



AMANDA MORENO-LAKE



VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS
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After owning properties in the Bishop Arts district, Amanda Moreno-Lake found herself in the business of redeveloping historic buildings—more recently in partnership with her husband, Jim. Her most recent success? “Acquiring one of the most beautiful buildings, the State National Bank Tower in Corsicana, built in 1926,” she says.

EDUCATION: “I do not hold a degree. I learned to do business from an early age.”

BIRTHPLACE: “Parkland Hospital in Dallas”

FIRST JOB: “I worked in a telemarketing company at age 16. I learned to work hard and to be on time and hold myself accountable.”

FAVORITE THING: “My kitchen, because I enjoy cooking for my family.”

FAVORITE TEAM: “I look at my whole familia like a sports team, since I come from a huge family.”

TOUGHEST CHALLENGE: “Being underestimated and not being taken seriously.”



AMANDA MORENO-LAKE NAMED BY D CEO AS ONE OF THE TOP 500 MOST POWERFUL BUSINESS LEADERS IN DALLAS-FORT WORTH

Amanda Moreno-Lake has been featured in D CEO’s latest edition as one of the most powerful business leaders in Dallas-Fort Worth. After a year-long research initiative done by the editors of D CEO, Amanda Moreno-Lake was chosen as one of the top 500 leaders in North Texas for her outstanding service and impact on the metroplex. The Dallas 500 honorees are hand-picked every year based on hundreds of interviews and extensive contacts in local business circles in order to celebrate the most influential business leaders in over 50 categories who make North Texas a better place. As a Fortune 500 leader in the Commercial Real Estate Development and Investment category, Amanda

“I’ve never learned how to quit at anything—I’m very stubborn. A ‘no’ always meant ‘maybe’ to me.”
- Amanda Moreno-Lake

Moreno-Lake has distinguished herself through historic redevelopments in the Bishop Arts District, Waxahachie, and now in Corsicana. From her humble beginnings growing up in West Dallas to being nicknamed the “Queen of Oak Cliff real estate,” Amanda has proven that perseverance pays off and can even land you among some of the most influential leaders. From magazine features to panel discussions and guest speaker opportunities, Amanda Moreno-Lake has covered it all. We would like to congratulate Mrs. Lake on a successful year full of achievements and look forward to seeing what 2020 has in store for her!

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BISHOP DUNNE 100 DINNER FEATURING JORGE BALDOR AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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Bishop Dunne Catholic School held their 19th Annual Bishop Dunne 100 Dinner on November 19th at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. The 100 Dinner is held every year in support of the next 100 students that the school plans to admit over the next few years by directing the proceeds to student sponsorships and tuition assistance for deserving families. This year’s keynote speaker was Jorge Baldor, founder of Mercado369 and advocate for education, social causes, art, and the Latino community as a whole. Baldor has received many awards and recognitions and is a member and founder of various organizations, including After8toEducate, an umbrella organization that addresses youth homelessness in North Texas. Jorge Baldor is also a major tenant of Jim Lake Companies with his Mercado369 locations in the Jefferson Tower and at the Bishop Arts District inside 410 Market. To read Jorge Baldor’s featured article “Dallas needs more Latino leaders in the boardroom,” visit thedallasmorningnews.com.

TENANT SPOTLIGHT



Photo Credit: Barbara Brands

REVELERS HALL BAND GAINS A LEAD SINGER AND LARGER CROWDS

Since our last entry on Bishop Arts's very own 1920's New Orleans jazz spot, the Revelers Hall Band has gained a lead singer - and he's quite the talent. Joel Wells, Jr. started as a special guest with the band and quickly gained the love of the fans with his smooth yet powerful voice. Before Revelers Hall, Joel worked at Dallas Grilled Cheese Co. in the Bishop Arts District where he quickly learned about the musical addition to the neighborhood and decided to visit for himself. Now, you can catch Joel getting lively with the band or find him behind the bar in between sets, drying off glasswear or even serving water to patrons in the crowd. The Revelers Hall Band plays every Saturday and Sunday from 2pm to 5pm at 412 N Bishop Avenue. If the old-fashioned cocktails or flatbreads don't have you returning for more, the band sure will!

THE MAYOR'S HOUSE FEATURED IN THE OAK CLIFF ADVOCATE

The Oak Cliff Advocate has given the Neighborhood Spotlight to the historic Mayor's House in its December edition. The article on the husband-and-wife duo A.J. Gilbert and Martha Madison talks about their humble beginnings and love for the Bishop Arts neighborhood. A.J. started in the restaurant business as a busboy and Madison started as a cocktail waitress, eventually crossing paths and opening their own restaurants in San Francisco, L.A., and New York. Although the opening for the Mayor's House restaurant has been delayed, Gilbert says the whole process has been easy for the couple because of Jim Lake Jr.'s involvement in the project. Mr. Lake bought the historic home in 2011 and has since added an outdoor dining patio and beautiful landscaping surrounding the site. Whether the opening day comes before the new year or by the first quarter of 2020, we'll be there to try the extraordinary food as Sergeant's guests.



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KOKIE HAVEN FEATURED ON TREY'S CHOW DOWN LIVE PODCAST

With over 5 decades of food and restaurant experience under his belt, Food Expert Trey Chapman became a positive food critic, writer, blogger, and food show host to help other foodies find the best food, drinks and chefs. Just this past November, Trey invited the sisters of Kookie Haven onto his show where they talked about their inspiring journey and their mother's influence behind it all. This family-owned bakery in the Bishop Arts District offers a variety of pastries, including their new take-home Kookie Haven batter making baking at home as easy as it gets! Kookie Haven has won over 15 awards including Best Black Owned Bakery by Dallas Observer in 2018 and Top 30 Bakeries in the U.S. by Bake Magazine in 2019. To view this episode featuring Kookie Haven and other live podcasts, visit Trey's Chow Down channel on YouTube today!



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FELLOWSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN INVITE AMANDA MORENO-LAKE AS GUEST SPEAKER

On November 12, 2019, Amanda Moreno-Lake was invited to FPW's Luncheon as their inspirational guest speaker for the month. Mrs. Lake spoke about her upbringing in a traditional Mexican American household and how her struggles and the testimony of God eventually led her to be the "Queen of Oak Cliff Real Estate" that she is today. Her emotional story brought tears to the audience as she recalled the rough winters in the 800-square-foot home that she shared with her large family of nine, being the sixth of the seven first-generation Mexican American children. At the early age of 10, Mrs. Lake began selling lollipops at her school to buy herself what her parents could not afford. By 16, she was working as a telemarketer and by 18, she was investing in real estate. Without a degree behind her name and her rough past against her, Amanda attributes her success to her faith in God knowing it is what changed her path for the better.



JIM LAKE COMPANIES CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS AT THE NETWORK BAR

Jim Lake Companies ended the year with a holiday lunch at The Network Bar which included games, awards, and amazing food! Prizes were given to Michael Rareshide, winner of the Christmas themed kahoot and to Kevin Cross, winner of the Jim Lake Companies themed quiz. Awards were given to Top Producer of the Year, Michael Rareshide; Employee of the Year, Rick Pigg; Rookie of the Year, Natalie Posas; and Rene Lopez for her 20 Years of Service with Jim Lake Companies! As we reflect on this past year, we are thankful for those who make up this wonderful organization and those who have supported us throughout the years; all of which have set the foundation for the many changes and opportunities in the works for the year 2020!



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"The Chamber's membership consists of over 500 business and professional enterprises, as well as individuals who work together to influence positive change and development of its purposes and objectives."



OAK CLIFF
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce announced its new Chairman, John C Williams, Jr., EMBA for the year 2020. Mr. Williams also works as the Senior Vice President for Williams Construction Management Group and has over 20 years of experience in marketing, sales, human resources, and resource development to offer to the Chamber and WCMG. The Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1920, making it one of the oldest chambers in the Dallas area and now reaches over 117 square miles, serving over 300,000 people. Congratulations to Mr. Williams on this great accomplishment and the future impact and development he will have on the Oak Cliff community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 31ST

Friday Night Improv Comedy
Stomping Ground Theatre
1350 Manufacturing St. #109

FEBRUARY 14TH

Art Dazzle Show
World Trade Center Dallas
2050 N Stemmons Fwy #555

FEBRUARY 15TH

The Plano Half Marathon
Oak Point Nature Preserve
5901 Los Rios Blvd

FEBRUARY 20TH

Business Success Series Waxahachie
Chamber of Commerce
102 YMCA Dr

FEBRUARY 23RD

Mardi Gras 2020 Parade
Bishop Arts District
500 N Bishop Ave

FEBRUARY 23RD

Congo Square
Revelers Hall
412 N Bishop Ave

MARCH 26TH-28TH

Food and Wine Festival
Dallas Arboretum
8525 Garland Rd

APRIL 12TH - 14TH

Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival
Downtown Ennis
101 N Main Street W



Photo Credit: Kelsey Foster

333 W Jefferson Blvd

3,028 SF Restaurant Space in the Jefferson Tower Development Project



Photo Credit: Scott Tucker

1130 Dragon St #100

6,835 SF Gallery/Showroom Space in the Dallas Design District



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324 W 7th St

3,830 SF Restaurant Space in the Bishop Arts District

WELCOME NEW TENANTS

URBAN OWL

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ROYAL JELLY

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See www.JimLakeCo.com/events for more upcoming events
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