

Top News

Richardson Business Community Celebrates 2023 With Plans To Power Forward

It was a perfect game for the Richardson Chamber last Wednesday evening at the Eisemann Center!



Under the theme "Power Forward," it honored four volunteers, two businesses and one non-profit with awards at its Annual Meeting, presented by the City of Richardson.



Special guest Cynt Marshall, CEO of the Dallas Mavericks and proud former Richardson resident, charmed and inspired the crowd during a Q&A with Chamber President Kim Quirk.



Gerald Bright, center, received the **2023 Citizen of the Year Award**. He's shown with previous recipients (from left) Dan Johnson 2021, Mary Bedosky 2022, Bob Macy 2018, Richard Ramey 2020 and Charles Eisemann 2001.



Ambassador of the Year
Becky Deragon, RD Images



Young Professional of the Year
Grant Tonne, J. Grant Insurance



Nonprofit of the Year
Dialogue Institute (Beril Berk and Huseyin Peker accepting)



Volunteer of the Year
Eric Peltier, Prosperity Bank



Member Company of the Year
Reliable Chevrolet (Dave Anderson accepting)



Rising Star Award
Credit Union of Texas (Lin Adi accepting)



Even **Champ**, the Dallas Mavericks' mascot, joined the celebration!

The Chamber thanks the City of Richardson and all of the event sponsors that made the evening possible:

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Events

Recent Events



Jonathan King, Founder, Lean Leaders, shared "5 Tools for Strategic Planning" at the Business Advancement Luncheon on March 26 sponsored by [Insperity](#). King (left) is shown with committee tri-chairs Deborah Carroll, Bland Garvey CPAs & Wealth Advisors, and John Beaty, Insperity.



WFAA Political Reporter Jason Whitely spoke at a luncheon hosted by the Public Policy committee on March 25.



RYP volunteered at Network of Community Ministries on March 16.



*Jennifer Bartkowski, CEO of Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, was the keynote speaker at WIL's Quarterly Luncheon on March 6. The Signature Sponsor was **Methodist Richardson Medical Center**; Rising Sponsors were **Hilton Richardson Dallas** and **Texas Bank and Trust**.*

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 18: **WIL Social**

Tuesday, April 23: **Local Business Engagement Recruit & Retain**

Membership

Ribbon Cuttings



The Icon Restaurant & Lounge

720 E. Campbell Road Suite 430

Richardson, TX 75081

(214) 308-6091



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Dallas - Richardson

1981 N. Central Expressway

Richardson, TX 75080

(972) 644-4000

New Members

Catalyst Behavior Solutions
Lakeesha Browne
Russo's Coal Fired Italian Kitchen
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Torchy's Tacos
Truist Bank

Renewing Members

50+ Years

Education Service Center Region 10

40+ Years

First United Methodist Church of Richardson

30+ Years

Marilyn Frederick

20+ Years

Alliance Architects, Inc.

10+ Years

Assurnet Insurance Agency
Charter Communications
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Luke Hamlett
State Representative Angie Chen Button
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5+ Years

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Gwen Walraven, Partner, serves on the Chamber's Ex-Officio Board.

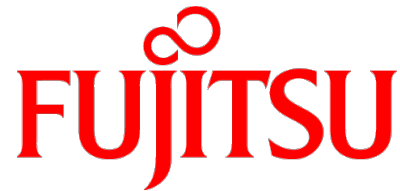


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Christine Podraza, VP, Photonic Systems Business Unit (PSBU), serves on the Chamber's Advisory Board.



Member News



Congratulations to Chamber members **[Courtyard by Marriott – Spring Valley](#)** and **[Durkin Properties](#)** for being awarded City of Richardson Community Revitalization Awards. The Courtyard by Marriott – Spring Valley hotel at 1000 S. Sherman St. completed an extensive renovation of the exterior and interior of the property. Durkin Properties was recognized with tenant, Partenope Ristorante, for the renovation and improvements at the new downtown Richardson restaurant at 110 S. Greenville Ave.

The projects were recognized last month at the City’s 29th annual Community Revitalization Awards, along with additional properties, including: the Clint Hibbard Allstate office on Cottonwood Drive, Greenville Business Center at 888 South Greenville Avenue, Town North Mazda, a church, and eleven residential properties.

The program provides recognition for commercial and residential property owners who have made a significant, positive impact through a renovation or rebuild project. Nominations are reviewed by a committee of Richardson City Council members, City Plan Commissioners, and representative from the Chamber. More than 300 projects have received awards since the program started in 1994. Visit cor.net/CRA for more information and to nominate a property for the 2024 awards program.

Ambassador of the Month

AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Congratulations

Becky Deragon
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Richardson News

Welcome To Our City!

- 5 Stones Creative LLC, 1300 E. Arapaho Road #101
- Best Handy LLC, 500 E. Arapaho Road #106
- Blen LLC, 651 N. Plano Road #300
- Brave Haven Counseling, 2400 Lakeside Blvd. #620
- Bruster's Ice Cream, 710 W. Renner Road #202
- Dallas Designer Handbags, 100 N. Central Expy #412
- Dave's Hot Chicken, 1545 E. Belt Line Road
- Downs Design Solutions, 801 E. Campbell Road #600
- EMDS, 1010 E. Arapaho Road #300
- Hortical Interior Plant Care, 664 N. Glenville Drive
- Levy & Son Service Experts, 640 International Pkwy #200

- Mai Beauty Spot, 700 E. Campbell Road #170
- Open Bible Fellowship Church, 801 Alpha Drive #105
- Paper Boy Media LLC, 797 N. Grove Road #109
- Persepolis Physician Practice, 1080 W. Campbell Road #100
- Prospect Primary Care Clinic, 670 W. Arapaho Road #4
- QuickUTSA LLC, 1231 .N Glenville Drive
- Santo Doming Barbershop, 524 W. Belt Line Road #1
- Sasha Beauty Studio LLC, 2050 N. Collins Blvd #110
- Sterling Home Health Care, 801 E. Campbell Road #350
- Supreme Heating & Cooling HVAC, 777 N. Grove Road #117
- Texas Unique Remodelation, 1241 American Parkway
- Upperwell Nutrition, 1600 N. Plano Road #1000
- Usmania Fine Dining, 400 N. Coit Road #1908
- Wingstop, 710 W. Renner Road #216

(List of new businesses provided by the City of Richardson from February 27 - March 26, 2024)

Other News

[Governor Names Inaugural Members of Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium Committee at UTD](#)

[Richardson Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony For Two Projects](#)

[AdvoCare Rehydrate® Donation Supports Richardson First Responders](#)

[Celestica To Expand North Texas Operations with High-Tech Manufacturing, Adding Over 150 Jobs in Richardson](#)

[Richardson Announces Third Annual Art Contest to Transform Traffic Signal Boxes with 'Technology and Education' Theme](#)

[Cottonwood Art Festival Announces Gregory Story As Featured Artist](#)



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