in period attire. Fanthorp Inn, 573 S. Main St., Anderson, 4:30-7pm. Contact Chandler Wahrmond at Wahrmond@thc.texas.gov or 936-878-2214 x250 for more information.

December Highlights

Dec 01

Ribbon Cutting – Texas Vein and Wellness Institute

Join in welcoming this new Chamber Member, 635 Medical Parkway, Brenham, 10:30am.

Dec 01

Connect After 5 - Kruse Village

This event invites you to come enjoy some great networking, delicious food and refreshments. Bring plenty of business cards to share with others. 1700 E. Stone St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Dec 02

Ribbon Cutting - Mercy Creek Homes

Join in welcoming this new Chamber Member, 301 E. Main St., Suite 201, Brenham, 4pm.

Dec 03

2022 Christmas Lighted Parade

“A Storybook Christmas” will parade through the streets of Downtown Brenham, 6pm. If you have any questions, please Contact Santa’s Helper, Monique Breaux by email, mbreaux@cityofbrenham.org or phone, 979-337-7239.

Dec 07

2022 KBTX Food for Families

27th Annual Food for Families Food Drive. Donation of non-perishables foods. Washington County Expo, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 6am-7pm.



Stats – from the month of: October 2022

Walk-In’s Chamber of Commerce 547

Website www.BrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors 6,297

Total Pages 3,012

Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 15-20 members and more than 50 years of tradition. They support the mission of the Washington County Chamber. The volunteers in the club act as official greeters and hosts of our community. Their activities include monthly meetings, greeting at Chamber functions, recruiting new Chamber members, and conducting ribbon cuttings and grand openings.

Justin Colley

BIG — Brannon Industrial Group

Joyce Dickschat

Brenham National Bank

Melissa Duckworth

Thielemann Construction

Brianna Edmunds

PLANNORTH Architectural Co.

Tammy Jaster

City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center

Genna Lechler

Brand It Graphix

Candace Lubojasky

Candace Lubojasky | Real Estate & Design

Lauren Maass

Germania Insurance

Kristie Marth

Brenham Iron Works

Rachel Nordt

Edward Jones

Linda Pipes

Retired-School Teacher

Carl Prihoda

Citizens State Bank

Teresa Rosales

Cardinal Financial

Christy Schlottmann

Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

Chris Ann Stroech

Washington County Landscapes

Amy Supak

Kruse Village

Matt Wellmann

Wellmann Insurance

Kristie Wensel

Brenham State Supported Living Center

Barbara Wilganowski

Spherion Staffing

"Chamberversary" Celebration Visits

The Blue Blazers have begun celebrating our member's "Chamberversaries" by surprising them with Celebration Visits and thanking them for their investment.



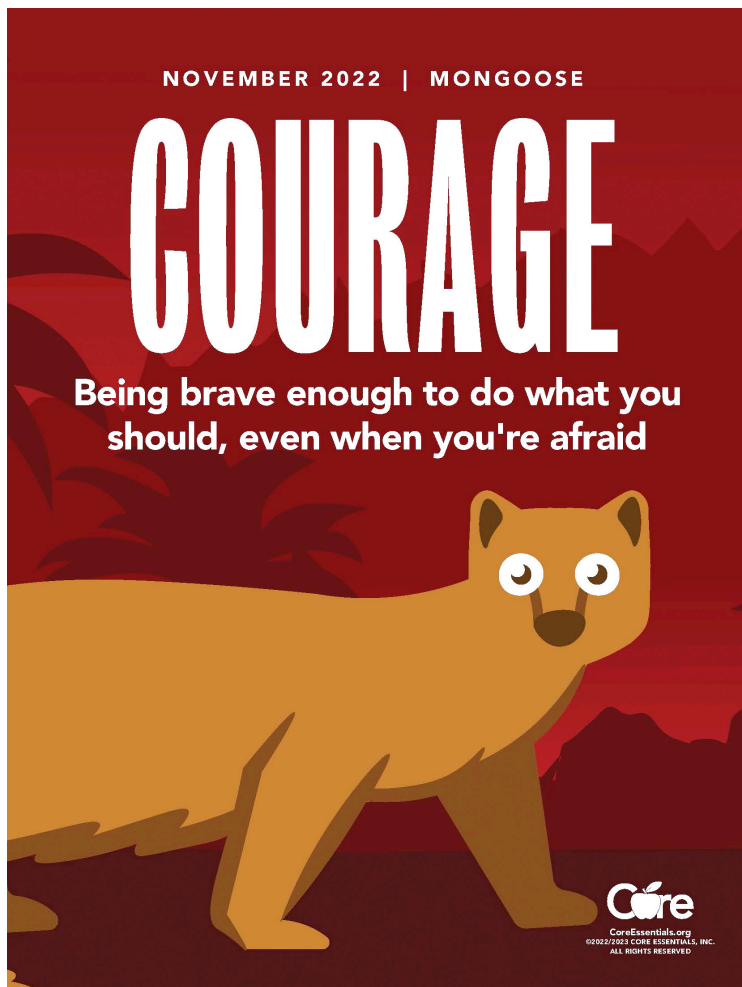
Ant Street Inn
30 years



Brenham Monument Company
35 years



Brenham Oaks
20 years



Chamber if your business is interested
in being a Partner for
P.E.A.C.E.

Partners for P.E.A.C.E.

Public
Education
Ambassadors for
Community
Engagement

WE PROUDLY SUPPORT
BRENHAM ISD AND BURTON ISD



Medi-care Equipment Specialties
40 years

A Partner for P.E.A.C.E. (Public Education Ambassador for Community Engagement) is encouraged to share the monthly value and promote that value within the company so that possible employees and customers will see that you also support public education. It is in hopes that the adults who see these values at their workplace will share with the children in their lives who are also seeing this at school. These Core Essential Values are taught at both Brenham and Burton ISDs. Thank you to these Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who have signed up so far to continue to make this program a success in Washington County. They help reinforce the Core Essential Values students are learning in local public schools at their businesses and through their employee interactions:

Ant Street Inn • Associated Credit Union of Texas • Bank of Brenham • Blue Bell Creameries
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County • Brand It Graphix • Brenham National Bank
Brenham Nursing & Rehabilitation Center • Citizens State Bank • Floyd's Wine Lounge
Germania Insurance • Kruse Village • Seidel Schroeder
Thielemann Construction Co., L.P. & Stegent Thielemann Plumbing
Unity Theatre • Washington County Landscapes



BrenhamTexas.com/BuyLocalWashingtonCountyTX

Save 40% On All Graber Blinds and Shades
L & N Blinds and Shutters
832-427-7971

Homeagain Pet Microchip Special
Brenham Veterinary Hospital
2455 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham
979-836-2472

Quality Dental Plan Savings Offered
Brenham Dental Center
1406 S. Day St., Brenham
979-830-8811

Hot Deal on Business Cards
250 single-side business cards - \$19.99
250 double-sided business cards - \$25.99
Brand-It Graphix
2507 Becker Dr., Brenham
979-530-9650

Come and Make It!
Hammer Your Own Horseshoe Knife
\$40 Small, \$60 Large
Phenix Knives
305 E. Main St., Bellville
713-724-6813

Save Up To \$500 On Each La-Z-Boy
Ready to Deliver
Schleider Furniture & Mattress Company
307 S. Austin St., Brenham
979-836-3689

LOOK HERE FIRST FOR LOCAL GIFT SHOPPING
BrenhamTexas.com/BuyLocalWashingtonCountyTX



Networking Event

Thursday, November 10
5 – 7 p.m

Sponsored by
Edward Jones – Brice Milliorn, CFP, Financial Advisor
1110 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham

Thursday, December 1
5 – 7 p.m.

Sponsored by
Kruse Village
1700 E. Stone St., Brenham

Unwind after work and expand your network!
Meet other Chamber members and generate new business contacts.
Enjoy food and drinks, learn what's new in the community,
and exchange business cards and brochures.

Free for Chamber members and employees!

Beverages sponsored by Mike Hopkins Distributing.

Jet Noticed

The ChamberWorks newsletter is published inside *The Banner-Press*. Chamber members have the opportunity to advertise in this newspaper. Rates start at only \$25 per month.

If you are looking for a new opportunity to advertise, just call Jane Hinze at 836-3695.

Another great way to promote your organization is through targeted emails. The Chamber will forward your “e-message” to all members, as long as it meets certain criteria. For non-profits, it should not have a strong-sell for sponsorships or donations. The message should be newsworthy, typically about an upcoming event. For regular business, it should also be about upcoming special events, as long as there is no purchase required for the reader to experience the event.

E-messages are sent a maximum of once per quarter per member during each calendar year.