



THE WOODLANDS AREA CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

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*Wishing our members prosperity and happiness
this holiday season. -The Chamber Staff*

a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card to MW Cleaners!

Nesbit said, "This was a fun way to engage our customers throughout the Houston area."



PACN recently hosted a panel of community members to discuss the need for no-cost well-woman services in Montgomery and north Harris counties. Panel members addressed the economic, business and medical stand-points of a clinic completely funded by grants and community donors, which offers a "whole care" approach for medically underserved women.



Sacred Heart Catholic School recently welcomed the Conroe Fire Department to celebrate Fire Prevention Week and teach students about the importance of learning about smoke alarms and fire prevention awareness. The Conroe Firefighters presented the children with a program about fire prevention and what an important role they play in making sure their families are prepared with safety information and an action plan for their homes.



U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady visited Lone Star College-Conroe Center to learn more about the role LSC plays in building a prepared workforce. "One of the biggest challenges is finding a workforce for these companies (in Montgomery County)," said Brady. "Lone Star College is an

incredibly nimble community college. We are fortunate that Lone Star College is so responsive to industry's needs. It is estimated that 63 percent of all jobs will require some type of training beyond high school by 2018. The greater Houston region is witnessing a high demand for workers in middle-skills jobs like welders, machinists and more.



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School was visited by Houston Texans' Toro the Bull during their Bullying Awareness Week. Counselor, Janay O'Connor, and Toro helped students to learn how to recognize different types of bullying and what to do to prevent bullying from happening at their school.



Montgomery County United Way Campaign (MCUW) set the largest campaign goal to date at \$6 million. Kicking off the season with a bang, United Way employees, volunteers and concert attendees enjoyed live entertainment provided by The Woodlands CVB. Sallie Rainer, President & CEO of Entergy Texas Inc. and 2014 Annual Campaign introduced Pacesetter Company representatives and revealing the dollar amount raised by each.



The Woodlands Waterway Arts Council recently unveiled art benches on The Woodlands Waterway with a bench designed for The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. The bench is a piano

named "Ode to Joy" by Dan Skaggs. Pictured on the bench are Jerry MacDonald, president and CEO of The Pavilion and Shannon Wilson, marketing and education director of The Pavilion.



EVENTS / SERIES

Local hearing-implant manufacturer Ototronix celebrated local veterans on VFW Day with a luncheon and free hearing screenings at its facility in The Woodlands. "It's important to educate patients on hearing loss and all of the technologies that are now available. Today's technologies offer options beyond hearing aids and cochlear implants," says Dr. Anna McCraney, Director of Audiology at Ototronix.



Market Street Photo Booth had a busy Festival and Social Season topped off by providing services at The Woodlands 40th Birthday Celebration also establishing Founders Day. Thousands attended this once in a lifetime event many who received free commemorative photo-strips provided through The Woodlands Township. www.MarketStreetPhotoBooth.com

GIVING BACK

During the Charity Partnership Breakfast hosted by Woodforest Charitable Foundation at JASPER'S in The Woodlands, \$49,000 was donated to representatives of eight local charities.



Fine Line Glass Tinting recently donated supplies and services to assist Children's Books on Wheels by tinting the windows of a building that services the children living in the Tamina community. For the last 27 years, owner, Marty Johnston, has provided residential and commercial window film installations in homes and businesses. Marty grew up in this area, and he and his family still call The Woodlands area home.



Mr. Rooter Plumbing is hosting a promotion through December 31 to benefit the Montgomery County Animal Shelter (MCAS).

During the holiday season, the Montgomery County Animal Shelter does not have enough food to feed the animals. Mr. Rooter Plumbing wants to help by involving our community. Donate a bag of dog or cat food, or six cans of dog or cat food, and receive \$50 OFF any plumbing service. Call 936-539-4000 for more details.

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