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## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

PLANNING TEAM LEADERS: ALAN  
BUSH, KAY HOHMAN, LINDA HEAD  
AND DANIEL SCHRODER

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# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## WASTE CONNECTIONS DONATES BICYCLES

Waste Connections Bike Build Team donated 230 bikes that were distributed through Interfaith of The Woodlands Holiday Toy Drive program.

Waste Connections relocated its headquarters to The Woodlands earlier this year. Giving back to the community is one of its core values. Its employees fundraised, bought bikes/helmets, and assembled the bikes.



Waste Connections' Keith Gordon (L/Back) joins Interfaith's Dr. Ann Snyder (Center) and volunteers.

## JJ KUYKENDALL IS TOP PRODUCER

JJ Kuykendall, Cruise Planners-American Express Travel, participated in "Cruisitude Revolution" at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. She is ready to help clients plan dream getaways in 2013.

A travel advisor with the largest home-based travel agent franchise network in the cruise industry, JJ was recognized as Carnival Cruise Line's Top Producer for 2012.

## PHOTO BOOTH FEATURED AT MILSTEAD

Adreena Betti, owner of Market Street Photo Booth, was retained by Amy Milstead, President of Milstead Automotive, to provide services for The Chamber's Business After Hours in December. Adreena's Photo Strips also printed a \$25 off coupon which could be used for any Milstead service.



Amy Milstead and Adreena Betti

## COLOR INTERIORS OPENS I-45 LOCATION

Color Interiors will open its third area location on March 1st. The new store will be at 26415 I-45 North in The Woodlands. It is a full-service flooring store

offering carpet, wood, tile, and granite. Visit [www.colorinteriors.com](http://www.colorinteriors.com) for more information.

Kris Hasselbring noted, "Color Interiors was Voted Best of The Woodlands in 2012."

## GIGI'S CUPCAKES ON WHEELS

Gigi's Cupcakes is excited to announce the arrival of its first mobile cupcake truck. Gigi's Jerry Rowell said, "This will make it more convenient to enjoy our delicious gourmet cupcakes. Look for us around town and at all of the community events."



## ST. LUKE'S EARNS AWARD

St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital was awarded the Exemplary Five Star Service Award for excellence in vital statistics registration by Texas Public Health Association for the third consecutive year.

Only 19 hospitals received the Award, and SLWH was the only Montgomery County hospital to receive the award for three consecutive years.

## UH EXTENDS PRESIDENT'S CONTRACT

University of Houston System Board negotiated a three-year contract with Renu Khator, UH president/UH System chancellor.

Board Chairman Nelda Blair said, "We are enjoying record-breaking research funding, enrollment and donations. We broke ground for a new stadium as we join the Big East Conference. We are recognized as top-tier institution."

## BANDIER "SELLS" INDUSTRIAL PARK

Jason Tangen, BANDIER Realty Partners, represented the seller at the closing of Hilltop Business Park, 29,000 SF in four industrial buildings. The Park was 74% occupied.

The sale included an additional eight acres of land for future expansion of the Park. The property is located at 3702 & 3704 Hilltop Drive in Conroe.

## CRESCENT MOON HOSTS SOIREE

The stars were shining brightly during the "83.33" event held at Crescent Moon Wine Bar to

benefit New Danville, master-planned community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Hosted by Crescent Moon Wine Bar with Shirelle and Brian Chimenti, the star-studded soiree encouraged guests to dress as their favorite celebrities.



L-R are Steve & Kathy Sanders, Shirelle & Dr. Brian Chimenti, and Stephanie & Mark Milstead.

## DANIEL GOODWIN RECOGNIZED

US Medical Specialties, international medical consulting firm, recognized Daniel Goodwin of Provident Wealth Advisors. An MD Preferred Affiliated Financial professional, Provident serves physicians/medical personnel in financial and investment planning.

Daniel is a member in good standing with the National Ethics Bureau. He has been serving families in our area since 1995.

## BRET STRONG APPOINTED TO ADVISORY BOARD

Past Chamber Chairman Bret Strong, The Strong Firm's founder/managing shareholder, was appointed to the Mentor

Advisory Board, Professional Mentorship Program, University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business.



Bret Strong

Bret holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Finance from University of Colorado and Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from South Texas College of Law.

## BAUER COLLEGE HOSTS "MEET DEAN"

University of Houston C.T. Bauer College of Business hosted "Meet the Dean" in The Woodlands. Sixty guests included 30 representatives of companies counted among the robust list of enterprises calling The Woodlands home.

Dean Latha Ramchand updated attendees about college

activities and announced plans to launch an Executive MBA Program here.



Pictured are The Learning Lane staff and parents who collected for its Community Toy Drive partnering with Interfaith.

## PARSONS NAMED RESORT MANAGER

The Woodlands Development Company announced Greg Parsons is general manager/vice president of hospitality for The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center, owned by TWDC,

wholly-owned subsidiary of The Howard Hughes Corporation.

Parsons' responsibilities will include \$70 million expansion/renovation: hotel wing with 184 guest rooms, Lazy River, steak house, and event space.



Greg Parsons

## MEMORIAL HERMANN/ LONE STAR COLLEGE-MONTGOMERY PARTNER

Recognizing the need for qualified nurses and building on educational partnerships, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital supports Lone Star College-Montgomery with the salary for an additional nursing faculty member.

This is the fifth year for this contribution, totaling \$300,000. It allows program expansion, offering more students the opportunity to enter the field.



L-R are Memorial Hermann's Glenda Cox with LSC-Montgomery's Manijeh Scott and Dr. Austin Lane.