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OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS  
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Melissa Young



Brittani Burrell



Jay Tompkins



Rand Key



Nick Wolda



Associate Attorney. Fluent in English, Italian and Romanian, she specializes in domestic/international litigation, arbitration, family law, probate matters, business and commercial law.



Cornelia Uluceanu

Cornelia worked on international litigation and arbitration matters involving governments of Romania, Moldova, Czech Republic, Argentina, Ukraine and Algeria.

**PAVILION DINNER HONORS SACHS'**

Guests dined on The Pavilion's stage to support the arts at The Pavilion Partners 15th Annual Wine Dinner & Auction. They raised \$125,000 to benefit Fine Arts Scholarship and Educational Outreach Programs.

Arlene and Sol Sachs were honored for their support of the arts, The Pavilion and the community.



L-R are Jeff Shipley, Randy Lowry, Sol & Arlene Sachs, Candi Glenn and Jerry MacDonald.

**STRYKERS NAME COACHES**

John Villarreal was promoted to The Woodlands Strykers' Head Coach. A native Houstonian, he began his collegiate career at Cisco College and played at St. Mary's University in Kansas.

New Assistant Coach Matt Coburn was drafted by L.A. Dodgers and Milwaukee Brewers. He has four years of coaching experience.

**MARINO WELCOMES ELMI**

The Nina Marino Team of Keller Williams Realty, The Woodlands, welcomes its newest Buyer's Agent Chris Elmi. A Texas A&M graduate and experienced Realtor, he brings a vast Real Estate knowledge to his clients.



Chris Elmi

His activities include 2012 LMC graduate plus Team Leader of YPN and The Woodlands CrawPHish Festival.

**KINDERGARTENERS ADOPT SENIORS**

The John Cooper School Class of 2013 was officially "adopted" by the Class of 2025 as part of Cooper's Kindergarten-Senior Adoption Project. Kindergartners and seniors are teamed up in groups of two, three or four to share fun learning experiences at least monthly throughout the school year.



Kindergartners picnic with seniors

**CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES IN WOODFOREST**

Ground has been broken on Woodforest's Forest Island pool complex; it is estimated to be completed this summer.

The resort-style amenity includes 6,000 square feet of water space and 10,000 square feet of decking. Anchoring the pool is a 42-foot tower with two 29-foot water slides.



Woodforest Team at Pit

**REPUBLIC PAYMENT ADDS DIVISION**

Republic Payment Systems, providers of a wide range of business and commercial assistance, has added a commercial real estate division to assist current/prospective business owners.

Having gained an extensive real estate background through the 90's in Houston and internationally in Moscow, Terry McBurney established Republic Payment Systems 10 years ago.



L-R are Jennifer McBurney, Terry McBurney and Frost Bake Shoppe's Terese Yates

**THE VILLAGE HIRES PHOTO BOOTH**

The Village at The Woodlands Waterway hired Market Street Photo Booth to add Hollywood flair at their Distinctive Retirement Community for three events recently: Puttin' on the Ritz, The Oscars, and Easter Sunday.



Residents and family members received red carpet VIP Service and keepsake Photo Strips at each special occasion.

**SHENANDOAH'S RATING RELEASED**

S&P's Ratings Services reported a revised outlook for Shenandoah's general obligation debt outstanding from stable to positive, while affirming its AA-rating on debt. This enhanced rating is an increasingly confident view of Shenandoah's location, resources, and financial management. This also applies to the series 2013 GO refunding bonds.

**LIPSTICKS & DIPSTICKS FOCUSES ON WEALTH**

Amy Milstead and Milstead Automotive's Lipsticks and Dipsticks Car Clinic offered helpful tips for managing attendees' income and future.

The free event, designed especially for women, featured experts who shared car care and financial tips to avoid scams, reap big savings, and plan for a secure financial future.



Amy Milstead

**REYNOLDS NAMED LEASING MANAGER**

The Howard Hughes Corporation announced Rip Reynolds is Senior Leasing Manager. He will handle commercial retail leasing for The Woodlands Development Company, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation.

Reynolds will focus on leasing in The Waterway Square District, Hughes Landing on Lake Woodlands, Creekside Park Village Center, and other new projects.



Rip Reynolds

**JAZZY JUNQUE IS OPEN YEAR-ROUND**

What began as New Danville's popular annual bargain-hunting event has evolved into a permanent storefront that has earned accolades.

Beginning in 2009, "Jazzy Junque & Other Great Stuff" was the year's anticipated shopping event at Outlets at Conroe. Four years later, it developed into a year-round upscale resale shop.

**LSC-MONTGOMERY FORMING ROTARACT**

Students and administrators at Lone Star College-Montgomery, with support of local Rotarians, are forming a Rotaract Club.

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young adults 18-30. They are either community- or university-based and sponsored by a local Rotary club. The Rotary Club of The Woodlands supports the Club.

**IKARD SPONSORS CLASSES**

To help people struggling with personal finances and help them learn how to control spending, Paul Ikard (Ikard & Stevenson's managing partner) co-sponsored Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University financial management classes at Interfaith.

The 13-week video series teaches budgeting, saving, investing, managing real estate, and eliminating debt.



L-R are Stephen Foster, Paul Ikard, Dr. Ann Snyder, and Robert Reyes.

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

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