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Happy New Year, CattleWomen!

Member Meeting Notice

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Meet ZIP at 707 Ranch

JANUARY 16, 2018 AT 10:00 AM

12561 Wisdom Road, Atascosa

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED! A chuckwagon lunch will be catered by Jim Collums; please kindly reply with your reservation **by Thursday, January 12**. If bringing guests, please respond to Jan (830-591-4795, message or text) with how many; if responding for only yourself, either respond to Jan or use the online click registration below. Our luncheon will be brisket, ranch potatoes, corn and dessert of Dutch oven cobbler for \$10 per person.

Suzanne (and Ran) will not only be our host for this meeting, but our program. She is the "face of STCW" to hundreds of school children, teachers and parents every year as she shares the Good News about our industry through "Kids, Cows & BEEF." A great meeting to invite guests who need to hear about this exciting STCW's outreach to South Texas.

[Yes, I plan to attend](#)

[No, I can't make it](#)

2018

Another year to promote our industry and our product as we "ride for the brand" of South Texas CattleWomen. Our activities, philanthropy and "advocacy" are well-documented and have reached far beyond our nineteen counties. As we work to secure corporate sponsors and new partners for our fundraisers, we solicit your help and connections. Every feed bill you pay, jewelry you acquire, new truck you buy, business you frequent or equipment you purchase is a possible contact. Please do your part and ask if they will partner with us in providing the "gift of nutrition" to abused, abandoned or neglected children or our men, women and families serving in the armed services.

OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON YOU!

Legislative News

The 16th Annual Policy Orientation for the Texas Legislature will be held on February 7-9, 2018 at the Hilton Austin Hotel. This event will sell out fast—reserve your spot today. Policy Orientation is the premier gathering for all Americans interested in the future of the Lone Star State—and the country. Policy Orientation initiates conversations that matter to Texans and Americans from all walks of life. Scholars, experts, and distinguished guests explore in depth the forces shaping our world—how they affect us, and how we may influence them. You will be informed, illuminated, and inspired.

To register: <https://www.policyorientation.com/>

NCBA Statement on Final Tax-Reform Legislation

WASHINGTON (Dec. 18, 2017) – Craig Uden, president of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA), today released the following statement in response to final tax-reform legislation that is scheduled to be considered in Congress this week:

"The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act makes a number of changes to the current tax code that will benefit family ranchers and farmers, including the expansion of key provisions livestock producers rely on like cash accounting, bonus depreciation and Section 179. While it is disappointing that Congress ultimately passed up this once-in-a-generation chance to fully and permanently repeal the unfair and onerous death tax, the final bill does take a sizeable bite out of the death tax by doubling the exemption rates, and we are grateful for the lawmakers who fought so tirelessly on agriculture’s behalf. Unfortunately, in order to keep the cost of the bill within Senate budget rules, all of the positive changes affecting individuals, including the higher death tax exemption rates, are set to expire after 2025. Of course, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-generation cattle producers tend to think about things in the long-term, and in that tradition, we will continue to fight to reduce the tax burden on family ranchers in the months and years to come."

STOCK MARKET HITS NEW HIGH THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

EPA DENIES PETITION TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REGULATORY BURDENS ON ANIMAL AGRICULTURE UNDER CLEAN AIR ACT – EPA REFOCUSING ON ITS

CORE MISSION

BILLS TO WATCH DURING 2018 SESSION:

S. 33 (Improved National Monument Designation Process Act)
H.R. 848 (Farm Regulatory Certainty Act)
S. 951 (Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017)
H.R. 424 (Dealing w/gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act of 1973)
* H.R. 631 (Death Tax Repeal of 2017)
S. 565 (Judgment Transparency Act)
S. 1144 (INVEST Act of 2017)
H.R. 2887 (No Regulation Without Representation Act)
S. 1794 (Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017)
H.R. 236 (Recognizing importance of US/Japan trade ties)
H.R. 3990 (National Monument Creation and Protection Act)
H.R. 4058 (Securing All Livestock Equitability Act of 2017)
S. 2050, S. 2053, H.R. 4211 and H.R. 4210 (Amend Agricultural Act of 2014)
S. 2049, S. 2054, H.R. 4212 and H.R. 4213 (Amend Agricultural Credit Act of 1978)

REMEMBER AG FRIENDLY CANDIDATES IN MID-TERM ELECTIONS

Prayer Requests

Marjorie Murphy's family, Terry Chandler, Carolyn Wright, Debbie Walton, Louise Kerr, Norma Jeanne Wilson, Lynda Dicke, Charlotte Cassin, Gene Barr (Arlene's husband), Patty Driskill, Ruth Ann Driskill, John Barnes (Karen's husband) and Gene Barr (Arlene's husband). Please notify Jan of prayer needs and Melody Langston if cards need to be sent to any member on behalf of STCW.

Save The Dates

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

STCW at the Rodeo—10:00 am at Contestant's Hospitality Room

MAY 12, 2018

Spikes n' Spurs—[Briscoe Western Art Museum](#)

Tickets available from STCW or online at Eventbrite here:

<https://spikesnspurs2018.eventbrite.com>

Help us promote it by sharing the Facebook event on your timeline and invite your friends.

1. Go to South Texas CattleWomen Facebook page and go to 'Events' or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1788142561485448/>
2. Click on 'Invite' and then click on 'Share'. From there you will be able to post the event on your timeline.
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