

Top News

Outgoing Chair Wraps Up Busy Year, Readies Chamber For 2023

It's hard to believe 2022 is almost over! It's been a big year of change for the chamber, so I wanted to give you a recap of things that have been accomplished.



At the top of the list is the structure for Tech Titans. As we made leadership changes earlier in the year, we discovered Tech Titans was simply a committee of the chamber. I'm pleased to say an operating agreement is in the works to make it a standalone entity of the chamber. They will reside at the chamber offices but be autonomous with their own staff, bylaws and bank account.

Midyear the city opted to take economic development in-house. While the chamber had been an integral partner through the Richardson Economic Development Partnership, the nature of bringing in new business has changed over the years. We worked closely with city leaders on what a new structure might look like and entered into a new agreement to host events and support initiatives relevant to growing new businesses.

After this realignment of work roles, we right sized the organization to be in alignment with our lessened responsibilities. At the same time, we began a thorough examination of every dollar being spent by the chamber and cut a significant amount out of our overhead.

Additionally, we were able to finalize the foundation for the chamber and began raising funds that will go toward Leadership Richardson tuition assistance and workforce development.

In other news, we really ramped up communications and have gotten a very positive response. We also rebranded with a great new family of logos that symbolizes what Richardson is all about – always rising, taking risks and being inventive.

We embarked on a listening tour of our community, both members and non-members and are entering the new year with greater clarity. As a service organization, we are only as good as the events and offerings our members find valuable. We asked and you told us, and this led to our realignment around the action verbs we heard in the various discussions – enhance, educate, connect, inform and advocate.

The icing on the cake is that we will be doing a building refresh to make it much more member centric and service oriented, which will play into our theme for 2023 - **RCC Reimagined**. In addition to building updates, there will be some new initiatives and enhancements to others that are very exciting.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't give a heartfelt thanks to the team at the chamber under the leadership of Kim Quirk for staying the course this year. I owe them, as well as the board of directors, a debt of gratitude.

Finally, the chamber would not have made it without you – our members and supporters! Thank you for your role in keeping the organization strong and vibrant. On behalf of the entire board, I wish you a happy holiday season filled with joy and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Sincerely,
Manasseh Durkin,
Durkin Enterprises and 2022 RCC Chairman of the Board

Events



Charmaine Solomon, founder and president emeritus of [My Possibilities](#), a non-profit that provides adults with cognitive disabilities

the chance to continue their education, shared her experience in local leadership with a crowd of more than 100 people at the Women in Leadership quarterly luncheon on Dec. 6.



The Chamber's Annual Health and Wellness Expo, presented by Methodist Richardson, was held Nov. 4. The free event informs the community about products and services available from Chamber members that encourage good health and fitness, increase mobility, address special needs care, nutritional insight, and more.





The Richardson Young Professionals brightened patients days with their Annual Chocolate Drop on Oct. 28 at Methodist Richardson Cancer Center.



Upcoming Chamber Events

- Friday, Jan. 20: **iDream 2023**
- Friday, Jan. 20: **Ribbon Cutting at Soccer Spectrum**

Community/Partner Events

- Friday, Dec. 16: **Cookies with Santa at Frost**

Membership

Ribbon Cuttings



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Ambassador of the Month

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Congratulations

Amy Taylor
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Richardson News



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Annual Luncheon Honors Local Leaders

Altrusa International of Richardson honored “Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow” on Oct. 28 at the Richardson Woman’s Club. This year’s sold-out “Hearts for Humanity” luncheon recognized women who exemplify determination, leadership, and tireless efforts to improve the lives of others. [See the list of recipients.](#)

To support Altrusa’s efforts in our community, [donate](#) the amount of your choosing. Proceeds benefit community outreach projects and scholarships provided by Altrusa International of Richardson, serving the needs of elementary schools, community organizations, international programs, and seniors in Richardson. Donations are tax-deductible, and electronic receipts are provided. To learn more about becoming an Altrusan, visit their [website](#) or contact Deborah Bourland at 469-556-4909 or by e-mail at contact@altrusarichardson.com.

Know Before You Go

With an increase in patient volumes in emergency rooms due to high spread of respiratory illnesses, Children's Health is asking families to [visit their website](#) to learn what to expect if you visit their ER, how to find the right level of care and other resources to help keep



your family healthy.

Other News

[Richardson announces Christmas parade winners](#)

[Richardson City Council approves housing development at Waterview Parkway for UT Dallas students](#)

[Richardson unveils logo, website for city's 150-year anniversary](#)

[UT Dallas unveils research features of Innovation Quarter headquarters](#)



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