

Top News

Outgoing Board Chair Jan Arrant Celebrates A Successful Year & Reimagined Chamber

Dear Chamber family,

We started 2023 with the challenge to think outside of the box and reimagine the Richardson Chamber. And that's exactly what we did! We reorganized our board to reflect our new direction and we built all of our activities from the five action verbs that emerged from our strategy session last August: **enhance, educate, connect, inform** and **advocate**.

We held an inventively different Annual Meeting at the Eisemann Center featuring networking before and after the evening event. We also totally revamped our EDGE awards, partnering with our city's two Rotary groups. We opened nominations to the public, with finalists chosen by a selection committee. The EDGE awards also moved to an evening format featuring multiple opportunities for networking.

We continued to produce our successful legacy events, including the Golf Classic that broke attendance and profit records. Women in Leadership and Richardson Young Professionals continue to thrive. During our Austin Fly-in, we met with a record number of legislative officials, advocating the priorities that are important to our community. Post-COVID, our attendance was reinvigorated across the board, at the committee level and at luncheons and events.

Our two new committees that support our agreement with the City of Richardson successfully launched and continue to build. Business Advancement encompasses our legacy economic development programs and Local Business Engagement developed as an outgrowth of our Small Business initiative.

Overall, we are financially and structurally sound and will end the year



profitable. Our membership continues to grow with a solid retention rate. We have accomplished all of this with a small, but mighty staff.

We remain on track for the Tech Titan's transition that will be completed by the end of the year. They are in a strong financial position and are poised for regional success as the rebranded Tech Titans Texas, LLC. They will be a separate organization but remain in our building because we are better together!

Speaking of our building, we are moving forward with our facelift and have hired an architecture firm. We are forming a capital campaign committee. Stay tuned how you can be a part of this exciting renovation!

It has been a phenomenal year that has flown by for me. A huge thank you to each of you for joining me on this journey to reimagine the Chamber, and a very special acknowledgement to the Chamber team for bringing our vision to life. Each of you played an important role and can look back with pride.

I look forward to seeing what the future holds! May 2024 be a prosperous and successful year for you and your business.

Sincerely,

Jan Arrant, Methodist Richardson Medical Center

2023 Richardson Chamber Chair of the Board

We did this! Thank you, members, volunteers, sponsors, partners and staff ...

2023 RECAP

2 New Committees

135 Events

400+ Members

3000 Attendees

100 new members

33% increase in
social media followers

100% Incredible
Chamber Members

Events

Save the Dates 2024



**Nonprofit Grants
Workshop**
February 22



Annual Meeting
March 20



**WIL Quarterly
Luncheons**
March 6
June 5
September 12
December 10



DC Fly-In
April 28 - May 1



LR Applications
Start May 1



Bowling Tournament
June 28



Nonprofit Fair
July 17



Golf Classic
September 24

Recent Events



Andy Deen, center, picked up his new car from [Reliable Chevrolet](#) today! He won the Chevy Equinox with a hole-in-one at our 36th Annual Golf Classic.



Steve Brown, shown center, longtime real estate reporter for [The Dallas Morning News](#), spoke at the Broker & Developer Luncheon on December 5 about the State of the Market. The event was sponsored by [Younger Partners](#).



WIL enjoyed an insightful conversation about Artificial Intelligence with Lisa Jordan, VP of Delivery at [CG Infinity](#), shown second from left, at their Quarterly Luncheon on December 6. Sponsors were [Methodist Richardson Medical Center](#) and [Texas Bank and Trust](#).



Business Network held its Jingle Mingle Holiday Party and ornament exchange at The Drawing Board on December 6, sponsored by [DorianBahr](#).



RYP held an Ugly Sweater Holiday Party at Wildwood on December 7. Guests donated toys for donation to [Network of Community Ministries](#). The event was sponsored by [Rescue Air](#) and [Bilsky Financial Group](#).



Leadership Richardson studied Arts and Cultural Diversity on December 8.

Membership

Ribbon Cuttings



CenterWell Senior Primary Care

1332 S. Plano Road, Suite 550
Richardson, TX 75081
(972) 619-3988

New Members

Avant Group of Companies
Computers for the Blind
HYVE Brand Concierge
Jeanie Jones
My Biz Bookkeeper
Paramount Tax & Bookkeeping
Strategic Data Center
TIG Real Estate Services

Renewing Members

10+ Years

Autoflex Leasing
Bell Nunnally*
Hudson Peters Commercial
KDC Real Estate Development & Investment*
Logotology
The Plaza at Richardson
Reliable Chevrolet*
Reliant, an NRG Company

5+ Years

Evolution Academy Charter School

1+ Years

Collin College

*** Indicates President's Club Member**

Spotlight on Hill & Wilkinson



Building a Vision

As a general contractor for over half a century, [Hill & Wilkinson](#) has steadily grown from a small business to a respected industry leader providing a full range of services in a variety of markets. From a simple maintenance project to the design-build of a fast-track facility, we deliver our projects with an attitude of service and accountability. With the desire to maintain meaningful relationships with our clients, we endeavor to do things the right way and to bring trust, honesty, and good, old-fashioned hard work to every project.

A Solid Foundation

Luther Hill founded the firm in 1968 on the belief in strict standards for quality and safety. He gained national attention for building big business projects with a small business attitude. Greg Wilkinson and Fritz McKinstry carried on his legacy when they bought the company in 1985. Now, Paul Driscoll, CEO, is leading the firm into the future with a commitment to retaining the culture and principles that have been central to our success. Many things have changed as we have evolved into a much larger firm, but our philosophy and core values have remained the same - respect, quality, safety, commitment, training, fun, and citizenship.

Our Services

Hill & Wilkinson offers a full range of general contracting services under a variety of contractual arrangements including construction manager, general contractor, design-build, or design-assist. Additional services include preconstruction, process driven design and construction, millwright (equipment installation), LEED management, commissioning, and special projects.

Hill & Wilkinson's CFO Cyndi Amador serves on the RCC Advisory Board.

Spotlight on Motorola Solutions

[Motorola Solutions](#) is a global leader in mission-critical

communications and analytics. Our technologies in land mobile radio mission-critical communications, command center software, video security & analytics, bolstered by managed & support services, make communities safer and help businesses stay productive and secure. At Motorola Solutions, we are ushering in a new era in public safety and security. In 2021, the Video Security & Analytics (VS&A) manufacturing facility in Richardson, Texas opened. The 136,000 square foot building represents the company's continued investment in North American manufacturing and the expansion of its production and shipping capabilities to further the growth of its video security portfolio which serves customers around the world.



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Ambassador of the Month

AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Congratulations

Becky Deragon
RD IMAGES

Welcome To Our City!

- A Better Approach LLC, 208 S. Cottonwood Drive #100
- AA Pro Financial Services, 777 S. Central Expressway #1-O
- American Medical Diagnostics, 1155 Kas Drive #170 23-3855
- American Para Professional Systems, 801 E. Campbell Road #405 23-4890
- Anointed Health Group, 1100 W. Campbell Road #110 23-6011 20
- Avant Group Of Companies, 1100 W. Campbell Road 23-5860
- Bengal Brokerage LLC, 100 N. Central Expressway #414 23-5823
- British Emporium, 635 W. Campbell Road #308 23-5363
- Concrete Blonde Construction, 527 Sterling Drive
- Gottel Advisors LLC, 1100 W. Campbell Road #203
- Integrity Pools, 1050 N. Grove Road
- Jamie Detten State Farm, 819 W. Arapaho Road #50
- LJ Diamond and Jewelry, 777 S. Central Expressway #1g
- McCarthy Right of Way Partners, 2435 N. Central Expressway #890
- Mdigiteck, S. Sherman St. #605k
- Miss Pasta, 3613 Shire Blvd. #100
- New Century Hospice Inc., 740 E. Campbell Road #470
- North Dallas Martial Arts, 524 W. Belt Line Road #15
- Prime Choice Lending Inc., 1100 W. Campbell Road #100
- SMS Electric, 1303 Columbia Drive #203
- TK Valet Service LLC, 1115 Hampshire Lane
- Wilson EA Enterprises LLC, 300 N. Coit Road #824

(List of new businesses provided by the City of Richardson from November 21 - December 12, 2023)

Other News

[City of Richardson Wins Best in Texas Marketing Awards for Cottonwood Art Festival & Wildflower!](#)



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Fossil
Halff
Hill & Wilkinson General Contractors
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Lennox International
Methodist Richardson Medical Center
Noble Fine Jewelry
Oncor
Patterson & Associates Insurance
Prosperity Bank
Reliable Chevrolet
Ryan
Sam's Nail Supply
Texas Capital Bank
UnitedHealthcare
University of Texas at Dallas
West Coast University

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