



Galveston Chamber of Commerce's...

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **February 4th:** AM Networking; Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church, 7:30am
- **February 4th:** Karen's Klostet Ribbon Cutting and Party; 2326 Strand, 6:00pm (Ribbon Cutting begins at 7:00pm)
- **February 5th:** Terra IT Group Ribbon Cutting; 519 25th Street, 11:00am
- **February 11th:** AM Networking On Site-Mind Body Workers; 2920 D Seawall Blvd, 7:30am
- **February 17th:** Oceans of Opportunities Job Fair; Galveston Island Convention Center—5600 Seawall Blvd, 9:00am—2:00pm
- **February 18th:** AM Networking; Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church, 7:30am
- **February 18th:** Family Services Center of Galveston County Ribbon Cutting; 2200 Market Street Suite 600, 4:30pm
- **February 19th:** AT&T Mobility New Location Ribbon Cutting; 6105 Stewart Road, Suite A, 11:00am
- **February 25th:** Right at Home New Location Ribbon Cutting; 1122 45th Street Suite B, 4:00pm
- **March 4th:** Galveston Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting: A Roaring 20s Salute to Celebrate Galveston's Oldest Businesses; San Luis Hotel Ballroom, 6:00pm. Follow this [link](#) and click "Register Now!" to purchase tickets.
- **March 18th:** After 5 Business Mixer; Gaido's Seafood Restaurant, 3800 Seawall Blvd
- **April 1st:** Galveston Council and Mayoral Candidate Forum Breakfast; Hotel Galvez, 2021 Seawall, 7:30am. Follow this [link](#) and click "Register Now!" to purchase tickets.

Click [here](#) to view the Galveston Chamber of Commerce's Calendar of Events.

## What's happening at the Galveston Chamber...

### ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Chamber's Advocacy Committee and Board of Directors, on January 26, 2010, unanimously approved the Downtown-Paid-Parking Resolution linked below. The City Council agenda, for its meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010, Item G, raised the issue of downtown paid parking "giving the City Manager direction on moving forward with the AMPCO parking meter contract (Woods/Colbert)".

On Thursday the Galveston City Council approved 5-0 a contract with AMPCO Parking Systems to include installing parking meters in downtown Galveston between 18th and 26th Streets stretching from Harborside to Postoffice. Susan Fennewald was not present, and Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas was absent during the vote.

Click [here](#) to view the resolution.

To view the Pro Business Advocacy Policy of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce click [here](#).

### BOARD ADVANCE



The Board of directors of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce met on Saturday January 23rd for what some would traditionally call a Retreat. Chair Fred Raschke explained it like this, "The Galveston Chamber of Commerce decided to do an Advance this year instead of a Retreat, since the Chamber will never retreat in its mission to promote and advocate for business. Along with the Galveston business community, since Hurricane Ike, the Chamber will advance onward and upward." The Advance served as a positive reminder of the mission of your organization: to promote and advocate for business. The Board and staff discussed goals and objectives for the future of the organization to enforce our mission and continue to be a strong voice in our community.

### BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

The Galveston Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club is a committee of goodwill representatives whose objective is to promote the Galveston Chamber and maintain its membership strength while also promoting their business.

Ambassadors are responsible for welcoming new and expanding businesses to the Chamber at ribbon cuttings, mixers, luncheons, personal visits and special events. Ambassadors should actively recruit members and continue to represent the Chamber while conducting business for themselves in the community.

Any person who is a representative for an active Chamber member may join the Ambassadors Club. So if you are receiving this email you can join! If you would like to become an Ambassador, please email [ekay@galvestonchamber.com](mailto:ekay@galvestonchamber.com).

Thank you to our newest Ambassador sponsor **Texas Gas Service!**

### MEET YOUR BOARD!



**Fred D. Raschke**  
Chair  
Mills Shirley, LLP

Fred serves as Mills Shirley's Managing Partner while also maintaining an active trial practice. He leads the firm's personal injury defense trial group.

In addition to his service with the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, Fred serves in various leadership positions for the Boy Scouts of America, Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church, Rosenberg Library Association, Rotary, Salvation Army, and others.

Fred has been deservingly honored many times for his community service including receiving the Chamber's Business Leadership Award.

Thank you for your service and dedication Fred!

## Spotlight on Small Business

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### LIBBIE'S PLACE

Libbie's Place Senior Day Program is Galveston's only licensed adult day care program. We provide socialization, fun activities, nursing care and lunch for senior adults age 55+. We are open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am – 5:45 pm to accommodate working caregivers. Libbie's Place offers family caregivers the support and resources they may need while helping seniors continue to be a part of their community. Flexible scheduling, transportation and monthly fee plans available.

Contact: Alice Williams at (409) 741-2538 or [alice@moody.org](mailto:alice@moody.org) for more info.

Libbie's Place is a 501 (c)(3) corporation and an outreach mission of Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church in Galveston, Texas.



### WANT TO HAVE YOUR SMALL BUSINESS FEATURED?

Please email [ekay@galvestonchamber.com](mailto:ekay@galvestonchamber.com) and include the following:

1. 2-3 sentences describing what services/products your business offers
2. Contact information you would like to include
3. Your logo (optional)