

# Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association

## Monthly Meeting

### May 16, 2023

Board Members: Cheryl Hardwick: Present      Melissa Hegemeyer: Absent  
Kenneth Pilcher: Present                      Megan Avery: Absent  
Katherine Ward: Present                      Thomas Payne: Absent  
Vicki LeBlanc: Present

**Call to Order:** President Cheryl Hardwick called to order the monthly meeting of the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association at 6:05 P.M. on May 16, 2023, at the Full Plate Restaurant.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** The invocation was done by President Cheryl Hardwick and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

**Sign in Sheet:** President Cheryl Hardwick asked everyone to please be sure and sign in on the attendance sheet.

**Welcome Visitors:** President Cheryl Hardwick welcomed all the visitors attending the meeting.

**Approval of the April 2023 Minutes:** A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher to accept the April 2023 minutes and a second was made by Secretary Katherine Ward. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**May Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher to accept the May Treasurer's Report and a second was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**Recognition of Weston Wallace:** HCCA recognized Westyn Wallace for winning first place in the Mouton Busting at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. President Cheryl Hardwick talked about Westyn. He is six years old and attends Fields Store Elementary School. Westyn won first place on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the HLSR. Since he won first place, he was able to participate in the last night of the rodeo and he won first place. Even though the competition was tough Westyn was able to hang on the longest and bring home the Rodeo Houston Championship in Mutton Bustin. Westyn was given a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

**Recognition of Sherry Roesner:** HCCA recognized Sherry Roesner for being the Volunteer of the Year across the State of Texas with County Fairs. There were 24 Directors and Members of the Waller County Fair Board that attended the 2023 Texas Association of Fairs and Events in Galveston. The Waller County Fair received lots of marketing awards for newspaper ads, brochures, and photos. President Cheryl Hardwick said, what a great honor it was for Sherry and for the Waller County Fair. Sherry was given a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

**Recognition of Hempstead ISD Teachers and Support Staff for the Month of April:** The HCCA recognized the April Hempstead ISD Teachers and the Support Staff of the Month for April. A gift basket was given to everyone, and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

Hempstead ISD Campus	Teachers of the Month for April	Support Staff of the Month for April
Hempstead Early Childhood Center	Mallory Miller	Susanna Ramirez
Hempstead Elementary School	LaInthia Stubblefield	Officer John Howard
Hempstead Middle School	Karen Toliver	Vicki Ferguson
Hempstead High School	Robert Hoyuela	Roslyn Hunter

**Recognition of the Hempstead ISD Teachers and Support Staff for the Month of May 2023:** The HCCA recognized the Teachers and the Support Staff for the Month of May and thanked them for their dedication to the school district. Each one was given a gift basket from HCCA, and a picture was taken.

Hempstead ISD Campus	Teachers of the Month for May	Support Staff for the Month of May
Hempstead Early Childhood Center	Rebecca Lopez	Gloria Torres
Hempstead Elementary School	Akiau Ratcliff	Amberly Wagner
Hempstead Middle School	Karon Neal	Loretta Smith-Harris
Hempstead High School	Gabriel Arias	Latasha Garvie

**Recognition of the City of Hempstead Retires:** The HCCA recognized the City of Hempstead Retires, Gloria Boone with 17 years, Pat Coleman with 31 years, Charles Hawkins with 50 years, Howard Glover with 44 years, and Rooster Smith with over 32 years. They were each given a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA board.

**Recognition of the Graduating Seniors of the Class of 2023:** HCCA adopted ten seniors from the Class of 2023 and gave them gift baskets that were specially made for each senior. The seniors were Isaiah Contreras, Janett DeLoera, Sara Espinoza, Rachel Fenwick, Brandon Gallegos, Joana Manzanares, Alex Manzano, Ximena Padron, Melany Salinas, and Alejandra Valle. A picture of the seniors was taken with the HCCA Board.

**Recognition of the Hempstead High School Flag Team:** President Cheryl Hardwick introduced the Hempstead High School Flag Team and Band Director Mr. Walker. The HCCA recognized them for winning first place at the UIL State Competition, and winning the UIL Nationals in Dallas, Texas. The flag team members were Annie Garcia, Emely Hernandez, Candice Hoover, Kaylee Lewis, Casey Seets, and Charli Villarreal their coach. Everyone was given a gift basket and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

**Recognition of the Hempstead Theatre Club:** President Cheryl Hardwick introduced the Hempstead Theatre Club members and the HCCA recognized them and their director Gabriel Arias. They won district, bi-district, area, regional, and were the first runner up at the UIL One Act Play at the State UIL Competition. The Theatre Club members were Jesus Montero-Oliva, Anayanzeth Salinas-Vargas, Joseph Apodaca, Jonathan Carranza, Claiton Rodriguez, Daniel Grimaldo, Eric Ramirez, Nadia Moreno, Jocelyn Vargas, Maeli Smith, Valentine Zavala-Fernandez, and Matthew Wawarofsky. A gift basket was given to each one and a picture was taken with the HCCA Board.

**Report on the Waller County 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial Celebration:** President Cheryl Hardwick reported on the Day in the Park that had taken place during the Sesquicentennial Celebration at the gazebo in downtown Hempstead back on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. HCCA sponsored a face painter and a balloon person to come for the kids and there was no charge to have their face painted or for the balloons for the kids. A great time was held by all.

**Report on the Cinco de Mayo Celebration:** President Cheryl Hardwick reported on the Cinco de Mayo Celebration that the HCCA had teamed up with for the event. St Katherine Drexel's Catholic Church made over \$9,000.00 for the event on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

**Report on HCCA Memberships:** President Cheryl Hardwick reported that the new memberships to HCCA were Rick Branek with Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, Lexie Contreras, Tassidy Contreras, and Dr. Tiffany Gillum with Element Dental and Orthodontics.

**Memorial Day Parade and Program:** President Cheryl Hardwick stated that the Memorial Day Parade and Program would be held on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The parade will begin at 9:15 A.M. and the Memorial Day Program will begin after the parade at the downtown gazebo. The event is being sponsored by Odis and Susie Styers with Styers Realty and the Hempstead First Baptist Church will give away free hotdogs. She asked for volunteers to help and to come on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 P.M. to come and help put out flags to line the parade route and to decorate the gazebo.

**Hempstead Watermelon Festival:** President Cheryl Hardwick reported that the dates for the upcoming Watermelon Festival will be on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Sponsors and volunteers are needed for the festival.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** President Cheryl Hardwick recognized Aubree Alvarez for being the May Student of the Month for the Early Childhood Center and thanked her for helping put together all the gift baskets. A picture was taken with Aubree and the HCCA Board. Board Member Kenneth Pilcher recognized and thanked President Cheryl Hardwick for her dedication and hard work to HCCA and for keeping everyone informed on all the events going on in the area.

**Next Meeting:** President Cheryl Hardwick stated that the next HCCA meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at Full Plate 2105 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas.

**Upcoming Local Events:** President Cheryl Hardwick reported on all the upcoming local event, and they were:

- **Waller Area Chamber of Commerce Bingo Night on Friday, May 19, 2023, at 6:30P.M. at the Edmonds Hall at the Waller County Fairground for the Scholarship Fund.**
- **Hempstead High School Graduation on Friday, May 26, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at the PVAMU Baby Dome, Prairie View, Texas.**
- **“90 Miles on 90” – Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3, 2023. More than 90 miles of yard and antique sales along Highway 90 and throughout Columbus, Glidden, Weimar, Schulenburg, Flatonia, Waelder, Luling, Harwood, Seguin, Geronimo and McQueeney.**
- **Hempstead Masonic Lodge will award scholarships to 2023 graduating seniors of Hempstead Hight School. To get an application form send a request to the Hempstead Lodge #749, P. O. Box 14, Hempstead, Texas. Applications must be completed and returned by June 1, 2023.**
- **City of Hempstead Zydeco Festival on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. at the Hempstead Gazebo Park with music, food, and fun. Featuring Leon Chavis and the Zydeco Flames.**

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher and a second by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.