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Meet Our New Board Members
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The Chamber is
moving on July 7.
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new four-story building on an 11-acre site in The Woodlands' Research Forest area. Visit www.howardhughes.com.

Spring Central Hospital is a new addition to the North Houston area. The physician-owned facility boasts state-of-the-art equipment, six operating rooms, 12 inpatient beds, and over 100 employees. They are at 20635 Kuykendahl Rd. in Spring, www.springcentral.net

EVENTS / SERIES

The Friendship Center (TFC) collaborated with LSC Montgomery Nursing Program students to bring a lively health fair to senior adults at the Conroe Friendship Center. The health fair was designed specifically with topics of interest to aging adults, and TFC Board of Directors member and Lone Star College Nursing Instructor, Pat Schwartz, brought many of her students to share information about preventive health.



Supreme Court regular Jay Sekulow brought the crowd to its feet at **Pregnancy Assistance Center North's** fundraising banquet recently with a rousing speech that stressed the values of faith, family and freedom.



The 2nd Annual **YMCA Dancing for a CAUSE** with The Woodlands Stars was a show stopping success. The event featured 11 community stars each paired with a professional dancer from Affinity Ballroom Studio.



Micah Garrison and partner Patricia Rochester - 1st Place Winner

Celebrate America's independence in The Woodlands on July 4 at the 17th annual **Red, Hot & Blue Festival**. The Festival will feature live music, children's activities and vendors capped off with a 20-minute spectacular show. Produced by The Woodlands Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Festival will be held in Town Green Park and along The Woodlands Waterway. Visit www.redhotblue.org



The **Waterway Nights Summer Series** returns to the picturesque setting of Waterway Square with great-sounding live music and post-concert fireworks every Saturday night in June from 7 to 9 p.m. This free concert series features live music acts presenting the best of Texas country, Zydeco and Latin sounds. Jugglers, clowns, magicians and more will accompany each night's live music performance. Visit www.thewoodlandscvb.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Philip Wilhite, Pastor, and the **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** community welcomed Daniel Cardinal DiNardo to bless and dedicate the completed Phase I of the church and school's master plan.

Visit www.shconroe.org.



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School inducted their newest members to the National Junior Honor Society in a ceremony presented by the 2013-14 NJHS officers. Pictured: Mrs. Simone Stutes, Blake Perry, Brittany Taylor, Deen Osman, Ben McKeig, Josh Lafleur, Carl Heinzler, Patrick Haggerty, Andres De La Garza, Abby Frazier, Claire Cleveland, Ryann Booth, Austin Brauweiler, Emily Black, Mrs. Beth Balsam, George Wunch, Julia O'Neil,

Amanda Heinzler, Reilly O'Hare, Sissy Shamas, David Bat. Not pictured: Sebastian Martiz and Kate Vicknair.



Citizens in Houston, Harris County and the eight surrounding counties now have a new resource at their fingertips - a **24-hour Nurse Triage Call Center** that will help them with healthcare questions and choose the most appropriate place for care. Regardless of healthcare affiliation, primary care provider, or insurance status, staff is available 24 hours, every day to answer calls on the Nurse Health Line - 713-338-7979.

Melanie Bush, president and founder of Better Bookkeepers, is pleased to announce the company's growth has caused them to move their office to a new, larger location. Better Bookkeepers' new office is located at 25227 Grogan's Mill Road, Suite 220 in The Woodlands. The firm will continue its partnership with Karlins, Ramey & Tompkins, LLC and Blanton Advisors.



Art Outlet has now tripled their inventory with over 3000 original oil paintings, elegant frames & beveled mirrors. We have tripled our inventory. Visit www.artoutletwoodlands.com

Montini Healthy Vending, the healthful snack and beverage company that places eco-friendly vending machines participated at the 2014 MS150 bicycle ride from Houston to Austin to help raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis research. "We absolutely loved the experience and opportunity," said Elena Agostini of Montini Healthy Vending.



The Conroe ISD Education Foundation, Inc. hosted the 2014 Annual Scholarship Breakfast where Superintendent Dr. Don Stockton gave "The State of Conroe ISD" presentation. College scholarship awards were announced for 19 students, and continuing education awards were given to 34 teachers and administrators for the coming year. CEF Executive Director Maris Blair and Treasurer Tom Cox announced a record \$155,800.00 raised for the CEF.

Ralph J. Schroeder of Schroeder & Associates, Ameriprise Financial Services recently attended the annual Barron's Top Independent Advisors Summit, hosted by Barron's magazine. This exclusive conference brings together the nation's top financial advisors and industry decision makers. The conference is designed to promote best practices and generate new ideas across the industry.

The opening of **Jean E. Stewart Elementary in Woodforest** necessitates improvements to Fish Creek Thoroughfare. Work has begun to widen the thoroughfare from Woodforest Parkway North to the school's entrance. A 200-foot-long left turn lane also is being built.

The project is funded by Montgomery County and The Johnson Development Corp.

GIVING BACK

More than 80 students from **The John Cooper School** visited Montgomery County Emergency Assistance and learned about challenges that low income families face. After the short lesson and a tour of the facilities the students volunteered their time to get MCEA in tip top shape so that they can better serve the community.



Market Street Photo Booth donated its services at The Woodlands Chamber Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Adreana Betti, MSPB owner said, "Together we all accomplish more to support and strengthen our community. Thank you to everyone for serving!"



VOLUNTEERS ARE GOLD



The Chamber's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at The Woodlands United Methodist Church was a huge success. We would like to thank the Community Relations Team for all their efforts in putting together a fabulous Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon: Volunteers Are Gold for our non-profit Chamber members. The event brought in 240 of our members and guests representing 77 non-profit organizations. The event would not have been possible without the support of our many sponsors.

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