# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## **Top News**

## Early Voting Ends Tomorrow Ahead Of Election Day Tuesday

Early voting for the March 5 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections is being held through Friday, March 1. Registered Dallas County voters who are Richardson residents may vote early at any designated Dallas County early voting location. Collin County voters who are Richardson residents may vote early at any designated Collin County early voting location. First Baptist Church, 1001 N. Central Expressway, is the only early voting location in Richardson that is designated to serve both Dallas County and Collin County voters. An additional early voting location in Richardson, the Islamic Association of North Texas, 840 Abrams Rd., serves Dallas County residents.

## Note that Richardson Temporary City Hall will not be a polling location during Early Voting or on Election Day.

Find a polling location and see who is on the ballot: <u>Dallas County</u> | <u>Collin County</u>

#### **Events**



Mary Bedosky received the 2022 Citizen of the Year award at last year's Annual Meeting. She's shown with Manasseh Durkin, 2022 RCC Board Chair, and Dan Johnson, retired city manager for the City of Richardson and 2021 recipient.

## Be There For The Announcement Of The 2023 Citizen Of The Year

The Chamber's Annual Meeting, presented by the <u>City of Richardson</u>, serves as a celebration of the previous year's successes. This year's event on Wednesday, March 20 will feature inspiration from Dallas Mavericks CEO <u>Cynt Marshall</u> under the theme "Power Forward."

The Annual Meeting also gives the Chamber an opportunity to thank and recognize members and volunteers who go above-and-beyond in their support. Be there for the announcement of:

- Ambassador of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Professional of the Year
- Member Company of the Year
- Nonprofit of the Year
- Rising Star of the Year
- Citizen of the Year

Following the presentation, all sponsors and individual ticket holders are invited to a reception in the Bank of America Hall. Additionally, all attendees will have an opportunity to see the **U.S. Navy Sea Chanters** performance in the Eisemann Hill Performance Hall at 7:30 pm.

\$75/member; \$95/non-members
5:00 pm Networking & Cocktails
6:00 pm Featured Speaker & Awards
7:30 pm Reception & Concert
The Eisemann Center
2351 Performance Drive
Richardson, TX 75082

**PURCHASE TICKETS** 

## Learn How To Lead Like A Girl Scout At WIL's Quarterly Luncheon

Jennifer Bartkowski, CEO of <u>Girl Scouts of Northeast</u> <u>Texas</u>, will keynote Women in Leadership's Quarterly Luncheon on Wednesday, March 6. The Signature Sponsor is <u>Methodist Richardson Medical Center</u> with Rising Sponsors <u>Hilton Richardson Dallas</u> and <u>Texas Bank and</u> <u>Trust</u>.



Bartkowski has been with GSNETX since 2009. Today, she is leading a business transformation for the organization that serves more than 25,000 girls across 32 counties. With a strategic focus on membership growth, 21st century programming and brand, Bartkowski is committed to ensuring that Girl Scouts is relevant to today's girl and her parents.

Wednesday, March 6 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm \$45/member; \$55/non-members Hilton Richardson Dallas 701 E. Campbell Road Richardson, TX 75081

**PURCHASE TICKETS** 

#### **More Upcoming Events**

Thursday, March 7: Member Connections at Soccer Spectrum

Saturday, March 16: <u>**RYP Cause of the Quarter</u>** Monday, March 25: <u>Inside Texas Politics with WFAA Reporter Jason Whitely</u></u>

## **Recent Events**



Texas State Senate District 16 incumbent Democrat Nathan Johnson and primary challenger Victoria Neave Criado participated in the Chamber's Candidate Forum on February 16, shown with Randy Ford, RCC Board Chair and President of National Write Your Congressman.



The Chamber recently held a training session for its committee tri-chairs. Shown are RYP's Chairs Dr. Sara Zwink, Jayla Anderson (staff liaison), Nicholas Franzone and

## Membership

## **Ribbon Cuttings**



#### **<u>Birdcall</u>**

507 W. Belt Line Road Richardson TX 75080 (469) 903-0007



#### Coco Shrimp

1240 E. Beltline Road Richardson, TX 75081 (214) 484-8530



#### Paramount Tax & Accounting

4324 Mapleshade Lane Suite 161 Plano, TX 75093 (972) 600-1245



Spring Creek Medical 1201 Richardson Drive Suite 100 Richardson, TX 75080 (972) 235-6311

#### **New Members**

Ashley Parra Birdcall Brandon Mendez Challenge Air for Kids and Friends Dr. Sara Zwink **Fujitsu Network Communications\*** Golf Ranch – Richardson Handy Dan Contracting Kingsbridge Montessori School Leigh Notary Services Matt Ward **Raymond James Financial Services RealPage\*** ScholarShot Shibam Coffee Travelin' Toms Coffee Truck

## **Renewing Members**

#### 40+ Years BlueCross BlueShield of Texas\*

*30+ Years* Richardson East Rotary Club

#### *20+ Years*

Avison Young Canyon Creek Homeowners Association

#### 10+ Years

Canyon Creek Country Club Dallas College Richland Campus\* DFW Chinatown/Terrace Shopping Center Frost Bank\* Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Richardson The Kirkpatrick Group Leake CPA, PC National Retirement Plan Services, Inc. National Write Your Congressman\* Pampillonia Jewelers The University of Texas at Dallas\* U Haul of North Texas

#### 5+ Years

Erin Williams, CPA & LPL Financial Advisor **Ryan, LLC\*** Z Constructors

#### 1+ Years

AdvoCare International\* American Bank, N.A. Associa\* Cinnaholic Grants for You Lane Gorman Trubitt, LLC Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP Principal Financial Group Rachel Cook Recognition, USA Richardson ISD Foundation Robert Murphy Soccer Spectrum Springtree Restoration LLC Zen Business

#### \* Indicates President's Club Member

## **Spotlight on Dallas MMS**



DallasMMS LLC Medicare Insurance, Health Insurance and Medicare Advantage

**DallasMMS LLC** is a broker service platform with access to many different programs from AI translation to health insurance to precious metals.

LetzChat Translator Program technology is groundbreaking by accessing new demographics using AI for website translation, audio, video, landline phones, legal/medical/insurance and HIPPA compliant documents with 99% accuracy. Governments agencies, universities and enterprise clients have given solid reviews.

Companies can save hundreds of thousands of dollars in FICA taxes. We have creative ways using pretax dollars for health insurance that will add working capital to your

bottom line, while giving employees a pay raise. Hedge funds deploy this program to add working capital overnight. This is a preventative plan that compliments your current health plan. Likewise, we can save individuals thousands on Medicare and qualify some people for extra help, Medicaid and life insurance liquid plans with living funds.

Self Employment Tax Credit SETC, if you were self employed in 2020 & 2021 you may qualify up to \$3200 in a tax refund. The Employer Retention Tax Credit ERC is for a company with 2+ employees, not related to the owner, 95% will qualify. If your CPA is not a tax attorney, then you're leaving money on the table. All tax returns completed by Tax Prep Advocates, and Legacy Tax, 8th largest Tax Firm in the USA. Visit **AsherZagan.com** for a FREE ESTIMATE on your tax refund.

As a Broker for Miles Franklin, one of the largest independent brokers for 32 years, we have access to the NABX Exchange for real live quotes to lock in your order for physical Gold/Silver. All are delivered to your house UPS, insured. Do you have an old 401K or IRA and want to pull your investment out of the stock market for physical metals? We have IRAs designed to hold metals in a depository as the 3rd party, all insured, independent of banks and the stock market.

## Spotlight on State Farm

The **<u>State Farm</u>** (R) mission is to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the



Because of community partners like the City of Richardson and Richardson Chamber of Commerce, State Farm® is able to better understand those needs and commit to helping build safer, stronger and better-educated communities. We are grateful to be a part of the Richardson community located at CityLine.

## Member News

Join Altrusa Richardson's Day of Kindness and participate in various kindness projects that help our neighbors both locally and internationally.

Their main project on April 6 is to honor the





dedicated nurses at Methodist Richardson Medical Center. They will decorate reels that hold staff ID badges and deliver them to the hospital.

They will also assemble bags with personal items to deliver to New Friends New Life clients who have escaped or been saved from human trafficking.

In cooperation with the Blue Star Mothers organization, they will decorate care package boxes to send to deployed soldiers. They will fold 300 pocket-sized flags to send in care packages now and for future mailings to military men and women.

Altrusans all over the globe support an organization called Days for Girls by making and providing reusable sanitary products for girls in third world countries.

And they will also assemble bags filled with a book for children going through the RISD Intake Center where children new to Richardson ISD are tested for admission into the proper grade. The book will go home with the student.

You are invited to be a part of this exciting one-day volunteer opportunity that will spread kindness everywhere. There are many ways to give back and Altrusa invites you to share in Altrusa's kindness together. There will be coffee and treats so it's a great opportunity to see what Altrusa Richardson is all about!

Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Friends Place 1960 Nantucket Richardson, TX 75080

## Ambassador of the Month

## AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Congratulations

**Bill Schaid** 

## **Richardson News**

## Welcome To Our City!

- Arapaho Food Mart, 555 W. Arapaho Road
- Barnes & Noble, 1361 W. Campbell Road
- Brilliant Scholar LLC, 344 W. Campbell Road
- Chill Brothers GLA, 681 N. Plano Road #119
- Clark Roofing, 1411 E. Campbell Road #800 B
- Elite Wear, 801 Alpha Drive #117
- Foster & Foster, 777 N. Grove Road #115
- Hadaway Wireless Solution, 1100 Commerce Drive
- Hwb Services Inc., 1234 Executive Drive W.
- Incresol, 851 International Parkway #100
- Kyocera International Inc., 740 E. Campbell Road #100

- L & J Wellness, 1889 N. Plano Road
- MGA Insurance Company Inc., 1415 State St. #1600 & 1700
- Open Sesame Express, 700 E. Campbell Road #120
- Ots Solutions Inc., 801 E. Campbell Road #365
- Pambazo Restaurant Bar, 401 W. President George Bush Hwy #119
- Rapid Repair Solutions, 110 E. Main St.
- Rolling Suds of Dallas, 1201 N. Plano Road
- Rs Madison MLT LLC, 1520 Richardson Drive
- Smoke & Vape DZ, 850 S. Greenville Ave. #100
- Soundworks Music School, 1310 W. Campbell Road #130
- Swing Synk Instruction LLC, 300 N. Coit Rd #170
- Tepito Restaurant Bar, 401 W. President George Bush Hwy #119
- The Glow Studio By Jessica, 525 W. Arapaho Road #14
- The Icon Restaurant & Lou, 720 E. Campbell Road #430
- Trinity Hospitality LLC, 955 E. Campbell Road #300

(List of new businesses provided by the City of Richardson from January 24 -February 26, 2024)

## **Other News**

Council Approves Portion Of Funding For \$9.7M Central Trail Extension

Wildflower! Announces Musical Lineup

**<u>Birdcall Swoops Into Richardson</u>** 

Richardson Named One of Texas' Top 10 Most Bikeable Cities

City Posts Annual State Of The City Address







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Advocare **Aplas Groups** Atmos Energy BAL **Bell Nunnally BRYJO Roofing & Remodeling** Caddo Office Reimagined City of Richardson Dallas College, Richland Campus **DallasMMS** DebtBlue **Durkin Enterprises** Fossil Group Fujitsu Network Communications Halff Hill & Wilkinson General Contractors KDC Lennox International Methodist Richardson Medical Center National Write Your Congressman Noble Fine Jewelry Oncor Patterson & Associates Insurance **Prosperity Bank Reliable Chevrolet** Ryan UnitedHealthcare University of Texas at Dallas West Coast University

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