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JOHN KNOX

AGENDA

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RECOGNITION OF ENTREPRENEURS

DINNER

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN KNOX

CLOSING REMARKS

John is the founder and Chairman of the Board of SureTec, which has become one of the top 20 surety companies in the United States.

In the early 80's, John created Universal Surety of America (USA). Under his direction, USA became the largest surety company in Texas. In late 1997, USA merged with a national surety organization to become one of the nation's largest surety companies.

Recognized as one of the most innovative executives in the surety industry, John is past Chairman of the National Association of Independent Sureties (NAIS) and is on the Board of Directors of the Surety and Fidelity Association of America (SFAA). In addition to various surety and trade groups, he is a former member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) and an active member of the World Presidents' Organization (WPO).

John is involved with various non-profit organizations, is an active member of Chapelwood United Methodist Church and continues to focus on his mission to grow from success to significance. He is the father of three boys and makes his home in Houston, Texas.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Born and raised in Texas, Kathy launched Sun Coast Resources in 1985. With encouragement from a trusted friend, Kathy started the wholesale petroleum distributorship at just 23 years of age. Starting from humble beginnings and against great odds, Kathy's powerful entrepreneurial drive met opportunity and Sun Coast was born.

Headquartered in Houston, Sun Coast markets gasoline, diesel fuel, marine and aviation fuels, plus a complete line of lubricants. With 17 offices in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, Sun Coast currently employs about 1,300 professionals, and its sales revenue over the past several years has exceeded \$1 billion, ranking the company as one of the largest Woman-Owned Businesses in Texas, and third largest in the nation.

KATHY LEHNE



SUN COAST RESOURCES, INC.



LARRY LAWSON

ECARDIO DIAGNOSTICS

Larry Lawson, a highly successful entrepreneur, founded eCardio Diagnostics in 2004, which operates as Preventive Services. With more than 45 years of medical device industry and health care industry experience, Larry draws on his extensive market development and commercialization expertise to identify opportunities to advance arrhythmia diagnostic solutions.

As an experienced health care executive and entrepreneur, Larry was founder and CEO of Diagnostic Monitoring Associates, a national marketing and sales firm specializing in the development and delivery of cardiac services to physician practices. Larry achieved success with several early-stage medical device companies including Life Med Technologies and Futuremed Interventional.

With a career in technology and management that spans three decades, Denise Navarro has established herself as a respected business leader in the Houston/Galveston County area and within the government sector. After earning a bachelor of arts in computer information systems and a master of business administration (MBA), both from the University of Houston - Clear Lake, Navarro dedicated herself to a career supporting the federal government and commercial industries, before launching Logical Innovations and its majority owned/managed joint ventures.

Navarro was named Small Business Person of the Year in 2016 by the U.S. Small Business Administration Houston District, Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year in 2016 by NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center, Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year in 2015 by NASA Johnson Space Center and Distinguished Alumna in 2016 by College of the Mainland.

DENISE NAVARRO



LOGICAL INNOVATIONS, INC.



ALEX KHACHATRYAN

REASONING MIND



JULIA KHACHATRYAN



In 2000, Alex and Julia Khachatryan and their son, George, co-founded Reasoning Mind, a philanthropic venture using artificial intelligence technology to transform math education and spread the world's best math teaching knowledge. Reasoning Mind has created an engaging online education system, a world-class mathematics curriculum for elementary and middle grades, and a nationally acclaimed professional development program.

Julia Khachatryan oversees user experience, art, and design at Reasoning Mind, consistently producing materials unmatched in the e-learning industry. She has been the main author and product manager of Blueprint, an innovative PreK-1 math curriculum. Julia holds BS and MS in petroleum engineering from the Moscow Oil and Gas Institute. Reasoning Mind has 250 employees and in 2015-2016 alone, served 120,000 students in 520 schools.

CELEBRATION OF ENTREPRENEURS

ABOUT HTC

OUR MISSION

To enable and accelerate the growth of emerging technology companies for the purpose of creating jobs and promoting economic development in the greater Houston area.

OUR VISION

HTC is the hub for Texas Gulf Coast region's resources for building and supporting emerging technology companies.



MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE...

POSSIBLE

The Houston Technology Center (HTC) is the pre-eminent business and technology incubator and accelerator in Houston, specializing in the energy, information technology, life sciences, nanotechnology, and commercial space industries.

Since 1999, HTC with our industry sponsors and partners, have worked closely with startup companies and the entrepreneurial community to provide in-depth strategic and tactical business guidance, fundraising guidance, and connections to opportunities, customers, and capital. HTC's impact on the community speaks for itself, with over \$2.8 Billion of capital raised and more than 6,000 jobs created by HTC clients and graduates.



A native Texan, Paul Fenley holds an MS in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M. He began his career at Atec as a Support Engineer, and moving up through the ranks was named President in 2008. Paul's engine testing systems laid the groundwork for Atec successes. His efforts on Space Systems projects, and his drive to modernize facility systems and equipment, have led to continued successes with NASA, Boeing and Aerojet Rocketdyne. Paul's focus on "Planning to Win" led Atec to acquire two competitors in three years, more than doubling sales and capacity.

Paul continues to lead on new frontiers, including the 3D Additive Manufacturing initiative. His professional involvement includes the Texas A&M Aerospace Engineering Advisory Board, SAE Turbine Test Cell Standards Group and HTC Board member.

PAUL FENLEY



ATEC, INC.

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<p>Doug Erwin Ronald Farmer Andrew Gardener Blair Garrou William Goldberg David Hamilton</p>	<p>Anne Charles Mendelsohn Dr. John Mendelsohn Denise Navarro Jay Steinfeld Richard Viebig Beth Williams</p>
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PAST GALA HONOREES

2016	Ed Wulfe	2015	Tony Chase	2014	Raymond Plank
	Vijay Goradia	2013	Beth Williams	2012	Welcome Wilson, Sr.
2010	Jim McIngvale		2009	Robert C. McNair	

RECENT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEES

2016	2015
<p>ENERGY Mark Slaughter</p> <p>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY David Quackenbush & Mike Alsup</p> <p>LIFE SCIENCES Dr. Bud Frazier</p> <p>NANOTECHNOLOGY Professor Pulickel Ajayan</p>	<p>AEROSPACE Jorge & Rosi Hernandez, Miguel & Teresita Hernandez</p> <p>ENERGY The Honorable Bill White</p> <p>IT Jay Steinfeld</p> <p>LIFE SCIENCES William E Cohn, MD</p> <p>NANOTECHNOLOGY Dr. Wade Adams</p>

2014	<p>AEROSPACE Bernard Harris, MD</p> <p>IT Morrie Abramson</p> <p>LIFE SCIENCES James "Red" Duke, Jr., MD</p> <p>NANOTECHNOLOGY Robert F. Curl, MD</p>	<p>MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE... POSSIBLE</p>
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2013	2012
<p>AEROSPACE Tom Short</p> <p>ENERGY John Calaway</p> <p>IT Leland Putterman</p> <p>LIFE SCIENCES David McWilliams</p>	<p>AEROSPACE Sandy Johnson</p> <p>ENERGY William Keith Maxwell, III</p> <p>IT Robert Peebler</p> <p>LIFE SCIENCES The Honorable S. Ward Casscells, MD</p> <p>NANOTECHNOLOGY Chris Coker</p>

BEN JACKSON, EMCEE



As a 2-time international champion of magic, Ben brings a fresh and creative approach to making any event unforgettable. He has appeared on NBC's TODAY Show performing alongside David Copperfield, at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, in HOUSTON Modern Luxury magazine, and in the newly released book, Magic's Most Amazing Stories.

CELEBRATED ENTREPRENEURS

Mike Alsup
Gimmel Group

Lew Arend
McKinley Arend International

Rachelle Aspan
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Ruben Derderian
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JOHN KNOX

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