



Message From the Chairman



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Chairman 2018-2019

Top 4 in the State may not sound like much in any other state. But in Texas, it's a big deal! Ladies and gentlemen, our Tyler Chamber of Commerce is in the top 4 of largest Chambers of Commerce in the great State of Texas! Compare us to any major metropolitan community whether it be Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, El Paso... anywhere across our great State and you will find that our Tyler Chamber of Commerce is ranked one of the largest.

Why is our Chamber of Commerce so successful? It may be because it serves as a powerful voice for area businesses. No matter the size of your company, our Chamber educates our community to the challenges facing businesses today.

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FOURTEEN SELECTED AS NOMINEES TO CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce has nominated fourteen individuals to serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors beginning October 1. Along with the annual survey, a ballot is being emailed to the membership to select seven of the fourteen nominees.

The Nominating Committee this year consisted of the current council officers, chairman, chair-elect and three at-large members not currently serving on the board.

The newly-elected directors will be introduced at the October Board meeting.

The fourteen nominees are:

- Cindy Davis Blackstone**, Southside Bank
- Heidi Carriveau**, Centene
- Nicole Cox**, Ables-Land
- Carleen Dark**, Town Square Media
- Randy Eskelson**, Homeland Title
- Brad Farr**, Regions Bank
- Jeb Jones**, Pro star Rental
- James Murphy**, Republic Services
- Shane Rohrbach**, Gollob, Morgan, Peddy & Co.
- David Stein**, Office Pride
- James Teeter**, BMW of Tyler
- Michael Tidwell**, UT Tyler
- Tim Vordenbaumen**, Ingersoll Rand/Trane
- Brandy Ziegler**, Fitzpatrick Architects



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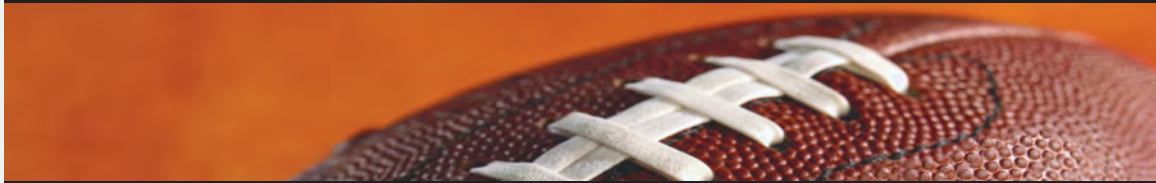
Through a variety of Chamber Committees such as Transportation, Energy, Government, Health & Education and many more, our Chamber is actively engaged in every facet of our community.

It was our Tyler Chamber of Commerce that incubated many successful organizations serving our community such as the Business & Education Council (BEC). This Council serves as a partner to our local independent school districts in helping relate the demands of today's businesses to the next generation of leaders.

Speaking of the BEC, August 1st will be the annual "School is Cool." I hope you will get involved by donating or contributing your time as this event provides school supplies to children who might otherwise go without.

As we turn to the second half of summer, take advantage of meeting new business owners at one of the many Chamber ribbon cutting events. It's always exciting to join with other Chamber members to celebrate and welcoming a new business to our community.

Mark your calendar, our Annual Meeting is coming up on October 8. This is always a huge event and I guarantee you will enjoy the camaraderie with fellow business representatives, owners and employers.



14TH ANNUAL EAST TEXAS KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019

The 14th annual **East Texas Kick-Off Luncheon** will take place at Green Acres Crosswalk Center. The luncheon will be Tuesday, August 13th from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Forty one area high school and college football coaches have been invited to bring one senior football player along with them. The attending player will receive a \$250 scholarship from our main event sponsors **Azalea Orthopedics** and **Baylor Scott & White Texas Spine & Joint Hospital** to be used towards furthering their education.

In addition the Watch List for The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award will be announced. The Award will be presented January 15, 2020.

The guest speaker will be Ron Franklin, legendary sports broadcaster. Also a video presentation will highlight the previous 2018 football season. The Team 92.1 FM Sports Director Bill Coates will emcee for this event. For more information contact Cindy Smoak at csmoak@tylertexas.com.

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CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 8

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce will be held October 8 at the Harvey Convention Center. The annual meeting held each year highlights the accomplishments of the Chamber's fiscal year ending September 30. There will be presentations of the Contact Club's Outstanding Production Awards, presentation of the T.B. Butler Award, the W.C. Windsor Award, the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award and the Business of the Year for large and small businesses.

The Butler Award is presented annually by the T. B. Butler Publishing Company to honor an outstanding Tyler citizen of the year. The W.C. Windsor Award is presented in conjunction with the W.C. Windsor family to honor an outstanding Tyler citizen under the age of 40. Last year's T. B. Butler Award recipient was Dr. Sasha Vukelja, an oncologist, and her husband, Dr. Larry Anderson, a dermatologist and the W.C. Windsor Award went to Yaziri Orrostieta.

The Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented to the outstanding volunteer for the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Four individuals were selected during the year as Volunteer of the Quarter, and from those four, a Volunteer of the Year will be selected by the Volunteer of the Year Committee.

Members interested in sponsoring or purchasing tickets to this year's event may contact Jenni Wilson at jbwilson@tylertexas.com.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS ENCOURAGED

The Business of the Year Award recognizes those businesses and organizations that give so much to our community by actively supporting the mission of the Chamber, which is to enhance the business environment, economic well-being and quality of life for the Tyler area. These businesses and organizations are nominated by our Chamber members.

The Chamber will recognize the Small Business of the Year (a business with 50 or fewer full time employees) and the Large Business of the Year (a business with more than 50 full time employees) at the Annual Meeting on October 8. Last year's Small Business of the Year was True Vine Brewing and the Large Business of the Year was Jasper Ventures, Inc.

Members are encouraged to nominate businesses. Applications are available by contacting Stephanye Petree at spetree@tylertexas.com.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL W.C. WINDSOR AWARD

Recommendations for the annual W. C. Windsor Award are now being received by the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber offices, 315 N. Broadway. These forms have also been mailed to civic leaders throughout the community for their recommendations. Deadline for the receipt of nominations is 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 23, 2019.

The award is awarded to a young person, between the ages of 21 and 40, who is a resident of Tyler, and who has exhibited the "greatest activity and achievement in community betterment."

Skip Ogle, Chairman of the Chamber Board, said the Award, established in 1952 by the late Tyler civic leader, W. C. Windsor, was founded to encourage development of young leadership in the community.

Selection will be accomplished by a committee of outstanding community leaders appointed by the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. This award will be presented at the Chamber's annual meeting on October 8, 2019, along with the T.B. Butler Award, the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Business of the Year Award.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Start working on your backswing and get ready for Monday, September 16. Chamber members will once again tee it up for the 20th Annual TACC Membership Golf Tournament.

The unique tournament will allow for members to meet and network with other Chamber members and potential members. Sponsorships are available including lunch, beverage and hole sponsors. Information about the tournament will be emailed to the membership in August or contact Henry Bell at hbelle@tylertexas.com.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE 2ND QUARTER

Volunteer of the 2nd Quarter 2018-19 is Gates Brelsford. Brelsford is presented the award by Skip Ogle, Chairman, for his work on the Energy Summit.

new member talk

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Tamara McKenzie
February

Now serving her second year in the Contact Club, Tamara has earned 1 Production Award. She is the Tyler Area Marketing Director for Stonegate Senior Living. Tamara is married to

Antonio and they are the parents of Trinity.



Brad Farr
March

Brad joined the Contact Club in 2013 and now has 5 Production Awards. He is the East Texas mortgage lending officer for Regions Bank. He is involved in youth ministry at Rose Heights Church where

he and his family; wife Tami, and children, Braden and Aubrey are members.



Yonna Yelverton
April

Yonna is in her third year in the Contact Club and has earned 2 Production Awards. She is a real estate agent for Keller Williams. In addition to the Contact Club, Yonna is also active

with the Tyler Travel and Tourism Committee and Tyler Executive Women's Network. She has a son, Kai and loves to karaoke and bake.



Brian Pearson
May

Brian is a financial services professional at New York Life. A four-year Contact Club member, he was a member of Leadership Tyler Class 24 and has served on the boards of Arc of Smith County and

Junior Achievement. Brian lives in Flint with his wife, Beth. The couple is active with the O'Malley Alley Cat non-profit, which rescues and fosters cats.

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