Dear Chamber Members,

Congratulations and thank you to all of the participants of our 29th Annual Greatest Taste of the Town. It is a blessing to live in a community that continually steps up and gives from the heart. Once again, this year’s results were record breaking. We were able to raise $30,000 for PISD’s HOSA program working to keep our kids and our classrooms safe and secure through providing portable emergency first aid kits and upgraded door locks.

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The chamber, along with our partners at BayWay Auto Group, will be hosting our first Elected Officials Reception on November 13 at 5:00pm. Join us for light hors d’oeuvres and drinks in a casual setting and get to know our government leaders.

With the holidays fast approaching, we enter into the season of giving. The citizens of Pasadena have always stepped up to help each other during times of crisis and hardship. Our annual Can Do Food Drive is November 15th at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The city and the chamber have teamed up to stock the shelves of our local food banks, churches and neighborhood centers to feed those in need.

Online registration is now open for our December events. The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is December 6, where we will be honoring our Volunteer of the Year and our First Responders of the Year. The formal Gala event is on December 13. Join us as we say goodbye to those honored board members who are retiring and welcome those new members who will serve our chamber and our community. It has been an honor to serve as your chairman of the board and I look forward to passing the gavel to Ken Phelps at the gala.

For details on these events and many others, log onto the chamber’s new website at PasadenaChamber.org

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours God’s grace and blessings as we enter this holiday season. May Thanksgiving remind you of your many blessings. May Christmas encourage your servant’s heart. May joy and peace be your guide as you welcome the new year.

Best,

James Guthrie

James Guthrie, Thrivent Financial 2018 Chairman of the Board
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Welcome to all who have recently joined the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce! Welcome to our family!

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Welcome New Members!

NOT A MEMBER YET?

Become a chamber member today! As a member you’ll have access to our marketing benefits, exciting events and more!

Join the Pasadena Chamber

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Do you have a desire to be a business or community leader of IMPACT? Are you passionate about positively IMPACTing Pasadena? Do you want to connect with and learn from Pasadena's influential business and community leaders?

If you answered yes, then it's time you heard about IMPACT Pasadena!

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Pasadena Economic Development Corporation, proudly introduces IMPACT Pasadena; a new leadership program designed for Pasadena's current and future business and community leaders. Focused on economic vitality, social sustainability, and community engagement, IMPACT Pasadena will bring together rising leaders from Pasadena's diverse community to help lay the foundation for business and community leadership.

IMPACT Pasadena will offer emerging leaders opportunities to:

• Develop professional and personal leadership and communication skills
• Build relationships with current influential leaders
• Explore issues from the vantage point of diverse perspectives and experiences
• Experience how government works at the local, regional, state, and federal level
• Engage with business case studies that demonstrate the power of collaboration
• Study the nexus of education, workforce, economic development, and community vitality

IMPACT Pasadena is an 18-month, cohort-based program that begins in January 2019, followed by monthly commitments for teaching and experiential learning. The first class will graduate in January 2020 and spend the following six months focused on implementing the IMPACT Pasadena community project.

If you live, work, or conduct business in Pasadena and desire to be a business or community leader, you are encouraged to apply. Please visit PasadenaChamber.org/Impact to learn more about the program and to apply. New application deadline is November 15, 2018.

IMPACT Pasadena: IMPACTing Tomorrow's Leaders Today!

Click here for more information
Click here to apply

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2019 Award Application

Each year the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce recognizes 2 award recipients that honor industry and business within Pasadena. These organizations set the standard for excellence through their commitment to our community and deserve to be recognized for their outstanding achievements.

We invite you to submit a nomination for one or both of the categories listed for consideration of selection. Nominees should be members in good standing with the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

Complete lists of previous award winners are available online by clicking HERE.

Business of the Year

Companies who exhibit financial stewardship, active involvement in the chamber and other community organizations, participation in local events and lending resources are considered for this award. Recipients can be any size business. This award is announced annually at the State of the City Membership luncheon in February.

Industry of the Year

Industry plays a key role in the economic development and growth for Pasadena. Recipients of this award exemplify characteristics of involvement in charitable organizations, community projects, place emphasis on safety, environmental and quality control standards in their respective industry. The honoree is recognized at the Industrial Appreciation Luncheon and golf tournament in the spring.

Click HERE to submit a nomination online for either of the awards mentioned above.

Click HERE to download a form to submit for either of the awards mentioned above.

Applications must be turned in by December 31, 2018.
Join us for Membership 101 on December 13th to learn how to maximize your membership investment, RSVP at: PasadenaChamber.org/Membership101

The McDonald’s Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament (McTIBBT) has gained a reputation of being one of the premier high school basketball tournaments in the nation. Without a doubt it is the largest and best high school basketball tournament in Texas. So, mark November 14-16, 2018 on your calendar and, join us for the best of the best of basketball. Click HERE for more information

Join us at our Pasadena Hispanic Business Council’s next and final Breakfast Workshop of the year, taking place on December 5th at the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Tech High School. RSVP for this FREE event at: PasadenaChamber.org/PHBC

Join us as we recognize outstanding members of the chamber and honor our first responders at our Volunteer Appreciation Membership Luncheon taking place on December 6th. Save your spot at: PasadenaChamber.org/AwardsLuncheon

Save the date for our Annual Gala taking place on Thursday, December 13th at the Hilton Garden Inn Hobby Airport. At this event we will be recognizing our 2018 Citizen of the Year and honoring our Board of Directors and announcing our inaugural class of IMPACT Pasadena candidates. Click HERE to RSVP
On November 1, 2018 we hosted our 29th Annual Greatest Taste of the Town on Earth. Planning and preparation for the event started 6 months ago and resulted in a record breaking event. We estimate that approximately 2,800 people came through the Pasadena Convention Center doors on Thursday night.

The night was filled with lots of food catered by 27 area restaurants, drinks and tons of magic, tricks and fun. This year, a special re-enactment of the Greatest Showman grand opening act made for a night filled with some amazing surprises. A special thank you to Art Park Players and the Pasadena Memorial HS drill team for all of their work on this act.

Of course, the biggest draw of the night was our live auction where guests had the opportunity to bid on some great items including a record-breaking Astros Jersey autographed by the entire 2017 World Series Championship team which sold for $28,000.

The highlight of the night was when our generous donors were able to raise $30,000 for an unfunded grant for Pasadena ISD. The funds will contribute towards school safety and assisting them in being prepared with portable first air response kits, as well as upgrading locks on classroom doors in the event of a lockdown.

A special thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, participating restaurants, auction buyers and volunteer groups who made it happen.

**Congratulations to all the restaurant winners:**

**2018 People’s Choice Award:**

Texas Roadhouse

**5 Star Award Winning Restaurants:**

American: Southern Komfort Kitchen
BBQ: Randy’s BBQ
Italian: Maggiano’s Little Italy
Mexican: CTHS Culinary Department
Specialty: Sudie’s Catfish House
Dessert: Nothing Bundt Cakes
Beverage: Texas Snowbirds
Best Decorated: Nothing Bundt Cakes
Join us to express our gratitude to the elected officials who serve our community during this special reception taking place on Tuesday, November 13 from 5-7pm at the Bayway Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM dealership.

Click HERE to RSVP.

Elected Officials Reception

Join us to express our gratitude to the elected officials who serve our community during this special reception. Mix & mingle among officials who represent Pasadena at all levels and enjoy light hor de’oeuvres and drinks while networking among business professionals.

Business Honor Roll

We applaud these individuals, organizations, and firms that have renewed their financial commitment to the growth of our community through their continued investment in the chamber. We appreciate each and every one of you. Congratulations on celebrating your anniversary this month!

5+ Years
Pasadena Moose Lodge
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Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo
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Pasadena Strawberry Festival

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Can-Do Food Drive

Thursday, November 15

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Pasadena Veterans Memorial Stadium
(2906 Dabney, Pasadena, TX)

Your canned and non-perishable food items will fill Pasadena food pantries and help make the holiday season a brighter one!

For information:
713-475-7259
The Kaneka Foundation has been a long-time chamber member, previous Industry of the Year recipient, and partner in giving back to Pasadena.

On October 9th and 10th Kaneka Foundation President Steve Skarke along with several other Kaneka leaders presented “The Leadership Challenge” workshop at no cost to 18 of our non-profit chamber members. Together the group spent two days learning “The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership” developed from best-selling authors and speakers Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner. Participants were given copies of their book, workbooks, deck of values cards, and program materials that brought the teachings to life.

Prior to the workshop, everyone completed a “Leadership Practices Inventory” assessment, rating themselves on several aspects of leadership as well as having employees, co-workers, managers, and business partners complete assessments. The results were shared with the participants at the workshop and fully explained so that we could assess our strengths and opportunities and formulate a plan to grow. Working in small groups we spent time discussing and sharing our assessment results, completing exercises together to practice the principals of the course, and encouraged each other in various ways. Everyone really felt they learned a lot about themselves during the workshop and left equipped with tools to provide solid, trustworthy leadership, create unified visions amongst their teams, increasing their credibility, and committing to make changes to be the best leaders they can be.

The tuition of this program is $1,999 so it was a tremendous opportunity for non-profit organizations that don’t have the budget to spend on extensive training. These organizations make a huge impact on our community. This was truly a gift from the Kaneka Foundation to offer this workshop to chamber members and we are extremely grateful for their willingness and the active participation that took place. Kaneka is committed to marking this workshop available annually for chamber member non-profit organizations. Thank you Kaneka!
You can submit your business and community events on our website calendar. Every month the calendar gets an average of 5,000 hits.

For assistance uploading your events to our online calendar contact: info@pasadenachamber.org or call 281.487.7871.

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