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JANUARY 2022

102nd Chamber Awards Banquet

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 | 6pm

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Chamber Awards to be Presented

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Other Awards to be Presented

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Directors include: Mark Graham (Holland Real Estate Group), George Lee IV (Temple Baptist Church), Brandon Sutherland (LP School District), Anthony Tchakounte (Ruston Cleaning Services), Morgan Thornhill (Uptown Downtown), Lindsay Tomlinson (Origin Bank), Danny Walpole (Walpole Tire & Service), and Patricia Willis (The Children's Shoppe). Patricia previously filled an open seat for a partial term.

Ex-officio Directors include: Grace Ruiz (Louisiana Delta Community College), Doug Postel (LP Police Jury), Ryan Richard (Louisiana Tech University), Amy Stegall (City of Ruston, Main Street), Sarah McKinnie (Origin Bank, elite level member), Phillip Smart (City of Ruston, Economic Development), Stephen Williams (LP Sheriff's Department), and TBD (Grambling State University).



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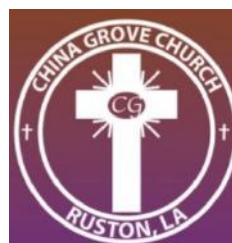
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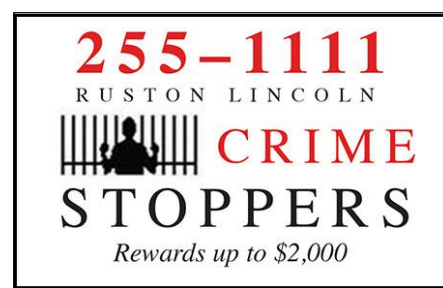


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RESUME IN FEBRUARY. PLEASE JOIN US
FOR OUR ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AT
6PM ON JANUARY 25TH!

CLASS XXXV

Education Day

The focus of December's class was education. The group toured the Louisiana Center for the Blind, Cedar Creek School, and New Tech Academies at Ruston High School. They also met with Lincoln Parish School District's superintendent, Ricky Durrett and Louisiana Tech president, Dr. Les Guice.

The January session will focus on Healthcare & Social Services.



Ruston High School



LA Center for the Blind



Ruston High School

Leadership Lincoln is sponsored by Origin Bank and Hunt, Guillot & Associates along with other tiered membership levels. See rustonlincoln.org/leadership-lincoln for all sponsors and info on this program.

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January

85

Dixie Center for the Arts

80+

Genesis Energy
Louisiana Tech Division of University Advancement
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Ruston Daily Leader
T.L. James & Co., Inc.

70+

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Origin Bank
Ruston Aviation, Inc.
Ruston Spaces
State Farm Insurance - Robert Temple

20+

Acme Glass & Mirror
Advantage Resourcing
American AVL
Amethyst Construction
Aramark at Louisiana Tech
Ardagh Glass, Inc.
Argent Financial Group, Inc.
Baldwin Jewelers
BancorpSouth
Bumper to Bumper
Cedar Creek School
CenterPoint Energy
Century Ready Mix

20+ continued

Chironetwork Chiropractic Clinic
Coburn's Supply
Crawford Environmental Services, LLC
Days Inn
Dr. Wesley O. Lynch III
Ewing Timber, LLC
First Baptist Church
Gilbert Realty
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Kilpatrick Funeral Homes
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Louisiana Center For The Blind
Louisiana Insurance Services
Louisiana Methodist Children's Home
McDonald's
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National Jewelry Company, Inc.
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Pafford Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
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People Centered Support Services
Quality Inn
Redd Pest Control of Ruston, Inc.
Riley Company of LA, Inc.
Russ Place
Ruston Rotary Club
Secur-It Self Storage
Sherwin Williams
Squire Creek Country Club & Development
Sterling Pharmacy
Stor-A-Way Mini Storage
Super 1 Foods
Super 8 Motel

Happy Anniversary

January cont.

20+ continued

The Bridge Community Church
The Fashion of Ruston
The Lincoln Agency
Tommy's Tees
Trinity United Methodist Church
Tyler Graham Storms
United Way of Northeast Louisiana
Vision Center
Wells Fargo Advisors
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A+ Computer Specialists
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5+ Years

4 Paws Rescue, Inc.
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Dairy Queen Ruston
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Diabetes Care Center
Ensure - The Insurance Agency
James L. Davis Construction LLC
Kona Ice of NELA
Leslie Lakes Retirement Center
Lincoln Health Foundation
Lincoln Parish School District

5+ Years continued

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1+ Years

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We wish you all a happy membership anniversary! We appreciate you and
look forward to many more years!

January Happenings!

Jan 13 Leadership Lincoln Healthcare & Social Services Day

Jan 20 S.A.I.L. Government Day

Jan 25 102nd Annual Chamber Awards Banquet

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