

Top News

Happy New Year to all of our members and supporters!

We are off to a great start and are looking forward to an active year of returning and new opportunities. Our theme is “Power Forward” and will be our guiding statement coming off our year of “reimagining.”

You may remember that last year we built our activities around five action verbs; enhance, educate, connect, inform and advocate. These impactful words are still in play for 2024.

Chamber committees have been busy working on creative and full slates of offerings. For example, the burgeoning Business Advancement team is growing from four events to more than eight. Women in Leadership is off and running and has already hosted one of its most successful networking events in its history.

In a new strategy this year, several committees will be hosting joint events with other chambers and organizations in North Texas as well as other committees. Stay tuned for more information on these and other exciting opportunities as our calendar unfolds.

I am honored to be serving as the chair of the board and excited to see the Chamber and its members continue to flourish. It’s going to be a great year. Thank you for being an active part of our organization!

Sincerely,
Randy Ford
National Write Your Congressman President & COO
Richardson Chamber Board Chair for 2024



Chamber Announces 2024 Sponsorship Opportunities

Each year the Chamber provides numerous ways to get in front of local professionals and business leaders through our event and program sponsorships. With ranges to fit every budget, our opportunities are designed to provide valuable marketing benefits to businesses of all sizes.



Just download our guide to find the program or event that best fits your target audience and let us help you:

- Grow your brand awareness
- Access new business relationships
- Show your support of our business community

[DOWNLOAD SPONSORSHIP GUIDE](#)

Events

Chamber's Annual Meeting Features Dallas Mavericks CEO Cynt Marshall

The Chamber's Annual Meeting serves as a celebration of the previous year's successes. This year's event on Wednesday, March 20 will feature inspiration from Dallas Mavericks CEO [Cynt Marshall](#).



Key sponsorships are going fast.

Annual Meeting also gives us an opportunity to thank and recognize members and volunteers who go above-and-beyond in their support of the Chamber and community. Be there for the announcement of:

- Ambassador of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

- Young Professional of the Year
- Member Company of the Year
- Charitable Organization of the Year
- Rising Star of the Year
- Citizen of the Year

We'll also observe the passing of the gavel from 2023 Board Chair Jan Arrant, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, to 2024 Board Chair Randy Ford, National Write Your Congressman.

Following the presentation, all sponsors and individual ticket holders are invited to a reception in the Bank of America Hall. Additionally, all tickets include admission to the [U.S. Navy Sea Chanters](#) performance in the Eisemann Hill Performance Hall at 7:30 pm.

About the Speaker

In February 2018, Cynt Marshall became the first Black female CEO in the history of the National Basketball Association. Prior to that, she held leadership positions in operations, legislative affairs and human resources for 36-years at AT&T. At both organizations she focused on and significantly advanced equity and inclusion. Her roles at AT&T included President of AT&T North Carolina, senior vice president of human resources and chief diversity officer. Previously, Marshall founded [Marshalling Resources](#), a consulting firm specializing in optimizing people resources.

Marshall holds four honorary doctorate degrees. She has chaired a variety of non-profit boards and is currently on the board of Dallas CASA, Dallas Regional Chamber, Texas Women's Foundation, Texas 2036, T.D. Jakes Foundation and a member of the Executive Leadership Council (ELC). Marshall is one of the co-founders of PRO Sport Assembly, National Utilities Diversity Council and the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF). She is currently on the board of directors of BGSF Staffing, JELD-WEN, Yahoo! and Chime.

Marshall grew up in Richmond, California and now lives in the Dallas area. She and her husband have four adult children.

\$75/member; \$95/non-members

5:00 pm Networking & Cocktails

6:00 pm Keynote & Awards

7:30 pm Reception & Concert

The Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Drive

Richardson, TX 75082

RYP Kicks Off Diversity Series With Speed Networking & Dinner



RYP is teaming up with [Dialogue Institute](#)'s NextGen Professionals on a joint speed networking and dinner on Thursday, February 29 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at The Drawing Board.

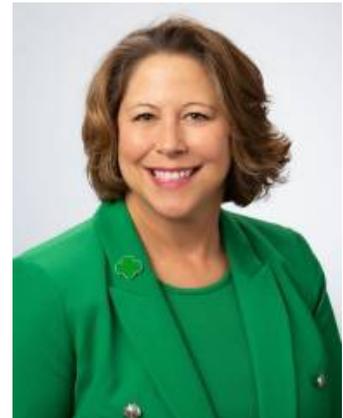
It's the first of a three-part Unity Blend Series embracing the richness of Richardson's cultural diversity. Look for a DEI roundtable and a cuisine class later this year!

There's no cost to attend and dinner is included, so please RSVP so we know you're coming.

RSVP NOW

Save the Date

[Jennifer Bartkowski](#), CEO of [Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas](#), will keynote Women in Leadership's Quarterly Luncheon on Wednesday, March 6. Bartkowski has been with GSNETX since 2009. Today, she is leading a business transformation for the organization that serves more than 25,000 girls across 32 counties. With a strategic focus on membership growth, 21st century programming and brand, Bartkowski is committed to ensuring that Girl Scouts is relevant to today's girl and her parents.



More Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 6: [Ribbon Cutting at Paramount Tax](#)

Friday, February 16: [Candidate Forum for Texas Senate District 16](#)

Friday, February 23: [Ribbon Cutting at Spring Creek Medical](#)

Recent Events



Thank you for hosting Women in Leadership's January social, **Lawson Event Rentals**! Founder Cassy Lawson shared her journey of starting her own business and how her event-focused company pivoted to survive the pandemic.



Leadership Richardson Class 39 learned about our local healthcare providers and systems on January 12. They were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the operating rooms at **Methodist Richardson Medical Center** and the da Vinci robotic surgical system, as well as other information.

Ribbon Cuttings



Take Command Health

1410 E. Renner Road, Suite 200
Richardson, TX 75082
(214) 866-7757

New Members

Afrah Restaurant
Birdcall
Coco Shrimp
DallasMMS*
E4D Technologies
Hard Law PLLC
Icon Restaurant & Lounge
Leonardo DRS
Maria Leanos
Talha Usta

Renewing Members

20+ Years

Eisemann Investments
Inroads Realty Property Management

10+ Years

Atmos Energy*

Christ Community

Elements Massage of Richardson

JAH Realty LP

Kirin Court

Methodist Richardson Medical Center*

Oncor*

Rescue Air and Plumbing

Saint Paul Catholic Classical School

State Farm*

5+ Years

Dallas Nephrology Associates

Durkin Enterprises*

Durkin Properties

Goetz & Sons Inc

Herbert Law Group

1+ Years

Altus Consulting Group

Assa Abloy Global Solutions

Bike Mart

Chase's Place

Cryos International

D/FW Gujarati Samaj, Inc.

Kayvan Moghaddassi

Law Offices of Kenneth G. Wincorn

Legacy Print Group

Noble Fine Jewelry*

Royal Catering

Shady's Burgers & Brewhaha

Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea of Shire Blvd.

*** Indicates President's Club Member**

Spotlight on Atmos Energy

Atmos Energy Corporation, an S&P 500 company headquartered in Dallas, is the country's largest natural gas-only distributor. We safely deliver reliable, affordable, efficient and abundant natural gas to more than 3 million distribution



customers in over 1,400 communities across eight states located primarily in the South. As part of our vision to be the safest provider of natural gas services, we are modernizing our business and infrastructure while continuing to invest in safety, innovation, environmental sustainability and our communities. Atmos Energy manages proprietary pipeline and storage assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipeline systems in Texas. Find us online at atmosenergy.com, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

Spotlight on Cisco

Cisco helps seize the opportunities of tomorrow by proving that amazing things can happen when you connect the unconnected. An integral part of our DNA is creating long-lasting customer partnerships, working together to identify our customers' needs and provide solutions that fuel their success.



We have preserved this keen focus on solving business challenges since our founding in 1984. Len Bosack and wife Sandy Lerner, both working for Stanford University, wanted to email each other from their respective offices, but technological shortcomings did not allow such communication. A technology had to be invented to deal with disparate local area protocols, and as a result of solving their challenge, the multiprotocol router was born.

Member Event

Take heart – and a CPR class

Join us at Methodist Richardson Medical Center for a community CPR and AED class covering potentially life-saving CPR basics.

Learn about the latest technology to keep your heart healthy and the chance to win a free Apple Watch.



Saturday, February 10th • 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Methodist Richardson Medical Center - 2831 E. President George Bush Hwy

DISCLAIMER: THIS IS NOT A CERTIFICATION COURSE.

Information shared at this event is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always consult with your physician or other health care provider regarding any medical conditions or decisions about medical care. Those who prohibit transfers from providing assistance. The physicians on the Methodist Health System medical staff are independent practitioners who are not employees or agents of Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Methodist Health System, or any of its affiliated hospitals.



REGISTER NOW

Ambassador of the Month

AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Congratulations

Vicki Ratliff, PC
WILLS ON WHEELS

Richardson News

Welcome To Our City!

- Adaptive Consulting, 1485 Richardson Drive #140
- Biohome Restorations, 1819 Firman Drive #114
- Birdcall, 507 W. Belt Line Road
- Coco Shrimp, 1240 E. Belt Line Road
- Dozo Sushi, 800 E. Arapaho Road #112a
- Elevated Coffee & Tea, 1251 State St. #700
- Even More Fitness, 2050 N. Plano Road #500
- Fast Technologies, 1231 Columbia Drive
- Gokul Ice Cream, 121 S. Central Expressway
- Guidepost Montessori, 1140 W. Campbell Road
- Hawaiian Bros Island Grill, 2060 N. Coit Road 22-4747

- Hemp & More, 2050 N. Collins Blvd #105
- Hibbett Sports, 1455 E Buckingham Road #152
- Home Pro Solutions, 1111 S. Sherman St #111
- Let Ship It, 1318 E. Belt Line Road
- Market Magnet Business, 800 E. Campbell Road #254
- Me Time Beauty & Spa, 1551 E. Spring Valley Road #161
- North Texas Painting, 1819 Firman Drive #125
- Refresh Thai Spa, 744 Brick Row #300
- Saravana Bhavan, 3551 Wilshire Way #100
- Sheba's Kitchen, 430 N. Coit Road #400
- The Peach Cobbler Factory, 720 E. Campbell Road#420
- The Sport Source Inc., 2425 N. Central Expressway #458
- Total By Verizon, 1332 S. Plano Road #510
- T-Star Fashion, 850 S. Greenville Ave. #116
- Van Leo Jewelry, 777 S. Central Expressway #1g

(List of new businesses provided by the City of Richardson from December 12, 2023 - January 24, 2024)

Other News

[Celebrate The Year Of The Dragon On Sunday, February 11](#)

[New Apartments Will Replace Richardson Office Complex](#)

[State of the City Address Set Wednesday, January 31](#)

[Richardson To Offer Up To \\$150,000 In New Business Program](#)

[Here Are The Federal, State, County Candidates In The March 5 Election In Richardson](#)

[Construction Kicks Off For New UTD Student Union, Esports Center](#)

[Hill & Wilkinson Names New CEO](#)



PRESIDENT'S CLUB

RICHARDSON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



BlueCross BlueShield
of Texas



MOTOROLA
SOLUTIONS



Advocare
Aplas Importer
Atmos Energy
Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP
BRYJO Roofing & Remodeling
Caddo Office Reimagined
City of Richardson
Dallas College, Richland Campus
DallasMMS
DebtBlue
Durkin Enterprises
Fossil
Halff
Hill & Wilkinson General Contractors
KDC
Lennox International
Methodist Richardson Medical Center
Noble Fine Jewelry
Oncor
Patterson & Associates Insurance
Prosperity Bank
Reliable Chevrolet
Ryan
Sam's Nail Supply
Texas Capital Bank
UnitedHealthcare
University of Texas at Dallas
West Coast University

Submissions policy: *If you feel you have a worthy submission for the Chamber newsletter (including member news), please email Andrea Young at andrea@richardsonchamber.com. Our goal is to create a communication vehicle interesting for the largest number of our members, so unfortunately not all submissions will be accepted. Also contact Andrea for advertising possibilities.*



Richardson Chamber of Commerce | 411 Belle Grove Drive, Richardson, TX 75080

[Unsubscribe \[andrea@richardsonchamber.com\]\(mailto:andrea@richardsonchamber.com\)](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by admin@richardsonchamber.com