GET INTO POLITICS or GET OUT OF BUSINESS

WELCOME RECEPTION  
Monday, February 20, 2017  
4:30 - 7:30pm  
Office of the Texas Lobby Group  
919 Congress Ave., Suite 1500  
Program and Reception included for ABC Members

PAC DINNER  
Monday, February 20, 2017  
7:30 - 9:00pm  
The Austin Club  
110 E. 9th Street, Second Floor  
Requires a personal contribution of $100. Must be registered by February 14th.

LEGISLATIVE DAY BREAKFAST  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017  
7:00 - 9:00am  
Omni Austin Hotel Downtown  
700 San Jacinto Blvd.  
Must be registered by February 16th.

Join fellow members of Associated Builders and Contractors from around the State as we meet with our elected officials to discuss issues important to the construction industry and Free Enterprise on Tuesday, February 21st. Also, make plans to attend the February 20th Welcome Reception and PAC Dinner the evening before our visits.

Special room rates are available to ABC Members at $229 single and $249 double for the night of February 20th. To reserve your room, call (1-800) THE-OMNI and mention the group name “Associated Builders & Contractors of Texas” or reserve online at OmniHotels.com and enter the special group code “13600112794” when prompted. The discounted rate will only be available until midnight on January 30th, 2017! Please note that the “number of adults” field defaults to (2) guests. When making a reservation for a single occupancy room this number must be adjusted to (1), to avoid paying the additional $20.

To RSVP for the 2017 State Legislative Day or learn more about the event, please contact ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter at 979-233-1616.
MEMBERSHIP

Come join the largest Shrimp Cocktail in the State where everything is bigger!

Let your voice for Brazoria County be heard by the Texas Legislature, and be a part of this tradition.

For more information, visit: www.brazoriacountyday.org!

Be sure to tell the last person that leaves the county for Austin to turn out the lights!
Thank You for Renewing Your Membership

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WORKFORCE WEEK '17
CELEBRATE. COLLABORATE. CONNECT.

Feb. 28 - March 3, 2017  Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

KEYNOTE
Wednesday, March 1, 8 a.m.
Derreck Kayongo
Business visionary, founder of the Global Soap Project and CEO of the Center for Civil and Human Rights

CHAPTER AWARDS BREAKFAST
Thursday, March 2, 7:30 a.m.
Don’t miss the event that celebrates chapter excellence in association management, membership growth, workforce development, communication, political advocacy and safety.

ABC INNOVATION THEATER
Thursday, March 2, 12 p.m.
Technology and innovation are changing how we work. See live demos of exciting products and services from leading suppliers to the construction industry.

REGISTER NOW
WORKFORCE.ABC.ORG

OPENING NIGHT PARTY
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.
A guaranteed highlight of the conference, this sunset party at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina will be a memorable occasion for attendees, including the ABC National Board of Directors, ABC members, chapter staff, National Craft Championships competitors and more.
It’s the event of the year for commercial and industrial construction! Whether you are a contractor, young professional or one of the more than 500 staff at ABC chapters nationwide, you won’t want to miss this opportunity to experience all that ABC Workforce Week has to offer.

MEMBER EDUCATION
Discover strategies to improve:
- Automation
- Safety
- Productivity
- Lean Operations
- Risk Management
- Modeling, Simulation and Prefabrication
- Leadership Development
- Profitability
- Project Management
- Contract Negotiation
- Pricing and Bidding
- Cash Flow

CHAPTER STAFF EDUCATION
Hone essential management skills:
- Personal Productivity/Time Management
- Unleashing Your Team’s Talent
- Managing Millennials
- Growing ABC ONE Member at a Time
- Organizational Performance
- Game-changing Student Recruitment Strategies
- *Plus, New ABC Database Training

Excellence in Construction Awards

Wednesday, March 1, 5:30 p.m.
This celebration honors the nation’s most innovative and high-quality construction projects and safety and diversity programs. Join us for dinner, a black-tie gala and the post-event reception! Separate registration required.

National Craft Championships
Thursday, March 2, 8 a.m.
Watch craft trainees from chapter and member firm training programs compete in 13 crafts in this annual competition.

Interested in reaching top construction leaders as a sponsor or exhibitor? Contact Ally Nelson at nelson@abc.org to learn more.

CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION AWARDS CEREMONY
Friday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.
Be there as we honor the winners of the National Craft Championships, the Craft Instructor of the Year and the Craft Professional of the Year.
Dear Associated Builders & Contractors,

Thank you for your generous donation of $3,000 in October for the Brazoria County Dream Center.

As you know, needy families and individuals in our community go without proper food, shelter, and the basic essentials every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, or domestic violence. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children and the elderly are at the most risk, and they make up the largest number of clients we serve.

With the generous support of people like you, we were able to help over 800 children who received Christmas gifts. Over 830 families received food from the Dream Pantry in November and December, 2016. Over 425 students received backpacks filled with food for the weekend with a holiday bag the week prior to the holidays.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

In His Service,

Terri Willis, Executive Director
Brazoria County Dream Center

ABC Members care about the communities in which they live and work. We appreciate your generosity and support of our fund-raising events that benefit local charities. Together, we make a difference!
On Wednesday, January 11, 2017 a complimentary HR Webinar was presented by Alexis C. Knapp, Shareholder of Littler Employment & Labor Law Solutions Houston office.

The topic was “FMLA/ADA Update: What to Expect in 2017”, and it was a very informative and eye-opening presentation.

Valuable information was presented regarding what employers can expect in terms of enforcement, litigation, and employee requests in the coming months concerning leave and other accommodations under the FMLA and ADA.

Many trends in requests and claims were identified, and employers were made aware of what’s expected of them when managing employees with medical conditions in the workplace, including confidentiality and maintenance of records, what can or cannot be asked, and whether existing policies or third party administration offers any indemnity.

The information presented was directly applicable to all Employers, HR Professionals, Supervisors, Managers and Foremen. Anyone who manages employees would gain valuable insight from this presentation.

Next time, grab your brown bag and join us! Ask yourself – can you really afford to miss?

Don’t miss our next Human Resources Event on March 8, 2017!

**G. MARK JODON** is the office managing shareholder in Littler Mendelson’s Houston office. Mark is board-certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and has defended companies before the EEOC for more than 30 years.

Don’t miss this opportunity - designed for HR Professionals!
Merit Shop Training, Inc., (MSTI) is an Accredited Training Sponsor and Assessment Center as well as an NCCER endorsed site for Crane, Rigging & Signal Person.
# Training Courses

## BSC/MSTI Course Offerings

### 1002 ABC Avenue

Freeport, TX 77541

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## OSHA Course Offerings

Visit [www.uta.edu/ded](http://www.uta.edu/ded)

By University of Texas at Arlington - Offered at ABC, Freeport

1002 ABC Avenue

Freeport, TX 77541

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ABC Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament Fundraiser

Thursday, March 23, 2017
6:00 p.m. Registration & Dinner
6:45 p.m. Tournament Begins
ABC Brazos Room
1002 ABC Avenue
Freeport, TX 77541

Company Sponsorships Available!
Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated.
Please check sponsor level:

- **$150** Full House (Includes 2 entries)
- **$200** Straight Flush (Includes 4 entries)
- **$300** Royal Flush (Includes 6 entries)

**Payment Method:**
- **Mail check payable for players and/or sponsorship**
- **Invoice company for players and/or sponsorship**

Company: _______________________
Contact: _______________________
Email: ________________________
Phone: ________________________

**Entry fee:** $30 per person
Includes: $1,000 in Chips, Fajita Dinner and Beverages
Re-Buys: $20
Prizes Awarded: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

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No limit on players. Use additional form if necessary.

All reservations are considered firm unless cancelled 48 hours prior to the event. Please register online at [www.abctxgulfcoast.org](http://www.abctxgulfcoast.org) for players and/or sponsorships. Questions? Call Ruby at (979)233-0279 or email: ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org.

Join us for fun and games!
*Your support of this ABC fundraiser is appreciated!*

February 2017  www.abctxgulfcoast.org  10
28th Annual ABC Cook-Off
April 21-22, 2017

Round Up Your Teams and Enter Today!
Hosted by the ABC Public Relations Committee

Dates: Friday, April 21, 2017
6:00–9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 22, 2017
12:00–6:00 p.m.

Location: ABC Facilities
1002 ABC Avenue, Freeport, TX

Event Details: Cook-Off Competition, Kids' Cook-Off, Kids Zone Play Area, Raffle Prizes

Entry Fee: $100.00 per team
$100.00 for additional booth space
(allow your team to make another entry)

Iron Chef (Optional) entry fee is $25.00 per team.

*Payment must be made to reserve your space
(ABC Members may request invoice)

Prizes & Categories
Iron Chef: Monies from entries will be split 50/50 between the 1st Place Winner & ABC Charity Donations. This entry is excluded from the Championship Trophy, Best Overall Team.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Trophies for each category:
*Best Fajitas *Chicken *Pork Spare Ribs *Brisket

Championship Trophy: Best Overall Cook-Off Team - Winner based on total score of the four cooking categories marked with an asterisk. In case of a tie, brisket score will be used to determine the winner. In addition, winning team will be given $100.00 from ABC for entry into a Cook-off of their choice for the year 2017!

Judging & Cook-off Categories
Friday, April 21, 2017
6:30 p.m. - Iron Chef
7:30 p.m. - Best Fajitas

Saturday, April 22, 2017
12:00 p.m. - Chicken
2:00 p.m. - Pork Spare Ribs
4:00 p.m. - Brisket

Come on out ya’ll—We’ll be grillin’ & chillin’!
Your generous support of ABC Fundraisers is appreciated!
Together we are able to help those less fortunate
and make a difference in our community!

Plan to be a part of the fun, competition and goodwill within our community.
To register, or for more information, please visit our website at www.abctxgulfcoast.org/calendarofevents
PUBLIC RELATIONS

ABC Kid’s Cook-Off
Saturday, April 22, 2017
9:45 a.m. Teams Check-In

Kid’s Cook-Off Sponsors:
Polk Mechanical Company

A hamburger patty, a sesame seed bun, sign up your kids to join in the fun!

LOCATION:
ABC Facilities, 1002 ABC Avenue, Freeport
DATE: Saturday, April 22, 2017
TIME: 9:45 a.m. Teams Check-In
10:15 a.m. Chief Cooks’ Meeting
12:00 p.m. Deadline to Turn in Team Entries
Followed by Judging
ENTRY FEES: $25.00 Per Team – Limit 50

Plan to enter your junior competitors in the following age categories:

- 10 and under
- 11 – 13
- 14 – 16
1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for each age category

Must supply own grill - no gas grills allowed!

2016 Kid’s Cook-Off Rules:

1. Teams may consist of one or two children under the age of 16. Age of the oldest child will determine the Chief Cook and category: 10 and under, 11 – 13, and 14 – 16.
2. Teams will be judged on presentation and taste.
3. Children must do the cooking and presentation. Parents or guardians must assist and supervise with anything considered dangerous.
4. Chief Cooks’ Meeting on Sat., April 22, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. Hamburgers must be turned in by 12:00 p.m.
5. See items below to be provided. You may add other items you would like.
6. Entry deadline: Thursday, April 20, 2017

Have Fun!

Items that will be provided:

- Hamburger Bars
- Meat
- Cheese - 2 Slices
- Mayo & Mustard
- Entry Containers

Each team will receive one apron at check-in on April 22, 2017. Additional aprons can be purchased for $11.00 each until supply runs out (unless preordered).

Team Name (print):

Team Members Name(s)   Age   Apron:
1.  
2.  
‘One apron provided with team entry.

Yes/No

Cook Off Entry Fee:   $ 25.00
Additional Aprons @ $11.00 each:   $____

Total   $____

Cash or Credit Only – No Checks

Parent or Guardian: shall and will indemnify and hold harmless ABC, its agents, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liability claims, demands, damages, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, suits, proceedings, actions and causes of action of any and every kind and nature arising or growing out of or in any way connected with ABC’s Cook-Off. We also hereby agree to allow ABC to use any and all pictures, statements, videotapes or any other publicity related information or material for the future promotion of these similar related events or promotions.

Signature: ___________________________  Printed Name: ___________________________

Kid Zone Sponsored by Performance Party Rentals, LLC
April 21st 4-7 pm; April 22nd 10 am–4 pm!

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ABC Supplier Member Exhibitors for May Mixer Crawfish Boil

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**Super Bowl Recipe: Bacon Jalapeno Deviled Eggs**

**Ingredients:**
- 6 eggs
- 2 pieces of cooked bacon, finely chopped (leave some pieces behind for garnishing)
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon minced jalapeño (leave some pieces behind for garnishing)
- ¼ teaspoon smoked paprika
- ⅛-⅛½ teaspoon salt (depending how salty the mayo is)
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce (like Tabasco, if desired)
- Season to taste

1. Bring a large pot of water to boil. Once the water is boiling, place eggs in the water and cook for 15 minutes. Remove from water and place in a bowl of cold water to help cool.
2. While eggs cook, cook bacon in oven or on stove top. Let cool then chop into small pieces.
3. Once eggs have cooled, cut eggs in half. Scoop out the yolks, place the yolks in a bowl and smash with a fork.
4. Add in mayo and hot sauce and mix well until mixture is smooth. Then add jalapeño, bacon pieces, smoked paprika and salt and mix well.
5. Place the yolk mixture into a small ziploc plastic bag, cut off the end and squeeze mixture into egg white halves. Garnish with leftover bacon and jalapeño.
6. Chill before serving.