



THE WOODLANDS AREA CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

# BUSINESS TODAY

January 2014

Your New Year's Resolution will have to wait!



**Taste of the Town**

Thursday, Jan. 30, 4:00 - 9:00pm  
The Waterway Marriott

Advance  
Tickets are  
available for  
Taste of the Town  
Scan for information.





place Saturday, March 29, 2014. This annual event is a joint project with The Chamber's Young Professionals Team. Visit [www.woodlandscrawfish.com](http://www.woodlandscrawfish.com)

**The Woodlands Area Economic Development Partnership (EDP)** recently held their Quarterly Partner Luncheon at The Woodlands Resort & Conference. The luncheon topic was "Making Sense of Healthcare Reform." The program provided an opportunity for each panelist to inform attendees about the coming changes in the healthcare industry with the new legislation.



Panelists Berthelsen, McKernan, Sanders, Reiter and Stein

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The City of Shenandoah** has been selected as a host site finalist for the NCAA Division III Football and Swimming and Diving National Championships for 2014 through 2018. If awarded, Football will be held at the Woodforest Bank Stadium and Swimming and Diving will be at the CISD Natatorium.

During a recent **Woodlands Township Board of Directors** meeting, Bruce Tough was sworn in for his fourth consecutive term as a Director of the Board. Following the swearing in of veteran Director Peggy Hausman and newly elected Director John McMullan. In addition, retiring Director and past Chairman Nelda Luce Blair was honored by the Board and a group of prominent area friends and associates.



Nelda Blair and Bruce Tough

**Jaspers The Woodlands** now features Market Street Photo Booth as its preferred vendor for their prestigious corporate and charity client events. Services may now be included as part of

Jaspers overall catering packages both on property and off property to provide a touch of elegance and Photo Booth fun!

**Diligent Delivery Systems** is expanding operations. They are currently seeking business professionals to assist with company growth. Career opportunities include: Vice President/National Sales Manager, General Manager/Direct IAH, Operations Manager, Marketing Assistant, Business Development Manager and Business Development Coordinator. Visit [www.DiligentUSA.com](http://www.DiligentUSA.com)

**Woodlands Christian Academy** pre-k and kindergarten students enjoyed learning about fire safety from members of The Woodlands Fire Station No. 6.



Grant Offers New Careers for Students. **Lone Star College-Conroe Center** is placing students on a fast track to a new career at little or no cost—due to the continuation of the Accelerate TEXAS Projects grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Visit [www.LoneStar.edu/abeinnovation](http://www.LoneStar.edu/abeinnovation)

**The Woodlands Waterway Arts Council** through its community outreach program, Because Art Matters! (BAM!) is accepting applications to an artist competition for eight unique art bench designs to be installed along The Woodlands Waterway in 2014 as part of The Woodlands Art Bench Project. Artist applications are now being accepted online at [www.woodlandswaterwayartscouncil.org](http://www.woodlandswaterwayartscouncil.org).

**The John Cooper School Class of 2014** was officially "adopted" by the Class of 2026 at a special ceremony recently as part of Cooper's Kindergarten-Senior Adoption Project. Kindergartners and seniors are teamed up in groups to share fun educational experiences together monthly throughout the school year. Visit [www.johncooper.org](http://www.johncooper.org)

**Sacred Heart** welcomed community veterans to the school's first annual Veteran's Day celebration featuring an honor guard presentation by Boy Scout

troop and Cub Scout pack 1517. Principal Deb Brown led the assembly in prayer and honored the local veterans with a special tribute and patriotic designation from President Barack Obama's Veteran's Day proclamation.



## GIVING BACK

**Talisman Energy** collected unwrapped toys for Interfaith of The Woodlands recently at the 31st Annual Lighting of the Doves and the 7th Annual iWOW Festival. "It has always been important for us and for our company to support the communities in which we live," says John McGougan, Operations Manager for Talisman Energy.



Representatives from The Woodlands CVB, Interfaith of The Woodlands, and Talisman Energy

**TACO USA** located in the Grogan's Mill shopping center, recently donated 10% of one-day's of sales to The Friendship Center. Donations supported The Friendship Center's Meals On Wheels, Congregate Dining, Transportation and Case Management (counseling) programs.



L-R: Jeff Rhames, co-owner of TACO USA, Anna Claire Croghan of The Friendship Center and TACO USA staff.

**The Woodlands Christian Academy Interact Club** presented a check for \$1,560 in support of Make A Stand

Against Breast Cancer sponsored by St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital. Interact Club members organized pink lemonade stands during school sporting events and held a special pink-out dress day for all students in order to raise funds to support this local outreach.



L-R: Katie Van Horn, Interact Club President; Debra Staley, Manager, Marketing & Community Relations, St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital; Julie Ambler, Head of School; Summer Wheeler, Interact Club Secretary and Breanna Guthrie, Interact Club Treasurer.

**Nursing students enrolled at Sam Houston State University** have been spending quality time with Montgomery County seniors. This is the second semester where students studying for their BS degree in nursing and interested in geriatrics have spent one morning a week communicating, helping serve lunch, and giving educational presentations to seniors at centers in Conroe, Willis, Montgomery and Magnolia.



## BUSINESS BRIEFS

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