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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

“Your Chamber – A Sound Investment”

Our members are primarily small businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals who make hard dollars-and-cents decisions every day to flourish and prosper. Membership in the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is one of those no-nonsense decisions that constitute a vote of confidence in our community, in our member businesses and in our future.

There are a lot of factors that contribute to the success of our Chamber and community, but the word that comes most to my mind is “investment”. Our members invest their time, talents, energy and financial resources to build a legacy of achievement and excellence that will last for generations to come.

Some invest in the Chamber because they enjoy or expect a return on their investment in the form of business growth and opportunity. Of course, their chances of success are greatly magnified when they fully engage in what the Chamber has to offer in the form of networking, branding, sponsorships and professional development. The higher the level of participation, the greater the prospects for direct business return on their investment.

Others see the benefit of adding their individual investment to the collective resources of all our Chamber members in order to magnify the value of that investment to their businesses and our community overall. These investors may personally get involved in Chamber activities or they may simply let the Chamber work on their behalf, creating business opportunities for all as we build a vibrant local economy and promote a fantastic quality of life environment that serves to retain existing enterprises and attract new businesses and jobs.

Whatever the reasons, the bottom-line stays the same: your investment in the Chamber is sound with multiple payoffs in the form of a pro-business environment, a prosperous community and a quality of life that benefits all our citizens.

We salute our Chamber members. We thank you for your support. We work hard to earn your trust and ensure your investment returns value to you and our community. We welcome all to join our ranks in building the best place for our businesses and our families to live and thrive.

Joe Mayer
Chairman of the Board 2011-2012
Senior Manager, Lockheed Martin

p.s. Feedback, ideas, recommendations? Let me know what’s on your mind. Contact me at: joseph.t.mayer@lmco.com



EPICUREAN EVENING
A taste of space

Thursday!

Space Center Houston
Thursday, February 2nd, 2012 6:30 p.m.

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50th Anniversary Quiz

Where was the first Chamber office Located? [Answer: p.7]

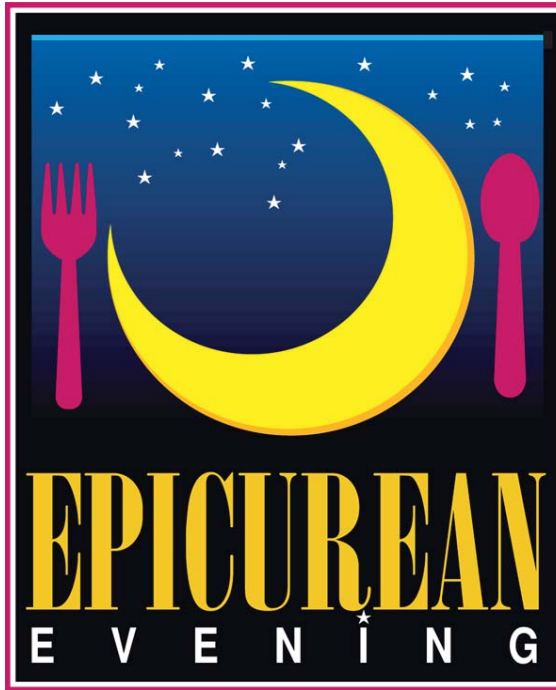
Grab a plate for Epicurean Evening on February 2nd at Space Center Houston

Take a break from your usual weeknight routine and enjoy “a Taste of Space” at our Epicurean Evening 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012 hosted by the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. This much anticipated event, which includes the best food and drinks from all over town, will once again take place at Space Center Houston.

Pre-sale tickets are available for \$30 per adult (\$35 at the door) and \$10 per child (4 to 12 years of age). Children 3 years and under are free. Group discounts are also available. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Chamber office or at your nearest Randall’s. New this year is the ability to purchase tickets online at www.clearlakearea.com

Also something new this year are early entry wristbands for \$50. These wristbands allow holders 30 minute early admission to the event, so buy one today to beat the crowd. A limited number of these are available, call the Chamber for details.

Your ticket not only gets you inside Space Center Houston, but also a “taste of the town.” Experience the best food, beer and wine that the Clear Lake Area has to offer. You’ll also get access to the Space Center Houston’s current exhibit, Pepsi Kids Space Place, the silent auction and live entertainment.



Over 2,000 people enjoyed this unforgettable night of food, fun and frivolity which had people saying “Thursday is the new Friday.” Purchase your ticket or wristband today! For more information, contact the Chamber at 281-488-7676 or visit our website www.clearlakearea.com.

Spring Fever Golf Tournament gears up for a great day on the Green

It’s time to tee off...the 23rd Annual Spring Fever Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2012. This year’s tournament will be hosted by Bay Oaks Country Club.

There are still spaces available, so it’s not too late to register your team for the 4-man Florida scramble. The cost is \$150 per person or \$600 for a team of four. Your tax deductible entry fee includes lunch, driving range, beverages on the course, a dinner buffet and trophies for the winners.

We are proud to announce our five Hole-in-One Sponsors: Clear Lake Dodge, Gay Family Auto, Norman Frede Chevrolet, Star Toyota and Uncle Bob’s Self Storage.

Awards will be given for the top three teams, as well as for the winners of the chipping, putting, longest drive and “closest to the pin” contests. Even if you’re not a golfer, you can still participate in this great event.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. These sponsorships afford you recognition at the Awards Reception, as well as in Chamber publications. The Spring Fever Golf Classic committee is also looking for door prize donations, as well as items for the players’ goodie bags. These are great ways to promote your business while supporting your Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about entering a team, becoming a sponsor or donating items for door prizes or goodie bags, please contact Stephanie Rice at 281-488-7676, by e-mail at stephanie@clearlakearea.com or visit www.clearlakearea.com.



2011 - 2012 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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STEPHANIE RICE, Director of Membership



Colleen Martin Diplomat of the Month

WHO: Colleen Martin
Marketing Representative

COMPANY: StarTex Title Inc.
832/ 425-9313

INTERESTING FACT:

Graduated with a Master's in Digital Media Studies from University of Houston-Clear Lake

A FEW WORDS:

"I love serving as a Diplomat because I get to welcome our new members, find leads and learn about new developments in our community. The Diplomats are a fun, energetic group. I'm a firm believer that if you want to be excellent, you should surround yourself with excellence. That's why I'm a CLACC Diplomat. Plus, I love our Diplomat Division Meetings because they give me a glance at what's ahead each month."

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th
8:30 am. - 9:30 am.

Mark Danford
Executive Vice President, Trinity Commercial Capital, LLC.
Ins and Outs of SBA Loans

My Flooring America Boardroom, Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



Right: *Richard Allen, Space Center Houston; Ivey Sauls, Bay Area Citizen; Mary Alys Cherry, Bay Area Citizen; special guest Ellen Ochoa, Johnson Space Center and Jamieson Makay, Gulf Coast Educators Credit Union.*



Despite the rainy weather, the January General Membership Luncheon was held on January 25 at Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook. Special guest speaker Dr. Ellen Ochoa, Deputy Director of Johnson Space Center gave a presentation regarding the current and future plans of the space program.

Also at the luncheon was Texas State Senator Mike Jackson, who was presented with the Fighter for Free Enterprise award on behalf of the Texas Association of Business (see below).



Annette Snow Falks, Norman Frede Chevrolet; Lisa Nguyen, Norman Frede Chevrolet; Ginger Gibson and Dedra Flynn, Lookin' Good Hair Salon



Jim Sweeney, Big Daddy Marketing and Minuteman Press Bay Area; Jamieson Mackay, Gulf Coast Educators Credit Union, Cindy Harreld, Chamber President and CEO and Texas State Senator Mike Jackson



Madeline Nugent, Texas American Title; Bob and Kim Bavousett, Seabrook Professional Home Inspections

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



Hedy Holland, Trustmark National Bank attempts to get a hole-in-one to win a round of golf at Bay Oaks Country Club



Richard Allen, Space Center Houston, Chelsea Turnham and Gina Davis, Bay Oaks Country Club and Cindy Harreld, Chamber CEO and President



Terri Divine, Visiting Angels, Living Assistance Services and Nancy Buffaloe, Addison Promotions



Jane Sweeney, Minuteman Press; Jason Keith and Staci Griffin, Waldron & Schneider and Jim Sweeney, Minuteman Press and Big Daddy Marketing



Gayle Nelson, ImageSet and Chuck Emerson, Chuck Emerson Agency



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3 **Big Daddy Marketing**
281/ 326-1507
www.bigdaddymarketing.net

From concept to creation, we'll identify strategies, design and content opportunities to help you reach your marketing goals and maximize results.

4 **H & R Block Bay Area Blvd.**
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NEW

Chamber Members

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.

Clear Lake Modern Dentistry

Claudia Guzman
1000 Bay Area Blvd., Suite A
Houston, TX 77058
(281) 990-9400
www.clearlakemoderndentistry.com

Dentists

Recruited by: Ivey Sauls, Bay Area Citizen

LHA Events

Jennifer Jozwiak
19810 Fair Park Ct.
Houston, TX 77346
(832) 303-2374
www.lhaevents.com

Trade Show Producers

Recruited by: Stephanie Rice, Chamber Staff

Texas American Title

Madeline Nugent
18050 Saturn Lane, #120
Houston, TX 77058
(281) 333-1955
www.texasamerican.com

Title Companies

Recruited by: Libby Jones, Prudential Gary Greene

Driskill Consulting, LLC

Buddy Driskill
3620 W. Monroo, Suite 209
Houston, TX 77061
(713) 643-6600
www.driskillconsulting.com

*Consulting,
Information Technology*

Mail-in Application

The Perfect Affair

Erin Timmons
405 Woodcombe
Houston, TX 77062
(281) 687-8483
www.theperfectaffair.com

Event & Meeting Planning

Recruited by: Chamber Staff

What's Cookin At The Bistro

Kristine Garbo
926 FM 518
Kemah, TX 77565
(281) 957-9556

Restaurants & Clubs

Recruited by: Dedra Flynn, Lookin' Good Hair Salon

Bryan Bogle New Board Member

Bryan Bogle is originally from Ft. Worth, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1996. Bryan was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1996 and served as a M1A1 tank platoon leader and brigade logistics officer at Ft. Hood, Texas prior to leaving active duty and joining the Reserves in 2000. Bryan was recalled to active duty twice: once shortly after the events of 9/11 and once in 2007. He currently serves as a Major with the 75th Training Division at Ellington Field.

He is married to the former Shari Stanley of Pasadena, Texas and they have two children, Nicole and Megan. He enjoys road and mountain biking, flying, and computer gaming.

Bryan joined the Chamber in early 2008 and is active in the Young Professionals and the Government Affairs Committee.



50th Anniversary Quiz Answer

The original Chamber office was located in Webster, Texas, near McWhirter Elementary School.

CHAIRMAN'S COUNCIL

\$5,000 ANNUAL INVESTMENT

 <p>all about you™ www.amocofcu.org</p>	 <p>www.att.com</p>	 <p>www.jacobs.com</p>
 <p>www.lockheedmartin.com</p>	 <p>www.abwholesaler.com/silvereagle5/home</p>	 <p>www.uhcl.edu</p>
 <p>www.visitingangels-houston.com</p>		

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

\$3,000 ANNUAL INVESTMENT

 <p>www.clearlakermc.com</p>	 <p>www.drdcpa.com</p>	 <p>www.lynnlandscaping.com</p>
 <p>www.fredechevrolet.com</p>	 <p>www.null-lairson.com</p>	 <p>www.prosperitybanktx.com</p>
 <p>www.pulte.com</p>	 <p>www.shellfcu.org</p>	 <p>www.trustmark.com</p>
 <p>www.texanbank.com</p>		

As a member of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, you now have the opportunity to upgrade your membership courtesy of our Distinguished Investor Program. Choose from four levels of commitment based on your individual business needs. Customized investments are also available.

Act now and you may be eligible to credit your current investment

toward this program. For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Rice at the Chamber, 281/488-7676 or

stephanie@clearlakearea.com



DISTINGUISHED INVESTORS PROGRAM

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 connections while fostering overall vitality and quality of life throughout Clear Lake Bay Area Houston.*

DIRECTOR'S COUNCIL

\$1,500 ANNUAL INVESTMENT

JSC Federal Credit Union
LyondellBasell Industries
Waldron & Schneider, L.L.P.

DISTINGUISHED PARTNER

\$1,000 ANNUAL INVESTMENT

Best Buy Baybrook
Lake Haven Apartment Homes
My Flooring America
Ron Carter Clear Lake
Texas Citizens Bank NASA
Texas First Bank
Tookies/T-Bone Tom's
Wings 'N More
YB360

CHAMBER PARTNERS

Bay Area Citizen
Houston Chronicle

February 2012

Making the most of your Membership

Meetings are complimentary to Chamber members as a benefit of membership

- **Thursday, February 2 - 8:04 a.m.**
Diplomats Division Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Thursday, February 2 - 6:30 p.m.**
Epicurean Evening
Space Center Houston
Buy your tickets online today!
- **Tuesday, February 7 - 8:30 a.m.**
Business Development Seminar
Speaker - Mark Danford
Executive Vice President, Trinity Commercial Capital, LLC
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Tuesday, February 7 - 9:30 a.m.**
Business Expo Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Tuesday, February 7 - 3:30 p.m.**
Spring Fever Golf Classic Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, February 8 - 4:00 p.m.**
Clear Lake Crawfish Festival & Gumbo Cook-off Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Friday, February 10 - 8:00 a.m.**
GCCE Leadership Conference
Hilton Houston Hobby Airport
8181 Airport Blvd., Houston
- **Monday, February 13 - 4:00 p.m.**
Ribbon Cutting - Yoga Rasa
17226 Mercury, Suite 108, Houston
- **Tuesday, February 14 - 9:00 a.m.**
Executive Committee Meeting
Robert C. Chuoke, Jr. Executive Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Tuesday, February 14 - 3:30 p.m.**
Spring Fever Golf Classic Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, February 15 - 11:30 a.m.**
Ribbon Cutting - Bay Area Youth Symphony
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, February 15 - 12:00 p.m.**
Recruitment Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, February 15 - 4:00 p.m.**
Clear Lake Crawfish Festival & Gumbo Cook-off Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Thursday, February 16 - 8:00 a.m.**
New Member Orientation
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway
- **Monday, February 20**
President's Day
Chamber Offices Closed
- **Tuesday, February 21 - 11:30 a.m.**
Board of Directors Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Tuesday, February 21 - 3:30 p.m.**
Spring Fever Golf Classic Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, February 22 - 9:00 a.m.**
Mentors Quarterly Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, February 22 - 3:30 p.m.**
Speed Networking
Franca's Real Italian Restaurant
1101 E. NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, February 22 - 5:00 p.m.**
Business After Hours
Franca's Real Italian Restaurant
1101 E. NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Monday, February 27 - 3:30 p.m.**
50th Anniversary Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Tuesday, February 28 - 11:30 a.m.**
Ribbon Cutting - StarTex Title Co.
1400 NASA Parkway, Suite D, Houston
- **Tuesday, February 28 - 3:30 p.m.**
Spring Fever Golf Classic Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, February 29 - 11:30 a.m.**
General Membership Luncheon
Guest Speaker: Brian Rinehart
General Manager, Ellington Airport
Landry's Kemah Waterfront
#1 Kemah Boardwalk, Kemah
- **Wednesday, February 29 - 4:00 p.m.**
Clear Lake Crawfish Festival & Gumbo Cook-off Committee Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston



SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 2, 2012
Epicurean Evening

MARCH 5, 2012
Spring Fever Golf Classic

MARCH 24, 2012
Crawfish Festival & Gumbo Cook-off

MARCH

- **Thursday, March 1 - 8:04 a.m.**
Diplomats Division Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Monday, March 5 - 10:00 a.m.**
Spring Fever Golf Classic
Bay Oaks Country Club
14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Houston
- **Tuesday, March 20 11:30 a.m.**
Board of Directors Meeting
My Flooring America Boardroom
Chamber, 1201 NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, March 21 - 5:00 a.m.**
Business After Hours
Crazy Alan's Swamp Shack
310 Texas Ave., Kemah
- **Saturday, March 24 11:00 a.m.**
Crawfish Festival & Gumbo Cook-off
Clear Lake Park
5002 E. NASA Parkway, Houston
- **Wednesday, March 28 11:30 a.m.**
General Membership Luncheon
Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake
3000 NASA Parkway, Houston