## Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Celebrates 50 Years

A rich history of Rice Harvest Festivals, grand openings, business networking opportunities, and community service to Katy, Texas

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated their 50 year anniversary with a special luncheon held at the Wyndam Houston Hotel. Established in 1962, some of the Chamber's earliest projects included installing the first Welcome to Katy sign off I-10, coordinating city-wide beautification and cleanup projects, hosting the first Rice Harvest Festival, and distributing Katy maps. Through the years the Chamber has grown to 850 members and continues to be a champion of businesses and quality of life in the Katy area. Katy's affordable real estate, exceptional school district, and friendly business economy, continues to draw new businesses and residents from all over the world.







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Chamber staff Debbie Glasser, Ann Hodge, and Brenda Grogan



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## Community Service

For the last half a century, the Chamber has sponsored, hosted, or initiated hundreds of Katy events that have been instrumental in fueling Katy's growth.



Katy ISD Teachers of the Year luncheons



Galas with live and silent auctions



Rice Harvest pageants, parades, photo and cooking contests



New business ribbon cuttings and grand openings



Rice Harvest Festival attracting approximately 50,000 attendees



Charitable events and check presentations



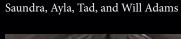
Annual FFA student luncheons



The gala Chamber committee Waller County Constable Joe Trimm, Jr., Candice Trimm, Linda Nichols, Ann Hodge, Kelly Gaines, Joycelyn Urech, Brenda Grogan, Jackie Grogan, Chaille Voelkel, Rip Blackwood, Debbie Glasser, Tom Richter, Kelly Nolan, Chris Crockett, Frank Dahl, Nicole LeBoeuf, Lori Gunn, Eileen Newsome, Chris Dahl, Cassie Richter, Mindy Adams, Deborah Bautista, and Joel Newsome

Fatima and Brett Donaldson

Vanessa Castillo, Terri Beiber, and Ana V Roman



Susan and Jeff Smith









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## Looking Ahead

"When the Katy Chamber of Commerce was founded fifty years ago, it is doubtful any of the original members could imagine the Greater Katy area as it exists today. Thanks in no small part to the efforts of the Chamber, its leaders, and its Board of Directors, past and present, the Katy area today represents a success story that is the envy of many other communities across the country. With a solid business community, outstanding school district, and award-winning residential neighborhoods, the Chamber has every reason to celebrate its success as it looks forward, with anticipation, to the next half century."

-Woody Mann, Vista Equities Group

