



Chamber of Commerce  
Convention & Visitors Bureau



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

VICKI HIDDE

As a New Year dawns, it is full opportunity for personal growth and professional development mixed with the responsibility to mentor the next generation. We are welcoming new businesses to the Hillsboro area. Travel Center of American will be opening soon. Sonic Drive In has relocated and opened in mid-December. Siddons Martin's Skeeter Brush Truck is in production. IKO will be moving forward soon with the new manufacturing facility.

March 3, 2016 the date selected for the Hillsboro Awards Banquet.

We are working on a new directory of our memberships and Hillsboro Buyers guide. Concurrently, we are contacting area businesses to recruit new members. Should you know some one who is not a chamber member. An Application for Chamber Membership is included in the newsletter.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Smith Foundation for their financial support and to The Christmas Committee for bringing Holiday Lights to the Hill County Courthouse. Everyday someone thanks me for making it happen. This was and is one of the biggest team efforts that we have experience in Hillsboro in years. Everyone from the City of Hillsboro to the County Commissioners played a big role in making this happen. We must not forget the City and County employees who brought smiles and joy to the faces of young and old alike.

At our December Board Meeting, I asked the board, "What topics would you like to have discussed at our Quarterly Chamber Luncheon? The Business Community wants to know how their employees can get involved with nonprofit and social agencies. Our January Luncheon will be a panel discussion of agencies and groups needing volunteers and financial resources.



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## Hillsboro Happenings

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**LIONS CLUB** – Tuesday Lunch (noon) At First United Methodist Church

**ROTARY CLUB** – Wednesday Lunch (noon) Lone Star Café

January 6– Tourism Board – Chamber Office Noon

January 19, Re-grand Opening of Massage Gallery

10 am

January 21- Quarterly Luncheon – Historic City Hall

January 28- Chamber Board Meeting

February 3, Tourism Board Meeting

February 25 Chamber Board Meeting

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chamber Award Banquet

HISD-

[www.hhs.hillsboroisd.org/pages/Hillsboro\\_High\\_school/Calendar](http://www.hhs.hillsboroisd.org/pages/Hillsboro_High_school/Calendar)

For Main Street Calendar of Events – Check out

Hillsboro Texas Main Street



June 4 and 5 – 2016 Bonds Alley



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Over the next few weeks we will putting together an inventory of local venues where meeting or event space is available and then making this available to meeting planners:

**Eagle Event Center-** 250 people

116 E. Franklin

- \$100 deposit
- \$250 rental w/tables & chairs
- \$125 extra for linens

**Rocking G's**

1924 S. Abbott Ave

- \$250.00 for Inside
- \$350.00 for Outside & Inside

Contact Kay or Cal Green

Cal: (214) 566-5086 Kay: (817) 659-9627

**Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce**

**MKT Depot-** 30 people

115 N. Covington

- \$50 deposit \$50 ½ day
- \$100 full day
- \$10 extra each hour for concierge service

Claribel Fuentes or Vicki Hidde (254) 582-2481

**The Colonial Grand Hall**

65 W. Franklin

Tonja Bitencourt - Cell: 817-734-4607

Email: tonja@colonialgrandhall.com

Bernardo Bitencourt - Cell: 817-360-4395

Email: bernardo@colonialgrandhall.com

**The Eastland Annex-** 60 people

106 N. Covington

- \$75 hour (minimum of 2 hours) with \$100.00 Deposit
  - \$300 1 day (24-hours) with \$300 Deposit
  - \$500 (48 hours) with \$500.00 Deposit
- Donna Hubbard (254) 582-2762

**Hillsboro Historic City Hall-** 150 people

127 E. Franklin

- \$200 deposit \$200 rental

Barb - (254) 580-1459

**Roadside America – Private Party Room**

312 East Elm Street

Carroll Estes – 972-291-2958 (call for more information)

**Hillsboro Country Club**

**Travel Center of America - Restaurant**

All rental rates are subject to change



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**Party Room**  
**Book your event in a**  
**nostalgic setting**  
**972-291-2958**



Sew Happy Ribbon Cutting - Tracee Franklin

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**Eastland Annex Event Center**  
**Donna Hubbard**

One of the most popular Texas Travel shows is The Daytripper on PBS. He is opening up the final episode of the current season to a viewer's choice for the location. Please take a few minutes to visit the link below and vote for Hillsboro and then please forward on to your staff, friends, and family to ask them to do the same. This would be a great shot in the arm for the progress we are making.  
<http://thedaytripper.com/2016/01/04/season-7-viewers-choice-contest/>

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Holiday Tour of Homes - Drawing for the \$100 Gift Card from the Outlets at Hillsboro



Lynn Garcia with the Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club Speaking to Leadership Hillsboro



Opening the Time Capsule at Hills County Commissioners Court

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*Happy New Year*

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As we look back at 2015, the chamber and community had a successful year. The Chamber Membership, Chamber Board, Tourism Board, Ambassadors and a host of volunteers deserve so much credit for making 2015 a year to remember.

At the chamber banquet we recognized business and community leaders for their contribution to the community. While the banquet was postponed due to icy weather, and we missed the income target, it was a successful event. As we look forward to 2016, the Banquet will be March 3, 2016 at First United Methodist Church. The Banquet Committee is working to make this an event that celebrates the successes and contributions of business leaders.

- You will receive information soon regarding nominating businesses:
  - Hall of Fame
  - Regional /National Business of the Year
  - Local Business of the Year
  - Citizen of the Year
- Please contribute to this process

The Golf tournament was postponed due to the rain. With the Support of Bob Cat Contracting and leadership of Glen Carter along with a host of volunteers and community supporters the golf tournament exceeded our expectations.

On that same weekend Bond's Alley Art Festival began a new era with fresh ideas. Susan and Tiger Russel, Pamela and David Bowman, took charge of the festival and made it a success. Over 90% of the artists asked to be invited in 2016. The 2015 festival was a great fresh start.

KHBR Radio has been so supportive. Each Month they interview me and share with the community the chamber projects. Then when I ask if they would support the Job Fair – Roger Galley went above and beyond. I can't thank them enough for what they do for Hillsboro and the Chamber.

The Cotton Pickin' Fair with the BBQ Cook-off, Bossier Western Show and Carnival were a success as well. Main Street did an outstanding job putting together the State BBQ Competition, Music and vendors.

The city and county worked together to make Christmas one to remember with a lighted parade and courthouse gather for the lighting ceremony.

One could say things are looking up in Hillsboro. Let's make 2016 a year full successes.

Our first Quarterly Luncheon will showcase local agencies and groups wanting to make a contribution to improve the community. Businesses want to learn about organizations wanting and needing volunteers.

We have plans for two Job Fairs that will connect candidates for employment with employment opportunities.

Also we are planning a manufactures and business showcase to display to the community the unique business partners who support the Hillsboro Community.

Let's Make 2016 a profitable year and take advantage of opportunities to improve the quality of life In Hillsboro.

## HILLSBORO CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Formerly Brandom Cabinets

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## COMMENTS FROM OUR MEMBERS

We rely on your calendar! It keeps us informed.

**Mary Alice Eastland, Hillsboro Heritage League**

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in putting together the Job fair...you did an outstanding job...Everything was professionally done.

**Laura Harborth, Gate Precast Company**

Working the chamber to build community has value as we strengthen the business environment.

**Karen Duskocil, Lone Star Ag Credit**

We received more than 4 new clients after advertising in the promotional piece placed in the area hotels. There is an ROI on advertising with the Chamber

**Brittany Cockerham, Gitz and Glamour**

We are excited to once again sponsor Halloween in Hillsboro. Thank you for the chamber's encouragement and support last year. This year will be bigger and better.

**Rhett Reddell, R & R Fitness**

The Chamber helped promote Aaron's by showing and helping us get more involved in the community.

**Aaron Fullerton, Aaron's Store Manager**

"...No Chamber of Commerce in our 40 years as business owners, has been more welcoming, been more attentive, been as willing to listen to suggestions and ideas, or tendered more tangible value than you and your team at the Hillsboro Chamber..."

**W. Randy Pretzer, L. Scott Bossier II, and Larry Bossier – Bossier Dodge**

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