

THE WOODLANDS AREA CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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CHAIRMAN'S BALL TEAM

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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ANNIVERSARIES

The **Republic Grille** has enjoyed an extremely successful first year. The restaurant has won awards and accolades, including being named one of the Top Five New Restaurants in the area by CultureMap and making Zagat's list of the Top Ten Hottest New Restaurants in Houston. Add to that the Houston Chronicle's review proclaiming The Republic Grille features the best chicken-fried steak in H-Town and there's no doubt that it is a favorite among the locals and visitors alike.

NEW SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT

The Woodlands celebrated the Topping Out of Three **Hughes Landing and Embassy Suites The Woodlands/Hughes Landing**, both in the 66-acre mixed-use development of Hughes Landing on Lake Woodlands. This is the first time in The Woodlands that two beams were raised simultaneously on two separate buildings signifying the last beams placed on each building.



Topping Out-Beam Signing

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The **Woodlands Waterway Arts Council** announced the second phase of its Woodlands Waterway Art Bench Project. A call to artists has been sent out seeking designs for six new benches, which will be installed in early March 2016. Phase 2

locations stretch between Waterway Square and Town Green Park. Artists may apply online at WoodlandsWaterwayArtsCouncil.org until August 31, 2015. There is no application fee and each finalist will receive \$8,300 to design, construct and deliver his/her bench. All artists are encouraged to apply. For more information about The Woodlands Waterway Arts Council's Art Bench Project, contact Amy Lecocq at AmyLecocq@gmail.com or 832-244-9585.



Waterway Art Benches

CRAVE, the premier gourmet cupcake, bakeshop and coffee retailer in The Woodlands, likes to bring a little class to the area, and few things say "class" to co-owners and Texas natives Brad Dorsey, Elizabeth Harrison and Peter Cooper like British royalty. To celebrate the birth of the newest Royal Princess, CRAVE offered a free cupcake and cup of coffee to anyone named "Charlotte" visiting their shops during the month of May.



Baby Charlotte

The **Woodlands Mall** introduces a new Lolli and Pops store to the city of Houston. Self-proclaimed, and affectionately known as purveyors of sweetness, Lolli and Pops offers unique sweets from all over the world. The store is designed to delight its guests, bringing wonder and joy to all ages and will be located on the lower level near Dillard's. www.thewoodlandsmall.com

Art Outlet has a new collection of Golf Course Original Oil Paintings such as

Pebble Beach, Augusta and Royal St. George. These are all originals painted one at a time - not mass produced as much of the art is today. www.artoutletwoodlands.com



Art Outlet

Sacred Heart Catholic School Seventh Graders present Hillary with the Official Animal Shelter Volunteers of Texas a check for the Conroe Animal Adoption Center. They raised over \$300 throughout the year as part of Sacred Heart School's Children's Charities Program.



Sacred Heart Seventh Graders

This summer, **Fusion Academy**, an accredited private school for grades six to 12, began classes in the office wing of The Woodlands Mall. Offering a non-traditional community of learning with classes that are one student to one teacher, allows studies to be personalized and the curriculum customized for middle and high-school students. Classes are offered on three levels: essential, college prep and honors. www.fusion-thewoodlands.com

"Market Street Photo Booth" had a very busy season during Hospital Week in



Adreana Betti

The Woodlands. "We sanitize all of our props for every client event while promoting and protecting their brand, image and reputation in the marketplace, which is especially important to our healthcare clients", said owner Adreana Betti.

The **Woodlands United Methodist Church** has appointed the Rev. Brent Parker as pastor of the new satellite campus that is opening in Woodforest. A permanent church facility in Woodforest will begin construction after a sustained worshipping community is established, in approximately three to four years, said Dr. Ed Robb, senior pastor of The Woodlands United Methodist Church.



Brent Parker

Matthew Kennedy, DDS, Owner Dentist at **The Woodlands Modern Smiles Dentistry and Orthodontics** volunteered his time in collaboration with area organizations to provide free dental services to more than 80 patients and provided \$42,000 of donated dentistry treatments.



Matthew Kennedy DDS and Jacob Dent DDS

The **Woodlands Area Economic Development Partnership (EDP)** recently held their Quarterly Partner Luncheon. The presenting speaker, Tracye McDaniel, President & CEO of the Texas Economic Development Corporation, shared that Texas is at the top of nearly every list of "Best States to do Business" primarily through the efforts of the Texas Economic Development Corporation.



TexasOne

McDaniel provided guests with information on the TexasOne program and its unique successes. TexasOne is a public-private partnership that markets the state in a dynamic and competitive manner.

Conroe ISD Education Foundation Board member Jack Legendre, far right, poses with several 2015 student scholarship recipients at the annual fundraising breakfast.



Jack Legendre and students

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Over \$103,000 was raised to benefit the **Montgomery County Women's Center** when more than 500 guests enjoyed fine wine tastings and delicious samples of signature dishes from local restaurants during WineFest "Boots, Bottles & Bling". Sponsor Dr. Ann Snyder, President and CEO of Interfaith of The Woodlands is pictured with Sarah Raleigh, President and CEO of MCWC.



Dr. Ann Snyder and Sarah Raleigh

The **Wise Woman's Guide to Divorce** workshop will be held bi-monthly at The Hyatt Place at 1909 Research Forest Dr. This is an informative workshop for the woman facing divorce. You will walk away with information to help you make well informed decisions regarding your divorce. For information visit www.DivorceStrategiesGroup.com or call 281-292-9555.