

The Chamber



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

May 2017



2017 Board of Directors, Huntsville Walker-County Chamber of Commerce. Board Chair, Carol Sullivan, is front and center.

Member Spotlight...



HUNTSVILLE

PETS HELPING PEOPLE

Welcome New Members:

- Texpress Urgent Care
- Rockin 'D Nursery LLC
- Davita Huntsville Dialysis
- Gene Barteo-Constable Pct. 4
- Mosquito Squad of Lake Conroe & The Pineywoods
- Stephen Cole-Justice of the Peace Pct. 4
- Johnson Studio

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CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

As we begin to wind down another school year, we are beginning to think of how best to prepare for the upcoming school season. Very soon we will be asking for items to go in our new teacher "Welcome" packets. And, also we are thinking of our "Choices" presentations beginning in October. "The Choices program is a great way to make sure kids know that decisions they are making today affect

them down the road; we don't think about how we are affected. Math is an important part of most jobs, especially mine in police work" per Steve Fisher, of Walker County Sheriff's staff and Choices presenter for many years. Sherry Ingram, also a Choices presenter, shared "Choices allows us as business professionals and community members to work with students and hopefully they realize we are there because we care". Choices materials involve students in decision making, goal setting, time and money management exercises as well as mock job interviews. It also allows us as presenters to share real life experiences. We encourage you to consider serving as a Choices presenter this coming school year.

Hopefully you have given notice to the "Economic Indicators" published in our VOICE newsletter monthly. It contains very interesting information. For example it shows \$2,327,081 (down some) permit value for commercial building in 2017, and \$3,725,500 for same value in 2016. It is also shows \$843,452.54 in April 2017 of sales tax payments, and \$817,268.97 in April 2016. These are indicators of growth and prosperity, which Huntsville so desperately needs. Data is shown for New Waverly, Riverside and Walker County as a whole. I encourage you to study this information, and apologize ahead of time if the print is too small. Just let me know and I'll e-mail it to you.

Along those same lines, a recent study indicated that 65% of our workforce reported they had received no appreciation for the good work they had done!! Without

purpose, passion, and a sense that we are making a difference, what meaning does our life really have, and why should we strive to do our best work? The beauty of appreciation is that we can each give it to anyone we choose. It costs nothing, except a few moments of our time. Business leaders and others often say they want to make an impact on the future of our youth, and that youth are part of the solution to improving the overall future of our world. We have a choice in this matter.

Hopefully, you were able to attend the Leadercast seminar at SHSU on Friday, May 5. It was an array of speakers from across the nation. All are outstanding in their own fields. Many Walker County leaders attended, along with some from out-of-town. We even had several high school groups attend. Mark your calendar for early May, 2018.

You may have heard (or not) about the POP Committee here at the Chamber. POP (Promoting our Positives) has been very active in the Hornet flag campaign and will once again begin selling flags throughout this community. Also, the recent book drive brought in well over 10,000 books for the younger HISD grades to take home and read for the summer. Recently we have been gathering gift cards for disadvantaged students. We hope you will help us by continuing to gather gift cards for the next drive to be held during 2017-18 school year.

Mother Teresa sums up the appreciation idea by saying "Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier." THAT is the gift of appreciation!! So, get involved in helping build a solid, healthy community. I challenge you to follow these 10 simple truths of appreciation. (1) Everyone wants appreciation and needs it; (2) it does not have to be something "big"; (3) make it personal; (4) be creative; (5) surprise people if you can; (6) be sincere; (7) have a plan; (8) share yourself from the heart; (9) make it memorable; (10) you will receive more than you give!! We possess knowledge, and hopefully you are inspired to use it to help make great things happen in our community. Chamber contact information can be found on the back of this newsletter. I hope to hear from you soon!!

Happy Trails, **YOUR** President, Carol Smith

Member Spotlight...

Huntsville Pets Helping People (HPHP) was established in 2004; a service organization that not only wants to make people's lives better through interaction with therapy dogs, but they also want to make all human animal interaction more positive.

Huntsville Pets Helping People organization's Mission Statement is as follows, "To help people through beneficial contacts with companion therapy animals and to deliver quality animal-assisted activity and therapy programs, to unite people who have mental and physical disabilities and patients in healthcare facilities with professionally trained animals in order to help improve their health, to promote education to



Huntsville Pets Helping People

encourage a responsible relationship between people and pets." "It is amazing how children reading to an animal or a senior citizen having a quiet moment with an animal can have such a huge impact on their lives and on ours," said Diane Carpenter, President and Executive Director of the organization.

Registered handler-animal teams visit Huntsville Memorial Hospital, several nursing homes, and public libraries in Huntsville, Willis, and Buffalo. Teams visit several elementary schools and participate in the READ@ (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) program in an effort to improve the literacy skills of children using a unique approach - reading with a dog (cats, too). Teams participate in programs at Sam Houston State University as well. It is also our privilege to work with Montgomery County Youth Services BridgeWay Youth Shelter.

In October 2015, HPHP opened the Dawg House. It is the organization's office and training center located at 980 Fish Hatchery Rd. The facility accommodates workshops and activities of other organizations. The new indoor dog training facility & yard provides protected space for positive dog training experiences. Huntsville Pets Helping People is an affiliate of a national therapy animal organization, Intermountain Therapy Animals (ITA).

When asked why is it important to be a Chamber member Diane Carpenter answered "to be a positive factor in the community and the networking that membership provides."

You can email them at www.petshelpingpeople.com or huntsvillephp@yahoo.com. You can also call them at (936) 291-7387.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville Mar. 2017	Walker Co. Mar. 2017	Texas Mar. 2017	U.S. Mar. 2017	Huntsville Mar. 2016	Walker Co. Mar. 2016	Texas Mar. 2016	U.S. Mar. 2016
Total Labor Force	11,944	23,900	13,513,734	159,912,000	11,707	23,446	13,239,718	158,854,000
Total Employed	11,238	22,654	12,838,130	152,628,000	11,046	22,268	12,648,877	150,738,000
Total Unemployed	706	1,246	675,604	7,284,000	661	1,178	590,841	8,116,000
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	5.2%	5.0%	4.6%	5.6%	5.0%	4.5%	5.1%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	April 2017	April 2016	% Change
Building Residential	2,891,284	597,685	3.84%
Commercial Building	2,327,081	3,725,500	-0.38%
Certificate of Compliance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	1,831,986	6,217,560	-0.71%
TOTAL	7,050,351	10,540,745	-0.33%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	May 2017	May 2016	% Change	2017 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	843,452.54	817,268.97	3.20%	4,111,923.29	3,403,742.16	20.80%
New Waverly (1.5%)	42,008.12	46,761.08	-10.16%	192,581.82	203,783.77	-5.49%
Riverside (1.5%)	14,840.21	14,910.62	-0.47%	56,903.89	59,440.59	-4.26%
Walker County (.5%)	327,878.93	317,152.54	3.38%	1,650,955.06	1,381,023.03	19.54%

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>)

What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours – May 25, 5:15p.m.** hosted & sponsored by 3 Spoons
- **Small Business Breakfast- June 8, 7:30a.m.** at Golden Corral, sponsored by Huntsville Memorial Hospital
- **HLI Class #35 Graduation Ceremony, Thursday, June 1st,** at Elkins Lake Clubhouse
- **8th Annual DIVA NIGHT, Friday, August 4th - Theme: The Roaring 20's;** sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville



RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

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| McNease Drugs | Rotary Club of Huntsville |
| Sherwin Williams Paint Co. | Double Dave's Pizzaworks |
| Casey Frazier D.D.S. | Drakes Towing & Recovery |
| Millennium Networking/Americas Tax Office | Betty Nelson |
| First Financial Bank Huntsville | Lakewood Dental Associates PLLC |
| Huntsville Truck & Tractor | EASCO Air-Conditioning and Heating |
| Overhead Door Co. of Conroe | Trinity Pines Conference Center |
| Rockin' D Services, Inc. | Northwest Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery |
| Straight Line Striping | Bill Dauge |
| Hospitality House | I-45 Self Storage |
| Frameworks & Gallery | Moore Veterinary Clinic |
| Kids Spot Trampoline & Tumbling | |
| Carra Signature Floral | |

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.**

Meet Your Ambassadors ~ Clint Blinka

Clint Blinka, the Owner and CEO of The Growth Coach of The Woodlands, specializes in helping business owners, leaders, entrepreneurs and sales professionals achieve successful and balanced lives so they can accomplish their ultimate goals and dreams. We accelerate their success by focusing on our proven Strategic Mindset processes to help the create more effective and efficient strategies to achieve their greatest results. Clint and The Growth Coach act as a GPS unit for motivated, success-driven business leaders who have the desire to achieve their next level of success. Guiding them from their current location to desired destination by creating powerful road maps focused on education, coaching, motivation and accountability.



Clint Blinka

"One thing I love about Huntsville is the amount of locally owned or operated small to medium sized businesses. The Growth Coach has proven to be a natural fit for these great businesses and able to provide the perfect solutions to help them thrive in our fantastic community. As a member of the Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce my goal is to help support and encourage fellow members. As an Ambassador this gives me the opportunity to meet, educate, network and celebrate with other fantastic members of our great Chamber.

"Being an Ambassador gives me the opportunity to meet and welcome new members to our Chamber as well as build lasting relationships with these individuals and businesses. Ambassadors create a welcoming environment within the Chamber that provides education support and encouragement to potential and current members of the Chamber and Huntsville community."

Clint thoroughly enjoys being a member of the Chamber and stays active in the Huntsville and Sam Houston State community. His wife, Lauren, who owns Magnolia Mey Boutique and their 3 sons (Gage, Gunner and Kannon) enjoy spending time in the outdoors, playing every sport under the sun and making memories with amazing family and friends.



Seminar Schedule

May, 2017

Small Business Celebration Luncheon

Thursday, May 25, 2017 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
 LOCATION: Katy and E. Don Walker Education Center,
 1400 19th St., Huntsville, TX

FREE Luncheon to celebrate Small Businesses!

Presentation of 2017 Reader's Choice Awards

AND special guest speaker, Joe Robertson from Blue Bell Creameries.

(Blue Bell Ice Cream and Lunch from Farmhouse Café Provided FREE for ALL attendees)

Seating is limited — please register early at the link listed below.

Co-sponsored by: Sam Houston State University College of Business & SBDC, Walker County, City of Huntsville, Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce, The Huntsville Item, U.S. Small Business Administration, HGAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council), First Financial Bank, First National Bank, Prosperity Bank, Walker County Federal Credit Union, Community Service Credit Union & BBVA Compass Bank

Please register and reserve your spot at: <http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net>
 2405 Ave 1, Huntsville, TX 777340 (behind Dominoes Pizza)
 936-294-3737



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 April visits made to (1)HEB Pantry (2) Carriage Inn (3) Dental Health Associates (Dr. Paul Kooi) (4) Focused Care At Huntsville (5)Community Service Credit Union (6) Panda Express. 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.



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We have experienced many exciting changes in Huntsville and Walker County during the past few years and 2017 looks to be another big sectors. We are seeing many local businesses opening as commercial property is developed. This is important for our community for a improve local infrastructure, such as schools, roads, parks, libraries and emergency services. 2) Job Development--growth in our commu base will help expand our economy and reduce our reliance upon any single business sector and 4) Quality of life--the increase in local t opportunity to live in a community that is rich in Texas history, rich in natural resources and most of all rich in people wh



Athletics is a big "draw"



SHSU-many facilities going up



Homegrown Marketplace - new name



Construction site for new HEB



McAdams Dry Goods - new on the downtown square



The Best Box Ever Bakery



New parking for SHSU



Kroger's new store



New Sears Retail Center

year for our community. These changes are great for our citizens and our businesses as we see opportunities continue to increase for both number of reasons. 1) It increases our tax base--the additional revenue provided by economic development will support, maintain and community can create opportunities to provide better wages, benefits and job advancement. 3) Economic Diversification--a diversified economic tax dollars and jobs raise the economic tide for the entire community, including the standard of living for our residents. We have a great no are giving and love their community--Robert Pate, President, First Financial Bank and Former Chamber Board Chair.



Merchandise & new merchandise



Raising Cane's Restaurant



Texpress Urgent Care - new to Huntsville



Tourism Week

**MARKET YOUR BUSINESS TO THE LADIES AT DIVA NIGHT!
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:**

Table Sponsor- only 3 left!

- \$150 chamber members/\$200 non members**
- Your business name/logo will be placed on one of the bistro tables at the event. (each table will be decorated with signage included by the chamber and have just one business represented)
 - Sponsor recognition in the Chamber newsletter The V.O.I.C.E. and Chamber website
 - Opportunity to place literature and/or promotional items about your business/organization in goodie bags given to EVERY lady that enters (sponsor to supply advertising material by end of July)

Walk of Fame Sponsor-only 3 left!

- \$150 chamber members/\$200 non members**
- Walk of Fame Professional Sign with your business name placed at the entrance of the LSC Ballroom.
 - Sponsor recognition in the Chamber newsletter The V.O.I.C.E. and Chamber website
 - Opportunity to place literature and/or promotional items about your business/organization in goodie bags given to EVERY lady that enters (sponsor to supply advertising material by end of July)

Advertising (Goodie Bags) Sponsor-

- \$75 chamber members/\$125 non members**
- Opportunity to place literature and/or promotional items about your business/organization in goodie bags given to EVERY lady that enters (sponsor to supply advertising material by end of July)
 - Sponsor recognition in the Chamber newsletter The V.O.I.C.E. and Chamber website
 - Signage at event

Ribbon Cuttings



Emblem Properties, LLC

Emblem Properties, LLC- celebrated their Ribbon Cutting with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on April 3, 2017. They provide a wide-range of real estate services and consumers find value in having a real estate professional help them with the buying and selling process. If you are looking to buy or sell a home, contact Sherri Barrett at 936-439-6630, or stop by their location at 168 Col. Etheredge Blvd., Suite D.



Professional Landscape Management

Professional Landscape Management- celebrated their Ribbon Cutting with Staff, Family, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on April 26, 2017. If you are looking to spruce up your yard and home and are looking to create the kind of home and garden that you have been wanting, contact Justin Roberson at 936-577-5875, or check out his Facebook: facebook.com/PLMTx936.



Sears Huntsville

Sears Huntsville- Along with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors, Sears Huntsville celebrated their Ribbon Cutting on April 27, 2017. They offer a wide selection of products in tools, lawn and garden equipment, home appliances, and more. You will find specialized in-store services, as well as products you would expect from your local hardware store. They also carry Kenmore appliances, Craftsman brand tools, DieHard batteries and many other reliable national brands. Stop by their NEW location at 291 Interstate 45, or give them a call at 936-295-8121.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS APRIL

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:**

Texpress Urgent Care- Texpress Urgent Care looks to provide the highest quality healthcare with unmatched customer service. Services provided at a reasonable cost compared to that of a hospital-based emergency room or free-standing ER. Open 7 days a week with extended hours. Most of our providers have ER experience and can provide treatment for common colds, sinus infections, laceration repairs, taking x-rays, fracture and care and any non-life threatening ailments. They are in-network with most major insurance providers, and also have cash pay options/straight-forward pricing for those out of network. Texpress Urgent Care is available when you need it, at a fraction of the ER's cost. For more information contact them at 936-570-2626, or stop by their location at 193 Interstate 45 South, Suite H. You may also visit their website at www.TexpressUrgentCare.com

Rockin'D Nursery LLC- Rockin'D is dedicated to providing a quality choice for people looking for Trees, Plants, Shrubs, Evergreens, Bedding Plants, Flowers, and Hanging Baskets. If you are looking to spruce up your yard they also have a Huge Soil Selection, Rock, Gravel, and Mulch! For more information call them at 936-439-6747, or stop by their colorful location at 470 FM 2821 Road W. You may also visit their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/rockindnursery/

Mosquito Squad of Lake Conroe & The Pineywoods- Mosquito Squad, the largest and most trusted mosquito and tick control franchise in North America, has launched its fifteenth territory in Texas. Mosquito Squad of Lake Conroe and The Pineywoods is providing award-winning mosquito elimination services to the residents of Huntsville, Walker and surrounding counties. As the saying goes, "everything's bigger in Texas", and the mosquito population is no exception. Mosquito Squad uses the latest EPA-registered mosquito control barrier treatments, larvicide and all-natural substances to eliminate mosquitoes from yards and outdoor spaces. Offering top-of-the-line services that help customers take back their yards. For more information, contact Paul Wheaton at 936-703-5184 or by email at pineywoods@MosquitoSquad.com

Davita Huntsville Dialysis- DaVita Huntsville Dialysis Center: DaVita Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. At Davita, our approach is to treat people, not just their kidney disease. Better manage your health, your care, and your life with help from our highly trained clinical support teams and a wide range of tools and services. According to the latest government ratings, DaVita outperformed the rest of the industry with the highest percentage of centers meeting or exceeding quality measures. Visit Davita.com or call 936-295-5500 today to learn how Davita can improve your or your loved one's quality of life on dialysis. We are open Monday – Friday and are located at 521 IH-45 South, Suite 20.

Gene Bartee-Constable Pct. 4- The office of Constable has been authorized in early Texas constitution since the days of the Republic. Constables and Deputy Constables are classified as peace officers by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and only after meeting specified qualifications, equivalent to those of all other peace officers in the state of Texas are constables licensed by Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education. Although the constable is considered a local precinct officer, his territorial jurisdiction, like that of sheriff, extends to the entire county. Contact Constable Bartee at 936-435-8028.

Stephen Cole-Justice of the Peace Pct. 4- Judge Cole was elected November 2014, and took office in January 2015. Justice of the Peace Courts are part of the state judicial system. Justice of the Peace serve both as Judges and Magistrates. As Judges, they preside over Class C Misdemeanor criminal cases, punishable by fine only. They also preside over Small Claim, Debt Claim, Eviction and Repair and Remedy cases, where the amount does not exceed \$10,000.00. The duty of the Justice Courts is to assist you in any way possible, but the rules of the Judicial Ethics prohibits the court from giving legal advice, telling either party how to present their case or expressing opinions of law. The Judge and court clerks can only answer questions of general nature and court procedure. For more information contact Justice of the Peace Stephen Cole at 936-435-8753.

Johnson Studio- Music Instruction for all ages, children and adults. Beginning to advanced lessons with guitar, ukulele, piano, bass, and voice are designed for each individual's level of experience and interest. Weekly lessons are scheduled by appointment, Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm. James Johnson, MA, MT has taught privately since 1979 and at SHSU since 1991. He and his wife Pam produce Johnson Studio House Concerts and Thoreau Woods Coffeehouse since 2010 with over 80 concerts! Contact James at 936-661-6332 or by email at: johnsonstudio@att.net or visit our website: Johnsonstudiotexas.com. Johnson Studio is located at 1002 15th St., Suite B on the corner of 15th Street and Avenue J.



**PROMOTE
YOUR
BUSINESS!**

Want to reach new and potential customers?

The chamber has several networking opportunities to help you GROW your business. Two of our most successful is our monthly Small Business Breakfast and Business After Hours. You can sponsor the breakfast for only \$150 and Business After Hours for \$250 and share information to a captive audience as well as be featured in our monthly newsletter following the event.

JULY is the only opening available to sponsor a breakfast in 2017! Business After Hours is sold out for 2017, but we have begun reserving for both of these great networking events for 2018!

Call the chamber at 936-295-8113, or email lgreen@chamber.huntsville.tx.us for more info and/or to reserve the month that works best for you!



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.

Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **Inspirational Graphic Designs** for sponsoring the May Chamber Small Business Breakfast. Inspirational Graphic Designs began operation in 2013 as a home based business. Owner Diane Prather shared, "In August of 2016 the Lord instructed me to move the business out of my home. By doing what the Lord instructed, my business is now operating in a space of its own, meeting more customer needs."

Inspirational Graphic Designs offers a wide array of products from Digital Photography, Programs (Church, Wedding, and Funeral), Graduation Announcements, Business Cards, Brochures (bi-fold and tri-fold), Banners, Custom Apparel and Custom Mugs. "We also do flyers, bumper stickers, and personalized birthday cards and Invitations. At Inspirational Graphic Designs you can make an appointment or just walk in to have your pictures done and go home with them the same day. Our desire is to provide our customers with expert quality in the products that we provide. We offer a short turnaround time that meets the needs of our customers. You are more than welcome to visit our website at inspirationalgraphicdesigns.net and stop by our facility at 284 I-45 North Ste. 4, Huntsville, TX or call (936) 994-8239. Diane Prather Owner/Operator. Remember Inspirational Graphic Designs is your One Stop Shop For ALL Your Printing Needs!"



Pictured are Owner Diane Prather and husband Richard Prather

Thanks to all that participated in the 14th Shot in the Dark Night Golf Tournament which was held on Friday, May 19th! It was a great success! Photos from the tournament and a list of our hole sponsors will be in next month's issue of the VOICE because they were not ready by press time.

SHOT in the DARK
Night Golf Tournament

Thanks to all our sponsors

TEAM
DODGE • CHRYSLER • Jeep
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

Sponsors include: First National Bank of Huntsville, WIESNER HUNTSVILLE, Samaritan Women's Care, MID-SOUTH synergy, Walker County Federal Credit Union, TEXAS ENT & ALLERGY, HBI, WALKER COUNTY ACE HARDWARE, SHERWIN WILLIAMS, THAT'S NO BELL! MILLER, Edward Jones.

business after hours

Thanks to **Gibbs Street Manor** for sponsoring and hosting the Chamber April Business After Hours. Gibbs Street Manor is a Bed & Breakfast but can also help you create the perfect venue for your wedding and other events as well. Owners Cheri Wasserman and Ronnie Williams shared, "Gibbs Street Manor is a unique venue with different wedding setups to get the fairy tale look you have been dreaming of."

"We can host up to 150 guests in our southern country courtyard venue, around the gorgeous wraparound porch, or in front of our southern style colonial manor house, and for smaller events we can host inside the Gibbs Manor house. Gibbs Street Manor is a place where you can make memories and enjoy your wedding all weekend long! We also invite you to come stay, relax and enjoy in one of our unique suites with different special designed looks. Have fun in our courtyard with our resort style amenities. We have 6 suites all with private bathrooms as well as 2 restrooms outside in the courtyard. We can accommodate up to 18 guests overnight, you can either rent one suite or the entire house."

Think of Gibbs Street Manor for all your special events. They can host any of the following:

- Baby Showers • Graduations • Anniversary's • Honeymoon • Bachelorette parties • Girls Weekends
- Cooking Classes • Crafting Classes • Massages • RV Wine Tours

Stop by and see for yourself. They are located at 525 Gibbs Street in New Waverly. You can also reach them at 1-832-437-7784 or on the web at www.thegibbs-streetmanor.com



Pictured are: Owner, Cheri Wasserman and Ronnie Williams Owner, Florist/Innkeeper Selina Wasserman and Innkeeper Joann Castillo

43rd Annual FAIR on the SQUARE
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS
Saturday, October 7th! 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION to the FAIR

- ★ 350 + Booths
- ★ Food Court
- ★ Live Entertainment
- ★ Kids Korner
- ★ Beer Garden
- ★ Wine Tasting
- ★ Classic Cars

VENDOR REGISTRATION BEGINS END OF JUNE
Call 936-295-8113 or email chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us

only \$10 WINE KNOT
Fair on the Square
Saturday, October 7th!
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wine? Why not at the Wine Knot!
5 Tastings *Wine Glass *Food & Wine Pairings

PRE-FAIR CONCERT
FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 6
Gates Open 8:00 p.m.
FREE CONCERT

Your 2017 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

2017 Officers

Carol Sullivan, Chairman of the BoardCommunity Service Credit Union
 Bart Davis, Immediate Past Chair/Nominating.....Davis Construction Management
 Ken Holland, Treasurer/SecretaryUniversity Heights Baptist Church
 Sam Donnell, Vice Chair Community AffairsRockin' D Services, Inc.
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 Trey Wharton, Vice Chair Community GrowthWharton Insurance Network
 Carol Smith, President.....Chamber of Commerce

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OUR MISSION:

*To promote an environment to enhance
 the economic success of business
 in Walker County.*

Contact Us

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Chamber Calendar

MAY

- 23 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 23 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber, 10:30 am
- 25 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8AM @ Chamber
- 25 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm @ Abe's 3 Spoons Yogurt, 1524 11th St. Suite B
- 29 Chamber Office closed-Memorial Day
- 30 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber

JUNE

- 1 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 1 HLI Class 35 Graduation, 5:30 pm @ Elkins Lake Clubhouse
- 8 Small Business Breakfast, 7:30 am @ Golden Corral sponsored by HMH
- 12 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 13 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ IHOP
- 13 Ribbon Cutting, 4:30 pm @ Century 21-Alpha Associates, 1304 10th St.
- 14 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 am @ Chamber
- 14 POP Committee Meeting, 2:00 pm @ Chamber
- 15 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 15 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Snap Fitness
- 20 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 22 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 22 New Member Showcase, 5:15-6:15 pm @ Walker County Fairgrounds
- 27 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 27 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber, 10:30 am
- 29 Thursday LEADS Exchange, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 30 Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 am @ Firestone location next to Home Depot

Community Calendar of Events

MAY

- 21 2:00-5:00 pm Rita B Huff Wine Fest @ Don Walker Education Center
- 29 7:00 pm Memorial Day Service @ Veterans Conference Center

JUNE

- 11th thru 15th Junior High Band Camp @ SHSU College of Fine Arts & Mass Comm.
- 11th thru 23rd Summer Dance Intensive @ SHSU College of Fine Arts & Mass Comm.
- 19th thru 23rd Animation Creation Camp @ SHSU Dept. of Art
- 25-29 Junior High & High School Orchestra Camp @ SHSU College of Fine Arts & Mass Comm.