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HARLINGEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | CHAMBER CONNECT | January 15, 2018

..... January AFTER HOURS MIXER

THURSDAY
January 18th
5:30 - 7 P.M.

The Chamber
HARLINGEN TEXAS

RSVP ON THE CHAMBER WEBSITE, FACEBOOK EVENTS PAGE,
OR BY CALLING THE CHAMBER AT (956) 423-5440.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT VICE PRESIDENT,
VANESSA CAMACHO, AT VGCAMACHO@HARLINGEN.COM



712 N. 77 SUNSHINE STRIP, #30
HARLINGEN, TX 78550
(956) 622-3066

THE 2018 CELEBRITY ROAST benefiting

The Literacy Center of Harlingen

will celebrate
JO WAGNER
on

Thursday, Jan 25, 2018
Cocktails at 6 p.m.
followed by dinner at 7 p.m.
Roast will begin at 7:30 p.m.
\$800 per table of 10 or \$85 per person



Tickets may be purchased with check
or cash at the following locations:
The Literacy Center - 956.428.8883
Harlingen Chamber - 956.423.5440
Valley Morning Star - 956.430.6276



You're Invited



As a member of the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce, you have more resources, opportunities, and benefits available to you than ever before, but where do you start? What committees should you join? Which events provide you the most useful information? How do you get the most out of your investment?

Join us for Membership 101, and hear from our 2017-2018 Chairman Josh Fields, President Chris Gonzales, and Chamber staff, who will introduce you to the tools that can help match your company's interests and needs with the Chamber's extensive programs and activities. Together, we can build a stronger you.

When: Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Time: 11:30am-1pm

Where: Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce, David Allex Board Room
311 E. Tyler Avenue, Harlingen

Limited Seating

Please RSVP to vgcamacho@harlingen.com or by calling the office at 956.423.5440

Become a Healthy Harlingen Workforce!

"It's Time Harlingen! It's time to lace-up those sneakers and adopt a healthier lifestyle. Join the City of Harlingen, The Mayor's Wellness Council and the Healthy Harlingen initiative in making our city a healthy and vibrant community."
- Mayor Chris Boswell

The Case for Workplace Health



REDUCE COSTLY
HEALTH RISKS



INCREASED EMPLOYEE
PRODUCTIVITY



REDUCTION IN
ABSENTEEISM



IMPROVED EMPLOYEE
MORALE

How to be Recognized as a Healthy Harlingen Workforce Member

Complete the free application assessment by October 31st to see if you qualify as a Healthy Harlingen Workforce member. The assessment, powered by IT'S TIME TEXAS, helps employers gain a stronger understanding of their current health and wellness program, and provides them with direct access to trusted leaders in the industry that can help solve their workforce health needs. Healthy Harlingen will also follow up with each employer who takes the assessment with specific action items that will help them improve their health and wellness program.

All qualifying businesses will receive a Healthy Harlingen decal to recognize their business success in supporting a healthy workforce and community in Harlingen.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018 | 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.
WHERE: THE CHAMBER | 311 E. TYLER AVE, HARLINGEN, TX 78550



RSVP ONLINE AT WWW.BUSINESS.HARLINGEN.COM/EVENTS OR BY CALLING 956.423.5440.



RUSO'S —NEW YORK— PIZZERIA

The Best Italian Place in Town!

GRAND OPENING

Wednesday, January 17 at 10:30am

You are cordially invited
to our ribbon cutting ceremony
hosted by the chamber of commerce

We would be honored if you
could join us at this special event

STUART PLACE CROSSING

**6710 W. EXPRESSWAY 83, SUITE A-107
HARLINGEN, TX 78552**



Tax Tips for Small Businesses

Presented by Salinas, Allen & Schmitt, LLP

Workshop Highlights

Personal vs. Business Expenses
How do you distinguish between them?

Depreciation
How does one categorize?
What is its purpose?

Capital vs. Deductible Expenses
What is allowed?
Is it necessary for my business?

Plus much more!

February 13, 2018

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce
311 E. Tyler Ave.
Harlingen, Texas 78501
Fee: None

**RSVP at
(956) 423-5440.**

The Chamber
HARLINGEN★TEXAS

Celebrating over 30 Years of Service in the Rio Grande Valley!
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Small Business Development Center
CESS Building, 1407 E. Freddy Gonzalez Drive, Suite 1.200, Edinburg, TX 78539
Resaca Village, 1601 E. Price Road, Suite E, Rm. 116, Brownsville, TX 78520
(956) 665-7535 • sbdc@utrgv.edu • www.utrgv.edu/sbdc
Making Dreams Come True, One Business At A Time!



UTRGV SBDC is funded in part through the state of Texas and a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency will be made, if requested at least two weeks in advance, by calling the UTRGV SBDC at (956) 665-7535. Assistance for this hearing impaired can be obtained by calling the TDD at (956) 665-5071.

START UP YOUR BUSINESS!

UTRGV

KAUFFMAN

FASTTRAC.

Sponsored by:



HARLINGEN
Economic Development Corporation

7 Sessions
Feb 15 - March 29, 2018
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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February
Commence

FastTrac® NewVenture™ provides the tools to **develop a business concept**, determine the **viability** of the business concept, and **outline** the critical steps to a successful **business launch**

- Identify Market Needs
- Understand Business Fundamentals
- Explore Risk and Success Factors
- Network with Entrepreneurship Professionals
- Build a Business Plan
- Access the Human, Financial, and Business Resources

Course Includes:

- ✓ Experienced Certified Facilitators
- ✓ FastTrac Materials
- ✓ Access to Kauffman website
- ✓ Certificate of Completion

Registration Information

Registration deadline 2/9/2018 [space is limited] Application is available online:

<http://www.utrgv.edu/ecc/access-to-knowledge/kauffman-application/index.htm>

For more information please call ECC at 956-882-4119.

Session Details: Every Thursday at the University Center (Room 134)

LAST CALL
40th Anniversary

Noche De Ronda

ENTERTAINMENT BY:
THE NEW VARIETY BAND

FEATURING VOCALISTS AGNES TORRES & ARTURO GUTIERREZ
TEXAS CONJUNTO MUSIC HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

12TH ANNUAL

Pre-Valentine's Dance & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

TICKETS ON SALE AT: **SATURDAY, FEB. 03, 2018**

SAN BENITO K.C. HALL
956-399-4257
8:00pm - 12 midnight
San Benito K.C. Hall
826 Stenger Street
San Benito, TX
Music By: The New Variety Band

HARLINGEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
956-423-5440

\$20.00 Per Person

For Table Reservations Call Rey Avila at 956.245.1666

MUST PURCHASE 8 TICKETS TO RESERVE A WHOLE TABLE - \$160.00 BUSINESS TABLES @ \$200.00

SEMI-FORMAL RECOMMENDED

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE
TEXAS CONJUNTO MUSIC HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

TICKETS GO ON SALE ON JAN 05, 2018

JANUARY 27, 2018



Sponsored by:
Junior League
of Harlingen

TSTC University Center
2424 Boxwood St, Harlingen, TX

7:30 am - Little Sizzler
8:10 am - 5K
8:00 am - 10K

5K/10K \$40

Includes brunch (catered by Rio Grande Grill)
& commemorative champagne flute

LITTLE SIZZLER \$15
BRUNCH ONLY \$20

Packet pick up at Footworks
2224 S. 77 Sunshine Strip
Jan 26, 2018 from 11am - 6:30pm

Online registration closes 1/25/18
www.athletегuild.com

HARLINGEN
BOARD OF REALTORS®
HOME
Expo

Harlingen Board of REALTORS®
Presents First Annual Home Expo

There Is
No Place
Like *Home*



Market Your Products
and Services by Securing
Your Booth Today!

Save the Date

Saturday, March 24 2018 from 10AM-5PM
Casa de Amistad, Harlingen

For more information contact:
Lucy Cadenas at 956.343.2376
Or email cadenaslucy@yahoo.com



Benefiting 3
non-profits



Are you ready to get RENEWED & REJUVENATED?

You are invited to a reception to meet and greet the staff
and learn about the services offered at RENEW MED SPA.



Thursday, January 25

5:30pm—7:30pm

Renew Med Spa - 905 Morgan Blvd., Ste. C, Harlingen

Free Gifts • Wine & Appetizers • Free Hand Treatments
Great Specials on Skin Care Products and Services
Free Mini Facials All Day (appointment required)

RSVP and Book your Mini Facial by calling (956) 200-3438

UTRGV

ANNUAL REPORT

Presented By Dr. Guy H. Bailey, UTRGV President

TUESDAY
30 JAN 2018

12 PM TO 1 PM

JACKSON SQUARE EVENTS CENTER
301 E. JACKSON AVE.
HARLINGEN, TX 78550



Dr. Guy H. Bailey, UTRGV President



**RSVP Required. For more information, contact the
HCOC at 956-423-5440 or thechamber@harlingen.com**



2ND ANNUAL ALES & TAILS FEST

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

CRAWFISH ★ FRIENDS ★ FAMILY ★ CRAFT BEVERAGES

HARLINGEN ARTS & HERITAGE MUSEUM
2425 BOXWOOD, HARLINGEN, TX **3 PM TO 7 PM**

\$35 PER PERSON

PARTIAL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE HARLINGEN ARTS & HERITAGE MUSEUM

MUSIC BY **BUCK RAZZ**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE HCOC AT 956.423.5440.




THE 17TH ANNUAL HARLINGEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Partial Proceeds to Benefit Habitat For Humanity of the RGV



MAY 18 2017

FRIENDLY CONTEST & PRIZES

SCHEDULE	PRICING & ADD-ONS
8 AM CHECK IN	TEAM OF 3 PLAYERS \$500
9 AM SHOTGUN START	2 MULLIGANS \$20 PER PLAYER
5 PM AWARDS CEREMONY & RAFFLES	TIGER'S DRIVE \$20 PER TEAM

Tony Butler Municipal Golf
2640 Golf Course Dr, Harlingen, TX 78550

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THE HARLINGEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

THE 97TH ANNUAL BLACK & WHITE

2018 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

BLACK & WHITE FORMAL ATTIRE

6 PM TO 8:30 PM

TICKETS OR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

TSTC CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
1825 N. LOOP 499
HARLINGEN, TX 78550

TICKETS: \$65
RESERVED TABLE OF 8: \$500

VANESSA CAMACHO
956.423.5440
VGCAMACHO@HARLINGEN.COM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MYSTERY, MAYHEM, AND MURDER

MURDER AT THE REESE

THURS. OCT. 25TH
6 PM TO 8:30 PM

HOLLYWOOD THEMED MURDER MYSTERY FUNDRAISER DINNER

\$65 PER PERSON | \$120 PER COUPLE
A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT A LOCAL CHARITY

5TH AT THE REESE
202 S. 1ST STREET | HARLINGEN, TX

TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
956.423.5440 OR VGCAMACHO@HARLINGEN.COM

Chamber HARLINGEN TEXAS

#MURDERATHEREESE

The Murder Mystery Co.
THE EXPERTS IN MYSTERY ENTERTAINMENT

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Russo's New York Pizzeria - Harlingen

Wed. January 17th | 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
6710 W. Expressway 83, Suite A-107
Harlingen, TX 78552

H& R Block (Lincoln Street Location)

Thurs. February 1st | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
2309 W. Lincoln St.
Harlingen, TX 78552

Julio S. Saldana Gymnasium Rising Scholars Academy

Sat. February 3rd | 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
151 S. Helen Moore Rd.
San Benito, TX 78586

Planet Fitness 1 Year Anniversary

Thurs. February 8th | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
913 N. 13th St.
Harlingen, TX 78550

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Community Member Events](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Business After Hours Mixer

Classic's Bar & Grill
Thursday, January 18, 2018
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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Membership 101

Maximizing Your Chamber Investment
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Buenos Dias Harlingen

Healthy Harlingen Workforce
Wednesday, January 31, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
The Chamber
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Harlingen, TX 78550

Chamber Board of Directors:
Josh Fields | Chairman
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Francisco Castellanos
Eric Ziehe
Tre Peacock
Daniel Martinez

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Alexis Alaniz

TITANIUM PARTNERS
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City of Harlingen
Harlingen Medical Center
Valley Baptist Health System

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& Advisors

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BBVA Compass Bank
Clermont LLC
Dish Network
Hino Electric Power Company
Nevill Business Machines
Pena Eye Institute
Schlitterbahn Beach Resort
South Texas Independent
School District
Valley International Airport
Valley Morning Star
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Farmers Insurance- Norma Villarreal
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Texas Gas Service
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RGV Credit Union
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Security Service Federal Credit Union
Texas Regional Bank
TSTC Foundation
Uhlhorn Family Partnerships
Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation