

★ Raffle Items ★

Raffle Items - Write your name & number on the back of the ticket. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

1. **Metal Seahorse Art** donated by Haase's Antiques plus one hour interior design consultation donated by Jux2Pos.
2. **Basket of Goodies** donated by the History Center for Aransas County.
3. **Pro Power Air Fryer** donated by an anonymous donor.
4. **\$120 Gift Certificate** to Goin Coastal donated by Martin Cabaniss.
5. **Basket** donated by Spanky's.
6. **\$50 Gift Certificate** donated by 495 Chesapeake Eats.
7. **Beach Hair Don't Care Hat** donated by Jux2Pos and **Gift Certificate** donated by Sun Kissed Embroidery.
8. **Warrior in Pink Scarf and Earring Set** donated by Jux2Pos.
9. **Surprise item** donated by San Jacinto Title.
10. **\$200 Gift Card** donated by Spears & Co Real Estate.
11. **Basket** donated by Eling Coastal Real Estate.
12. **Francesca's Floral Necklace and Earrings** donated by Jux2pos.
13. **Lucky Brand Earrings and Bracelet** donated by Jux2Pos.
14. **Turquoise Silver Necklace** donated by Jux2Pos.
15. **Ralyin Wireless Earbuds** donated by Jux2pos.
16. **Sun & Fun Beach Bag** donated by Richard & Debbie Karowski.
17. **Running Away!** Bag of items donated by Magnolia's Two and Bay Window.
18. **Shell Yeah! Items** donated by Magnolia's Two.
19. **It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere!** Items donated by Magnolia's Two.
20. **A Night on the Town** with these items donated by Magnolia's Two and Bay Window.
21. **Can't Make Up My Mind!** Donated by Hear Today and Gone Tomorrow and Magnolia's Two.
22. **Just Cookin'** donated by Magnolia's Two.
23. **4th of July Cake** donated by Mermaids.
24. **Summer Fun Food Bag** donated by Karen Mella, Realtor.
25. **Ocean Beach Art** donated by Rebecca Bagby, Realtor.
26. **My Kind of Decor!** donated by Pelican Bay Resort, Karen Mella, Realtor, and Tricia Leaper.
27. **Let's Go Celebrate Red, White & Blue!** Donated by Diane Loyd and Danah Corrigan.
28. **Go Out in Style! Hat, Candy Bucket, Duster** donated by Richard and Debbie Kaworski and Donna Townsend.
29. **Coastal Art** donated by Pelican Bay Resort.
30. **Two fun Sequin Hats** donated by Jux2Pos.
31. **\$100 Gift Certificate to Poor Man's Country Club.**
32. **\$50 to Charlotte Plummers**
33. **\$25 Gift Certificate** donated by TG's Beachwear.
34. **Taste of Rockport-Fulton Basket** donated by Kayla Cunningham.
35. **Queen Lizzy Necklace** donated by Sarah Wundt.
36. **BBQ and Seafood Fun \$40 Gift Card** donated by the Boiling Pot and the **BBQ Set** donated by Magnolia's Two.
37. **Party Dress Fun - Dress** donated by Dana Corrigan and **Beach Bag with \$30 Gift Certificate** donated by JoD's Etc. Boutique.
38. **\$25 Gift Certificate** donated by Fulton Irish Pub.
39. **\$500 towards a Septic Installation** donated by Coastal Technical Services.
40. **Oh Wow! Body Wrap and Ion Cleanse** donated by Coastal Body Contouring.
41. **Glass** donated by Magnolia's Two and **Cheese Tray** donated by Jux2Pos.
42. **4th of July Basket** donated by Coastal Mercantile.
43. **4th of July Flower arrangement** donated by Lulu's Flowers.
44. **Youth Gardening Starting Kit** donated by Magnolia's Two.
45. **\$50 Gift Card** donated by Goin Coastal.
46. **Ionic Gold Fusion Dryer** donated by Amy & Donnie Garcia - The Coastal Lifestyle Team Realty along with **Bathroom Accessories** donated by Jux2Pos.
47. **Golf!** Enjoy this framed golf decor donated by Magnolia's Two along with **Golf for two including green fee, cart fee and range balls** donated by Rockport Country Club.



71st Annual Changing of the Gavel Banquet



Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Fulton Convention Center

Social Hour:

Music by Janelle

Dinner:

Catered by Mermaid's Kitchen

Evening:

Welcome & Introductions

Blake McDavid, Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance Posting of Colors
Carl Morrison - American Legion Post 363
Invocation

Pastor Scott Jones, First Baptist Church

Committee Chair Recognition

Retiring Directors Recognition

2019-20 Officers & Directors Recognized

Hometown Heroes Awards

Presented by Karen Mella & Rick McLester

2019-20 Chairman's Remarks

Blake McDavid

Changing of the Gavel Ceremony

2020-21 Chairman's Remarks

Robert Mitchell

2020-21 Officers & Directors Recognized

Silent Auction and Raffle

Featured Presentations & Special Awards:

Bay Blazer of the Year - *Presented by Robert Mitchell*

Business Builder of the Year - *Presented by Nancy Bolting*

Small Business of the Year - *Presented by Amy Lily*

Non-Profits of the Year - *Presented by Diane Clark*

Chamber Member of the Year - *Presented by Nancy Bolting*

Citizen of the Year - *Presented by Jennifer Day*

Closing - Robert Mitchell



This is Home♥

Building Business, Building Community

Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce

2019-20 Officers and Directors

Blake McDavid, Chairman
GSM Insurors

Robert Mitchell, Chairman Elect
HIIT Industries

Donna Townsend, Vice Chairman
Legends/Sugar Shack/Magnolias Two

Courtney Sanchez
Vice Chairman, *Corpus Christi Health Care System*

Jatin Bhakta, Past Chairman
Fairfield, LaQuinta and Hampton Inn & Suites

Diane Probst, President/CEO

3rd Year

Candy Fletcher – *RK Style Team*
Diana Pardue – *Fulton Irish Pub*
Dawn Walker – *Angler's RV Park*

2nd Year

Nancy Bolting – *Bella la Rue/Bella la Brew*
Sarah Solis – *Spears Realty/Rockport Graphics*
Karl Hattman – *Persona Digital Marketing/TCS Telecom*
James Creekmore – *Johnson & Creekmore, PLLC*

1st Year

Shana Brader – *Sun Kissed Graphics, Sun Kissed Cottages*
Dana Kisel - *Jux2Pos*
Chad Lee – *Lee Construction*
Taylor Place – The Lawn Guys
Robert Scott – *Individual*

Appointed Directors

JD Villa – *Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rockport*
Cindy Robbins – *Real Estate/ACISD School Board Trustee*

Associate Directors

Debbie Karowski – *Individual*
Nancy Koski - *Remley Advisory Group LLC*
Amy Garcia – *Juicy's Airstream Retreat*
Chris Coble – *Stewart Title*
Rick Braden – *Sigwald Service*

★ Silent Auction Items ★

1. **Lucky Staycation** - One Night Stay donated by Sun Kissed Cottages, Beach Party Fun donated by Magnolia's Two and Funky Zebra.
2. **Girls Night Out** - Be a queen with this Sweet V Crown and Jewelry donated by Jux2pos, outfits donated by Monica Clark/Your Cabi Stylist.
3. **These are for YOU!** - A string of joy around your neck donated by The Bead Studio.
4. **Friends, Wine and Dine!** - Party with your friends and enjoy wine from Sugar Shack and Legends. Includes \$100 Gift Card donated by Latitude 28°02' Restaurant and Art Gallery.
5. **Date Night!** - Brown Pelican Pair donated by Key Allegro Real Estate.
6. **Your Table is Set!** - Enjoy this fabulous array of linen napkins, placemats, runner and Gogo Casserole Dish donated by Angler's RV Retreat.
7. **July 4th Package** - Enjoy this VIP Package for your July 4th festivities donated by Rockport Center for the Arts.
8. **Rockport-Fulton Package** - Why Play Anywhere Else? Trip for 2 Aboard Skimmer, 2-hour 4-seat Golf Cart Rental and 2 Coffee Drinks donated by Rockport Birding and Kayak Adventures, Harbor Carts and Duck Blind. T-shirts donated by Rockport-Fulton Chamber, \$25 Gift Card donated by Fulton Irish Pub.
9. **Get Ready for a Lifetime of COOL!** This Orca Cooler is donated by Builders First Choice.
10. **Fishing Package** - Captain Cunningham's Airboat Ride and Fishing Package, \$40 Tackle Town Gift Card, Fishing Tackle and Items for your next trip.
11. **Three Sisters** - Fabulous 16x24 underwater photograph of invertebrate animals called urochordtes or tunicates of "sea squirts". Photographed in Indonesia by Plankton Pursuits Multimedia Artist Terry Baiamante.
12. **Seahorse Platter** - Donated by Monica Clark.

★ Table Sponsors ★

A. R. C. H. Jeeps	Richard Dias Construction
Allegiance Ambulance	Rockport Center for the Arts
Bella La Brew/Attitudes & Latitudes	The Rockport Group at
Charlie Marshall Funeral Home	Morgan Stanley
Children's Coalition of A.C. (2)	Rockport Physical Medicine/ Hawkins Chiropractic
City of Rockport	Rockport Properties
Coastal Technical Services	Ron Hoover RV & Marine Centers
First Baptist Church	Sparklight
GSM Insurors	Sun Kissed Graphics
Hampton Inn & Suites- Rockport	Texas Maritime Museum
Judge Richard Bianchi	Thurman/Fondren Glass Co., Inc.
HIIT Industries	Town of Fulton
Karen Mella/Re/Max Security Real Estate	TWFG Insurance Melanie Head
Key Allegro Real Estate	/Moore Than Feed
Miss Kitty's Fishing Getaways	Young Professionals Friends (4)
Persona Digital Marketing	

2020 Banquet Committee Members and Chamber Staff

Blake McDavid	<i>Chair</i>
Peggy Mayo	<i>Invitations & Programs</i>
Diane Probst	<i>President/CEO</i>
Robert Mitchell, Diana Purdue	<i>Bay Blazers Bar Setup</i>
Evelyn Guidry, Betty Hattman	<i>Food Arrangements, Table Sales</i>
Donna Townsend, Dana Kisel,	
Kayla Cunningham	<i>Raffle & Silent Auctions</i>
Jennifer Day, Nancy Bolting	<i>Annual Awards</i>
Sandy Jumper, April Intorre,	
Bob Strait, Itzel Camacho	<i>Registration, Sign In</i>
Kayla Cunningham	<i>Decorations</i>
Young Professionals	<i>Cleanup</i>
Maynda Williams	<i>Setup</i>



Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce

Non-Profit Chamber Member Organization of the Year

Children's Coalition of Aransas County – The Children's Coalition of Aransas County helps families in need. Anything from food, to clothing, to financial assistance, to child care resources and beyond. These are families that are in desperate situations and have been turned down by many and at their last steps before desperate measures are taken. The Coalition is also doing what they can to help raise awareness and to prevent child abuse. It is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and was born out of Hurricane Harvey. A group of children's ministries directors and community leaders got together to address the child care needs in our hurricane ravaged community. Camp Harvey, a temporary child care program, was created. Since then they have worked hard to meet the emerging needs of children and families in Aransas County with the Care Portal, a system that connects local churches with families in need. They provide financial and technical assistance to local child care centers so that they can expand and improve their programs. They host a large annual conference for early childhood educators that features nationally-known speakers and they coordinate free community events for families.

Texas Maritime Museum – Since 1989, the Texas Maritime Museum has served as a major attraction for visitors to the community and is designated by the State Legislature as the official State Maritime Museum. In addition to outstanding educational exhibits of the museum the annual Wine Festival, Mah Jongg Tournament and Belle Ball attract outside visitors to the county. Their educational partnerships with the school district, Odyssey, the Library, the History Center, Education Foundation, Boy Scouts and the Fulton Mansion are to be commended. The programming such as SEA Camp, Spring Break Camp, HomeSchool Days and the popular Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series is an important part of our community. In 2020, the museum received re-accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums. This was an exhaustive process for staff, volunteers and the Board of Directors. Less than 5% of all museums in Texas have this designation.

First Baptist Church – The mission of FBC is to lead all people to be shaped by the love of Jesus Christ and they did just that in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and the COVID 19 crisis. They stepped up quickly when called to offer financial assistance to permanent Aransas County residents who are experiencing financial hardship due to a change in their employment status or they have lost their job as a result of COVID-19. They worked with and continue to work with other groups in receiving donated items for the people of our community. They continue to take on a vast undertaking of assisting people in need - everything from training to volunteering to meals to assisting financially.

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HIIT Industries

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Trustee

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Hannah Miller, Goin Coastal Outfitters/
Hannah Mo Consulting
Rick DeLoach, Rockport Country Club
Bill Wilson, The Rockport Group at Morgan Stanley
Debra Kost, Circle W RV Park

Citizen of the Year

Michelle Picarazzi – Since Hurricane Harvey, Michelle has stepped up to help families of Aransas County. She is a citizen that has personally made it her mission to relieve some of the stress placed on families in Aransas County. She has collected needed food, toys and funds, found living accommodations for families and has done the majority of this using what little spare funds her family has. She organized a group of volunteers to get donations when she is unable to do it alone. Whatever the need is, Michelle will make it happen. Many witnessed her at work through the holidays. She took donations (and even used her own money) to provide meals for families. She rallied people to take donations for Christmas gifts for families that had nothing, just to make sure kids would have a present to open. She made Easter baskets for kids. Michelle has the biggest heart. With COVID 19 going on, if there is someone that is vulnerable and can't get out, she delivered food and groceries to them. She is a great example to all.

Gail Schuller – Gail wanted everyone to join together for car parades for children and special birthdays during the COVID 19 crisis. The thought of someone not being able to celebrate their birthday was something she could not imagine. She formed the Facebook group "Rockport-Fulton Birthday Parades" and wow did it take off. She had to quickly get help. When the Sheriff and Fire Department stepped up to lead the parades, it brought her tremendous happiness not to mention the joy it brought to those celebrating birthdays. The organization of the parades was so well-done and supported by so many people. To some, it was the only time they left their homes during the lockdown. One parade generated more than 100 cars.

John P. Jackson – As a native of Rockport and long-time business leader, John has always been a cornerstone of our community. Following Hurricane Harvey, John again assumed a leadership role with the EOC Team and that led to serving on the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group's (CBDRG) Board of Directors. CBDRG began the process of assisting the people of Aransas County with unmet needs in rebuilding their homes. Through the recovery process, it became apparent that an EDC organization was needed. John helped begin the process of establishing a county-wide economic development organization. It took tremendous resolve, unyielding commitment and hard work to form an EDC plus an LGC (Local Government Corporation), and obtain local funding and political support. On January 31, 2020, John chaired the first Annual Meeting of the Aransas County Partnership EDC and is continuing to serve as a Director as well as Past Chairman. It is a great accomplishment for our community and John led the way.

Robert Mitchell – Robert is an instructor/coach at HIIT Industries. He helps many organizations in our community from supporting the military, acting with theatre groups and performing arts, helping youth to assisting individuals, businesses and governmental entities with projects and concerns. He gives his time and effort in any way he can. When help is needed, Robert is the first to stand up and get the job done. Robert serves on many Boards throughout the community.. He served as chairman of Seafair. He serves as a member of Leadership Aransas County Alumni

Reba Kindell - Reba works 24/7 all 365 days a year rescuing and caring for the most innocent creatures of Aransas County - our orphaned, lost and abandoned kittens. This may not seem important to some but she spends her entire day crawling under houses and trapping these tiny creatures. She finds foster homes to bottle feed and care for them. She has many at her home that she cares for, runs them back and forth to the vet and to Corpus for spay and neutering. Can you imagine how many cats would be in Aransas County without her? Then she and her rescue group transport them to No Kill shelters around Texas and beyond. She will never say "no" to a helpless kitten

Scott Mapes - Scott is a member of the Chamber who works behind the scenes. After the tragic death of the little girl in the septic tank, he immediately sent his crew out to check as many systems as possible to check them for safety. During Hurricane Harvey, he went out the next morning and cleared as many streets as he could so people could get around. He helped people remove debris to the streets at no cost. With the help of the Fulton Community Church, he was the one who installed the septic system for the Amish community located in Lamar. During the COVID crisis he tried to keep his employees working as much as possible. He was able to increase his workforce to 6 part-time workers. He sets a great example to the community

by giving his customers the best and most affordable option for them. He works very hard to install every septic system to ensure the public water supply and the waterways will not be affected. We need more people like him. We need people to know what people such as Scott do for us and our community. He is the owner of Coastal Technical Services.

Lisa Gordon/Mary Thiesen/Jessee Pilgrim -

These three saw a need for masks at area nursing homes, doctor's offices and a hospital in Refugio. They formed a Facebook group "Aransas County PPE Sewing Group primarily to provide homemade masks for individuals in Aransas County who are in higher-risk groups for COVID-19 as well as local health-related facilities in need of homemade masks to continue essential operations. Then, they expanded these efforts to provide free masks to all Aransas County residents. Even when demand exceeded their supply, they took names, made additional masks and contacted individuals directly. As COVID cases rise, they are still here to help! They jumped in and mass produced at what they knew best - sewing!

Chamber Member of the Year

Shana Brader – Shana stepped up after Hurricane Harvey devastated our local economy by suggesting the Business Builders create a sub-committee called the Four-Corners Council. The idea was to draw attention to areas within Aransas County. The first event held was in October in Downtown Fulton. It was a great success. The second one is Market on Market. It was last weekend and a great success. She has now stepped up to help with Lemonade Day. She has collected food and gifts to give to families in need. She made Easter baskets to give to children during the stay at home order with COVID 19. She has been a cheerleader for our Chamber, defender of our mission and a willing volunteer when needed. One of the most memorable events she organized was the "Drive-In" movie night held at the Fulton Irish Pub. She faced many obstacles and diligently worked through each one. She is the owner of Sun Kissed Graphics and Sun Kissed Cottages.

Chad Lee – Chad has been a member of the Chamber for many years. He has been the chairman of many committees always accepting his role as a challenge and meeting those needs with the utmost care. He never says "no" when asked for help. He is extremely dependable and gets all of his tasks done in a timely manner. He worked behind the scenes this year with a redo for the festival grounds sign. His work is so seamless that hardly anyone knows what he is doing. He is quiet and is never looking to be the center of attention. He is to be commended for his dedication and support of the Chamber. He is the current chairman of the Leadership Aransas County Steering Committee. He serves on the Board of Directors. He is the owner of Lee Construction.

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Jennifer Bradshaw Park - Jennifer has shown a strength of positivity and good will for the community and the Chamber. She shows great leadership. She is part of the Bay Blazer Team. She is a member of the Class XXIII of Leadership Aransas County. She is a member of the Rockport MLS. She keeps abreast of and moves forward when things look difficult. She is always willing to be there for anyone and any need. She is the office manager for Eling Coastal Real Estate making sure their building is always glowing brightly at every holiday.