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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: John V. Peet Junior High School



April 2014

GREATER CONROE/LAKE CONROE AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE





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The mission of the Greater Conroe/Lake Conroe Area Chamber of Commerce is to strengthen the economic environment and quality of life in Montgomery County.

VISION STATEMENT

To be known as a dynamic organization that generates awareness, creates partnerships, and provides leadership for progressive development and growth while enhancing the quality of life in Montgomery County.

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A Letter From the President



Happy April to you all and hope you are ready for an exciting Spring. This time of the year typically symbolizes growth and that is what we are focused on. During the last week of March we started "weeding" and "planting". Our Chamber consultant, Chuck Ewart of The Ewart Group from South Carolina, spent 3 days with us helping us cultivate our Chamber. Chuck has over 30 years experience running Chambers and consulting across the country.

He conducted 8 one-on-one interviews with various community leaders, held 2 different focus groups with Chamber members from businesses of different sizes and with varying areas of service, hosted a Board of Director's session along with a separate staff session to continue our strategic planning process. Chuck will work with the Board to chart our course through this year to 2017. As we know, the growth of our area is rapid and we will be ready for it as it continues to occur while still maintaining the quality benefits we currently offer.

Part of the growing process is paying is forward in different ways. The Montgomery County Fair will be a community highlight for April and a lot of money is raised for student scholarships through the fair with the non-livestock and livestock auctions. Your Chamber proudly does its part as well. We will be raising over \$6,000 to go to the worthwhile cause. Our Board members, staff, and Chamber members donate to our Fair Buyer's group. Our own Board member, Brent Sherrod, leads this group for us and partners with other groups to purchase items or animals at the event. All of the money we raise goes directly into this endeavor and no Chamber monies are used. Any donation over \$100 receives an invitation to the Buyer's Group Party held before the livestock auction. If you are interested in donating or have questions, please contact Angela Storseth-Cooper at 936-538-7111 or angelas@conroe.org.

I also would like to personally invite you to Tastefest that will be held on Thursday, May 8th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Lone Star Convention Center. Come join us and over 2000 guests, as we sample food and drinks from over 40 of our Chamber members. This is a great event for giving back as well...we are partnering with the Montgomery County Food Bank and will be holding a Tastefest Food Drive and Raffle. For every one non-perishable food item you donate, you will receive one entry into a drawing to win a package with gift cards donated by the local restaurants and vendors at Tastefest. So come and eat and give food to help those less fortunate than us.

Have a great month,

Scott Harper, President
Greater Conroe/Lake Conroe Area Chamber of Commerce

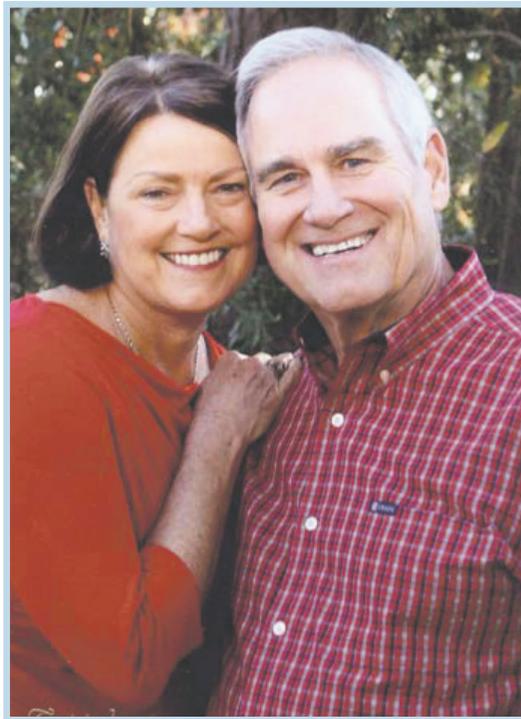
Member Spotlight

JOHN V. PEET JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Namesake:

Dr. John Peet was a member of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees for nine years (1979-1988), serving as President of the Board from 1984-1986. He served as Conroe High School's football physician from 1973 to 2000. Dr. Peet has lived in Conroe for over forty years with his wife, Betty, who is a former secondary math teacher. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and obtained his medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. After graduating from medical school in 1969, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He completed a general surgery internship at Wilford Hall in San Antonio, followed by two years in Spokane, Washington as a flight surgeon and survival school instructor. In 1973, Dr. Peet relocated to Conroe, Texas where he began his practice and raised his family. In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees, he served as Conroe High School's football physician from 1973 to 2000.

In 1995, Conroe ISD named a new junior high school in his honor,



John V. Peet Junior High School. The school was located at 400 Sergeant Ed Holcomb Boulevard until the spring semester of 2013. Peet Junior High School moved to 1895 Longmire Road with the opening of a new, world class school in the fall of 2013. Simultaneously, the newly-renovated Conroe High School Ninth Grade Campus opened and is located in the former Peet Junior High School building.

The new building:

The school was planned around an expanded Commons area that separates the wing with the gym, band, and industrial technology from the academic and administrative areas.



The learning spaces are clustered by department for ease of access, and all classrooms are equipped with interactive projector systems that act like smart boards so teachers can directly use technology in their teachings. For security, the entry vestibule is the only access point for visitors. Only authorized persons can buzz in visitors. In addition, security roll down grilles are capable of blocking the area off for additional safety and control.

Energy use was controlled by maximizing the use of natural light in the library through a combination of translucent panels and windows. Indirect/direct pendant lights are also provided, but are only needed on rainy days and nights. Water usage on campus was also minimized by using low flow urinals and sinks that reduce their amount of potable water. During the development of the site, care was taken to minimize excavation of soil by positioning the building

with the natural topography of the site. Soil was also reused from the storm water detention areas to minimize importation.

Peet Junior High School is a beautiful, world-class facility where the great traditions of excellence will carry on for generations to come.

