Dear Fellow Chamber Members,

For those that were able to join us for the Chairman’s Ball to honor outgoing Chairman Mike Furin, you probably noticed that I am a man of few words. I prefer action. One of my goals for this coming year was to attend 70% of the ribbon cuttings. After my first month, I’m realizing how difficult that will be. There is one group besides staff members who are ever present at all ribbon cuttings. The Chamber’s Diplomats attend every ribbon cutting, general membership luncheon, business after hours and any other event the chamber hosts. These are among the hardest working volunteers I’ve had the honor of working with and I would like to thank them for all they do for our chamber members.

Another group of dedicated chamber volunteers hard at work at this time is the League City 52nd Annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade on Clear Lake committee. This committee puts on such a unique signature event to kick off the Christmas season in the Clear Lake area. Special thanks to the committee for a fantastic job putting together this wonderful event that delights residents and visitors.

We have two main initiatives we are working on this year. Last month I mentioned Leadership Clear Lake which will be a premier leadership development program where chosen participants will receive a blend of academic and practical case study about leadership. Special thanks to J.P. Morris who heads our Young Professionals division for spearheading this program. More details about this program will be provided in an upcoming general membership luncheon.

The second initiative is called Buy into Bay Area. The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is a regional organization that spans two counties and nine cities to promote business growth, educational excellence and community partnerships while fostering overall vitality and quality of life throughout Clear Lake Bay Area Houston. The Bay Area is a great region in which to live, work and play. The Chamber is full of businesses and organizations that already Buy into Bay Area. They have made a commitment to the community and each other. We encourage you to Buy into Bay Area by giving our chamber members an opportunity to earn your business.

Sincerely,

Jamieson Mackay
Chairman of the Board 2013-2014
Vice President - Project Development, Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union
League City 52nd Annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade Scheduled for December 14th

The weather is getting a little more bearable and stores are starting to put out their Christmas merchandise which can only mean that the holiday season is rapidly approaching and with it the League City 52nd Annual Christmas Boat Parade on Clear Lake.

The parade is held on the second Saturday of December, and will take place this year on December 14th.

Early entry is only $75 per boat and includes a Skipper’s Bag sponsored by Hollis, Huff, Lewis and Co. P.C. Each bag is filled with fun donations from area merchants, and two tickets to the Awards Brunch on Sunday, December 15th at South Shore Harbour Resort.

A great way to get involved is by participating as a sponsor. Join the title sponsor, City of League City, Nassau Bay, Kemah Boardwalk and our newest major sponsor, the City of Kemah and help support this wonderful winter event.

There are many sponsorships available, from the individual awards: $150, $250, or $350, up to the $7,500 presenting sponsorship. This is a great way to advertise your business while spreading a little Christmas cheer.

This wonderful event is produced by the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and is a success because of the very dedicated committee and their Chairman Jim Christiansen of Lockheed Martin.

To participate or for more details visit www.clearlakearea.com or contact Shari Sweeney at 281-488-7676.

Chamber recognizes Staff milestone anniversaries for CEO, CFO at Chairman’s Ball

During the 51st Annual Chairman’s Ball, Chamber Vice President Shari Sweeney was joined at the podium by the Chairman of the Board Mike Furin, incoming Chairman of the Board Jamieson Mackay and past Chairmen of the Board Michael Divine, Richard Allen, Cathy Turner, Dick Gregg, Jr., Cindy Kennedy Hebert, Joe Mayer, Richard Simmons and Mark Rush to recognize two milestone anniversaries.

President & CEO Cindy Harreld is celebrating 30 years with the chamber and CFO Sunny Fitz is celebrating her 20th year. Beautiful roses were presented to these remarkable women for their service to our community and dedication to the chamber.
Thank you for hosting Business After Hours

1. Business After Hours Hosts Chris Simon and Board Member Charlie Felts, Opus Bistro; Cindy Harreld, Chamber President and CEO and 2013-2014 Chairman of the Board Jamieson Mackay, Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union

2. New Member Tara Ruttley, The Grocery Station and Anthony Vela, Space City Takeout

3. Ernie Smith, Butler Longhorn Museum; Dolly Schroeder, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant and Monica Hughes, Butler Longhorn Museum

4. Board Member Carol Keough, Barita & Keough Law Firm and Becky Day, JSC Federal Credit Union

5. Justin Harper, Crest Media and Betty Martin, Orchard Park Assisted Lkiving & Memory Care

6. Tom Kartrude, Armand Bayou Nature Center and Tammie Nielsen, Harris County Commissioner Jack Morman

7. Nancy and Darryel Picou, Nancy's Bra Boutique

8. Past Chairman of the Board Richard Allen, Space Center Houston and Lori Allen, Lori Allen Designs
The 51st Annual Chairman’s Ball was held at Space Center Houston on October 4th, honoring outgoing Chairman of the Board Mike Furin with My Flooring America.

Attendees were treated with a memorable experience, complete with a red-carpet awards entrance and photo op, velvet ropes and more.

Special thanks go out to all sponsors and committee members who helped make this event memorable and very special thanks go out to Mike Furin and congratulations to new Chairman of the Board Jamieson Mackay with Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union.
The Emcees for the evening were Justice of the Peace Louie Ditta, Harris County Precinct 8, Position 2 and Justice of the Peace Holly Williamson, Harris County Precinct 8, Position 1.

Retiring Board members Ronda SanFilipo, Texan Bank; Past Chairman of the Board Joe Mayer, Lockheed Martin and Betsey Ennis, The SCENE Magazine receive commemorative United States Seals for their years of service.

Roger and Chair Elect 2014-2015 Sharon Proulx, Hope Village and Leslie and Vice Chair membership Jonathan Cottrell, Martha Turner Properties.

Serving as Color Guard for the evening were 1st Battalion, 378th Infantry Regiment, Lafayette, LA.

Board member Chris Gregg and past Chairman of the Board Dick Gregg, Jr., Gregg & Gregg, PC; Sara and Glenn Freedman, Ph.D., EduSafe Systems, Inc.

Chamber Vice President recognized Chamber Chief Financial Officer Sunya Fitz for 20 years of service to the Chamber and Chamber President & CEO Cindy Harreld for 30 years of service.

During the program, the 2012-2013 Division and Committee Chairmen along with liaison were presented with plaques commemorating them for their year of service to the Chamber.
DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH

Debbie Schkade
Diplomat of the Month

INTERESTING FACT: Debbie has been married 44 years and for her 30th anniversary, husband, Mike gave her a Red 67 mustang convertible. They like to cruise the hill country on weekends and stay over in a B & B. She learned to water ski on Clear Lake at the age of 5.

A FEW WORDS: Being a member of the Clear Lake Chamber was a great perk added when she began working for Clean As A Whistle in July 2010. “I love being a member of the Diplomat committee and attending Ribbon cuttings for new members. Pierre was one of the first people I really began to know and he is so personable! The Clear Lake Chamber is a real asset to the Bay area and I am proud to be a member.”

WHO: Debbie Schkade

COMPANY: Clean As A Whistle, Inc.

YP’s Host Packed Crowd for Seminar

The Young Professionals recently played host to numerous Chamber members looking to learn more about Excelling on a Not-for-Profit Board of Directors, presented by Glenn Freedman, Ph.D. with EduSafe Systems, Inc. and Dr. Peter Wuenschel, Communities In Schools - Bay Area. Thank you Dr. Freedman for sharing your time and knowledge with us and thank you to our breakfast sponsors Jason’s Deli.

Upcoming Young Professionals Event

YP Tour of the Galveston County Food Bank
November 21 - 4:00 p.m.
624 4th Ave. North
Texas City

Holiday Party
December 12
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Voyager at Space Center
Apartments
18101 Point Lookout Dr., Nassau Bay

For information on joining the Young Professionals, contact Matt matts@clearlakearea.com
MEMBERSHIP

NEW Chamber Members

Aixiz LLC
(888) 424-9491
Chuck Mariele
PO Box 751994
Houston, TX 77275
www.aixiz.com

Electronics Manufacturers
Recruited by: Cindy Harreld, Chamber Staff

Casa Anita's Mexican Restaurant
(281) 326-2200
Carlos Zuniga
4624 NASA Parkway
Seabrook, TX 77586
www.casaanitas.com

Restaurants & Clubs

Denny's
(281) 461-6733
Misbah Sikander
2735 Bay Area Blvd.
Houston, TX 77058
www.dennys.com

Restaurants & Clubs
Recruited by: Kate Wilkinson, Chamber Staff

Dwell at Clear Lake
(281) 326-2533
Anna Flores
4101 NASA Pkwy
Seabrook, TX 77586

Apartments/Condominiums

Houston Institute of Dermatology
(281) 480-7272
Cindy Berthelot
2565 Bay Area Blvd.
Houston, TX 77058
www.houstonskindr.com

Dermatologists
Recruited by: Frank Komasincki, Texas First Bank

Jenkins & Associates, CPA P.C.
(281) 480-9000
Kevin Jenkins
16865 Diana Lane, Suite 100
Houston, TX 77058
www.jenkinscpapc.com

Accountants/Accountants, Certified Public
Recruited by: Jon & Mary Sullivan, Nassau Bay Agency

Keller Williams - Tiffany Scott
(281) 900-1117
Tiffany Scott
1 Signature Point Dr. 1008
League City, TX 77573

Real Estate
Recruited by: Michael Divine, Visiting Angels, Living Assistance Services

Massage Envy Clear Lake
(281) 332-0808
Avital Kushlevich
943 W. Bay Area Blvd.
Houston, TX 77598

Massage Therapists
Recruited by: Kate Wilkinson, Chamber Staff

Tutti Frutti Frozen Yogurt
(281) 532-6950
Sandra Bartlett
212 FM 518, Suite 109
Kemah, TX 77565
www.tfyogurt.com

Ice Cream / Frozen Yogurt Stores

The following businesses have made a commitment to the economic growth of the Clear Lake area. Please re-new your commitment by calling on these businesses when you are in need of their products or services.
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www.greatamtitle.com
Great American Title Company is one of the largest title insurance agencies in the Houston metroplex with its corporate offices located in Spring, Texas. Great American Title Company has 10 branch locations and is currently licensed in Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend, Brazoria and Galveston Counties in Texas.

Lucky Pets
832-654-1068
www.luckypetsclearlake.com
Lucky Pets understands the importance of having an experienced, professional pet sitter care for your pets and home while you are away, whether it be for a long vacation, short business trip, or just afternoon walks and playtime.

Methodist Center for Sports Medicine
832-667-5695
www.methodisthealth.com/sportsmedicine
Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine has the expertise to get you back in the game, quickly and safely. Home to the team physicians for the Houston Texans, Houston Astros and Houston Dynamo, our all-star lineup delivers a comprehensive multi-disciplinary program for athletes of all types.

Hamilton Vein Center
281-565-0033
www.hamiltonvein.com
At Hamilton Vein Center, our mission is to provide the most comprehensive, least painful approach to the diagnosis and treatment of vein disorders on an outpatient basis, using the most advanced, minimally invasive procedures available.

Randall Porterfield Architects
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Randall-Porterfield Architects, INC (RPA) was founded in 1984 in the Houston Bay Area Metro-plex. The firm continuous service over the past 26 years has allowed for much diversity in the public and private sectors.

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We are dedicated to providing the most experienced, knowledgeable and friendly team of licensed professionals available in the Greater Houston real estate community. Our team is experienced in working with all types of clients from renters or first-time home buyers to the more sophisticated real estate investor or developer.

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Business ownership should be about wealth, freedom and fun … not headaches, stress and late nights. If you feel frustrated, overwhelmed and trapped by your own business, you need The Growth Coach!

Texas Academy of Sports Medicine
281-984-7446
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Elite Personal Trainers Academy is a 3-5 month hands on course to make you the expert your clients turn to for knowledge, training and results. As an NASM Certified Personal Trainer (NASM-CPT) you’ll design effective and individualized exercise programs for clients and help them achieve their health, fitness and performance goals. As a TXASM graduate you will be a Motivation and Exercise Science Specialist!

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In October 1990 Unique Jewels opened at 400 W. Bay Area Blvd., in Webster, Texas. The store is run by Kim Thu Nguyen and her husband Nguyen Truong.

Boatoberfest
561-842-8808
www.TexasBoatoberfest.com
A true four day Festival for the whole family, Boatoberfest on Clear Lake will include a Boat Sale with incredible end of season boat deals and incentive programs, featuring boats, both in and out of the water, ranging in size from 15ft to 70ft, including Sportfish, Center Consoles, Cruisers, Ski Boats and Bay Boats, alongside a selection of some of today's finest sailboats.

The Ivy at Clear Creek
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www.theivyatclearcreek.com
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With 8,000+ clients nationwide and over $1 billion in health premiums managed, TriNet provides cloud-based HR solutions that allow growing companies to do what they do best.

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**Business Development Seminar**

**TUESDAY, November 5, 2013**

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  Networking & Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Program

**Digital Business Development: More Than Coffee and Donuts**

Presented by James Robert Lay, PTP New Media

Breakfast sponsored by Bonefish Grill

My Flooring America Boardroom, Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
Register in advance with Angela at angela@clearlakearea.com
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Distinguished Investors
The Distinguished Investors of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce support our programs throughout the year in return for a tailored membership package of benefits and recognition to accommodate their business needs. Their participation helps us to achieve our mission for the Chamber, To promote business growth, educational excellence and community partnerships while fostering overall vitality and quality of life throughout Clear Lake Bay Area Houston.

Director's Council
$1,500 Annual Investment
BB&T  
Beacon Federal Credit Union  
Gulf Coast Educators  
Federal Credit Union  
Houston Community management  
Joiner Partnership, Inc-Architects  
JSC Federal Credit Union  
LyondellBasell Industries  
Methodist Center for Sports Medicine  
Mourik LP  
The Pet Palace  
SAIC  
SERVPRO  
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President's Council
$3,000 Annual Investment
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Chairman's Council
$5,000 Annual Investment
AMOCO Federal Credit Union  
Bay Area Regional Medical Center  
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www.bayareamedicalcenter.org  
Boeing  
www.boeing.com  
The Citizen  
www.bayareacitizen.com  
Jacobs  
www.jacobs.com  
Lockheed Martin  
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November 2013

Making the most of your Membership
Meetings are complimentary to Chamber members as a benefit of membership

- Monday, November 4 - 4:15 p.m. League City Christmas Boat Lane Parade Committee Meeting My Flooring America Boardroom Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- Tuesday, November 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Business Development Seminar Program: Digital Business Development: More Than Coffee and Donuts Breakfast Sponsored by Bonefish Grill My Flooring America Boardroom Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- Tuesday, November 5 - 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting - Project 15 1501 Pineloch Dr., Ste. 800, Houston
- Wednesday, November 6 - 11:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting - A.B.I. Services LLC Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- Thursday, November 7 - 1:00 p.m. Young Professionals Planning Committee Meeting My Flooring America Boardroom Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- Thursday, November 7 - 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting - CareBuilders at Home 2600 South Shore Blvd., Ste. 300, League City
- Tuesday, November 12 - 9:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting Robert C. Chuoke, Jr. Executive Boardroom Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- Tuesday, November 12 - 11:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting & Grand Re-Opening - Denny’s 2735 Bay Area Blvd., Houston
- Tuesday, November 12 - 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting - BB&T 1373 West Bay Area Blvd., Webster
- Wednesday, November 13 - 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting - Houston Institute of Dermatology 2565 Bay Area Blvd., Houston
- Thursday, November 14 - 8:00 a.m. New Member Orientation Breakfast Sponsored by The Pet Palace My Flooring America Boardroom Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- Thursday, November 14 - 5:00 p.m. Business After Hours Ron Carter Clear Lake Cadillac Hyundai 18100 Gulf Freeway, Friendswood
- Monday, November 18 - 4:15 p.m. League City Christmas Boat Lane Parade Committee Meeting My Flooring America Boardroom Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- Tuesday, November 19 - 11:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting My Flooring America Boardroom Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- Tuesday, November 19 - 4:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting and Reception - AMOCO Federal Credit Union Clear Lake Branch 2585 Bay Area Blvd., Houston
- Wednesday, November 20 - 11:30 a.m. General Membership Luncheon Program: Steve Lufburrow, President & CEO of Goodwill South Shore Harbour Country Club 4300 South Shore Blvd., League City Reservations Required by Friday, November 15
- Wednesday, November 20 - 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting and Open House - Butler Longhorn Museum 1220 Coryell, League City
- Thursday, November 21 - 8:04 a.m. Diplomats Committee Meeting My Flooring America Boardroom Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- Thursday, November 21 - 4:00 p.m. Young Professionals Tour of Galveston County Food Bank Galveston County Food Bank 624 4th Ave. North, Texas City Help the Young Professionals! Donate to the Food Drive, benefitting the Galveston County Food Bank
- Thursday, November 28 - Friday, November 29 Thanksgiving Holidays Chamber Offices Closed

December 2013

- Tuesday, December 3 - 8:00 a.m. Business Development Seminar My Flooring America Boardroom 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- Thursday, December 12 - 5:30 p.m. Young Professionals Holiday Party Voyager at Space Center 18101 Point Lookout Dr., Houston
- Saturday, December 14 League City 52nd Annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade on Clear Lake
- Wednesday December 18 - 11:30 a.m. General Membership Luncheon Lakewood Yacht Club 2425 NASA Parkway, Seabrook Reservations Required by Friday, December 13
- Thursday December 19 - 5:00 p.m. Chamber Holiday Open House Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway