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# NEWSLETTER

## Richardson Chamber

Our mission: we develop and provide leadership for our members and community through advocacy, alliances, economic development and education to advance economic prosperity.

### City and schools offer new storm updates; volunteers welcome

Clean up is underway. Schools are back in session.

Not surprisingly, Richardson residents are eager to help their neighbors.

The city has opened a **volunteer coordination center** to connect volunteers with those in need. The center is at the Huffines Recreation Center from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. To volunteer or request assistance, call 972-744-0900.



The **Network of Community Ministries** is requesting money, food and clothing donations. Volunteers also are needed to stock the food pantry and sort supplies.

More information is available at the city's [website](#) .

Supt. Jeannie Stone gave a [school status report](#). Specifically, the district requested donations to the **RISD Clothes Closet** for affected students.



## **10 constitutional amendments on Texas Nov. 5 ballot; early voting until Nov. 1**

Texas voters will vote on 10 proposed amendments to the state constitution this year, which deal with everything from retiring law enforcement animals to the state's tax code. Richardson residents will choose the board of trustees for the RISD.

Texans will be asked to vote on these propositions about a wide range of topics from allowing judges to hold more than one office to cancer funding. A summary of all 10 propositions drafted by the chamber's Public Policy committee are on the website. The chamber's board of directors have endorsed propositions 6 and 7.

Summaries are available [here](#).

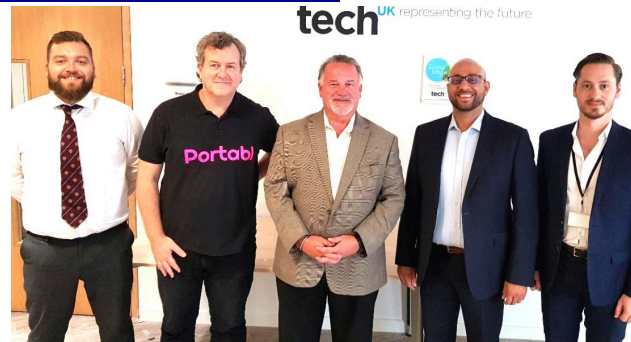
## **Continued connections made in international markets**

When companies choose Richardson, local tax revenues, jobs and other small businesses all thrive with the economic boost.

Chamber CEO Bill Sproull spread the word about Richardson's robust business climate, particularly in the innovation space, in Europe this fall.

Bill was one of four participants on an international panel discussing approaches in innovation ecosystems at the 36th annual conference of the International Association of Science Parks (IASP) in Nantes, France. More than 600 delegates from 70 countries attended.

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## **Tell us what you think about how the chamber is doing** **Enter into a drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card**

The chamber is conducting its member satisfaction survey. Even if you're not a member, we want your feedback! The survey should take 5 minutes to complete.

If you have already completed the survey, the gift card is new. Thus, go ahead and click the link and put your email address in the first question. We trust that if you do, you completed the survey previously.

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### [Richardson in the news](#)

- RISD has started the school year without a deficit.
- Teachers can earn a master's in special education at Texas State University.
- Infinera, a supplier of networking products, has opened a Richardson office.
- Officials have broken ground on DART's new Silver Line (aka Cotton Belt).
- DART is looking to have three self-driving shuttles at UTD.

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A broad recap of happenings and accomplishments from various chamber members in the media. Accucode 3D, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas medical center, Axxess establishes a scholars program, GXA moves to new space and Lockwood Distilling opens.

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[TI Foundation grants \\$325,000 for Dallas disaster relief](#)



### **EDGE awards recognize outstanding companies, individuals & projects**

The City of Richardson, Richardson Chamber of Commerce and Richardson Rotary Clubs are excited to announce the 2019 Economic Development, Growth and Expansion (EDGE) Award recipients, who will be honored during a special luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 14.



Those to be recognized include Parc Northeast, GEICO, Charles & Ann Eisemann, Hedera Hashgraph, Jefferson Reserve Apartments, E4D Technologies, DXC Technology, Tod Fobare, Dentsply Sirona and Liz Wetherington.

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### **iDream recruiting speakers for January**

iDream is a project of the chamber's Education and Workforce Committee. Richardson professionals visit groups of 7<sup>th</sup>-grade students to talk them through what their jobs are like and what the students could expect if they were going to go into a similar field. The next iDream day will be Friday, Jan. 10 at Richland College.



Panelists outline their personal career paths, showcase their day-to-day activities and answer questions to help students consider future work possibilities and education choices necessary to reach their dreams. iDream helps students see future possibilities and begin making decisions about high-school courses that will contribute to successful careers.

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### **Health & Wellness Expo shapes up Richardson**

More than 300 residents of all ages attended. Weight, body mass index and blood pressure screenings as well as healthy snacks were available. Tom Thumb provided more than 50 flu vaccinations.

**Methodist Richardson Medical Center** was this year's presenting sponsor. Platinum sponsors were **Visiting Angels** and **Celebration Magazine**.

Gold sponsors included: Meredith G. Davis, DDS, Fitness Together Richardson, Farmers Insurance - Gavin Nichols Agency, The Plaza at Richardson, Texas State Optical - Custer, Appletree Court, Twin Rivers Assisted Living & Memory Care, Cottonwood Creek Healthcare, My EyeLab, First United Methodist Church - Richardson, ER Near Me, Care N' Care, CareNow Urgent Care.



## Richardson Young Professionals (RYP) Chocolate Drop to Methodist Richardson Cancer Center • Thursday, Nov. 7



### RYP hosts first Color Games

The first ever Richardson Young Professionals (RYP) Color Games were Sept. 27 with 55 young professionals slogging out field day activities amidst a shower of colored dust.

The color-doused participants followed up their field day activities with adult beverages at Aloft's XYZ Bar at CityLine.

Because of the positive response, a follow up event is planned in the spring (with cooler weather). A special thank you to CityLine/ Transwestern for their help with the event.

Thank you to our valuable sponsors:

Presenting: UBS, Idea Fountain

Silver: Authority Roofing, Core Theatre, Dorian Bahr, Reliable Chevrolet, Texas Bank and Trust

Bronze: Lockwood Distilling, Shady's Burgers, Whole Foods

[Watch a video of the event](#)







### **Board profile: Monica Scott, Logotology**

Monica Scott is a true hometown girl. She's lived in Richardson all her life, graduated from Berkner High School and now owns a small business here.

In serving her community, she's a new member to the Chamber's board; she'll serve as the vice chair of the business services division in 2020.



"I have been a member in the chamber for years, and recently served on the advisory committee, the executive after hours and the bowling committees," she said. She also is a graduate of Leadership Richardson and has served as curriculum advisor and LR Alumni Association board member.

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### **Ambassador profile: Mary Ann Thornton**

Ten years ago, Mary Ann Thornton was a young intern with the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. Today, she is one of the chamber's top ambassadors.

"The staff is so friendly and supportive, and the ambassadors are a fun group that enjoys supporting one another and the businesses that call Richardson home," she said.

Ambassador Club members are liaisons who serve as the face of the Richardson Chamber. Ambassadors represent, promote and encourage participation in the Richardson Chamber, while maintaining contact with new and current members..



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### **New and renewing members**

Please welcome our new and returning members from September.

**New members**

*Welcome! We're so glad to have you!*

INSURICA  
Boy Scouts of America  
ACTS 29 Consulting, LLC  
Coolgreens  
Criss Law Group, PLLC  
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Lifesavers Foundation  
James L. Falgout, P.C.

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Minerva Consulting  
Golden Chick - Arapaho Road

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Celebration Marketing Group  
WaterWalk Dallas Richardson

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