

February 2005



NORTH HOUSTON GREENSPOINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Pacesetter**

## Epicurean Extravaganza

The North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with Sam Houston Race Park to bring you Epicurean Extravaganza 2005.

**Thursday, March 31, 2005 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Tickets to the event will grant attendees admission to the event and the Race Park. At the Extravaganza attendees will be able to sample new and traditional, delectable house specialties and thirst-quenching beverages from the area's favorite restaurants, caterers and beverage companies. During the evening there will be live racing, door prizes and other entertainment. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

### **Tickets are available now at the following locations:**

☞☞ North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce  
16825 Northchase Drive, Suite 140  
281-872-8700

☞☞ Sam Houston Race Park  
7575 N Sam Houston Pkwy West  
281-807-8750

☞☞ TGI Friday's  
12150 Greenspoint Drive  
281-875-5185

☞☞ The Greenspoint Club  
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281-875-0191



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For more information please contact the Chamber at 281-872-8700 or visit [www.nhgcc.org](http://www.nhgcc.org).

## Chamber Honors Educators

The North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce, along with Continental Vista Broadcasting Group and major sponsors Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park, InvesTex Credit Union and Southwest Bank of Texas hosted a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. This inaugural luncheon was held at Shirley Acres to recognize teachers in the Spring Independent School District who have 30 or more years of service. Approximately 100 were honored from the district.

Keynote speaker Dr. Cherry Ross Gooden is a dedicated, committed teacher with more than 40 years teaching experience— at both the elementary and university levels. She addressed both the educators and business partners with an inspirational message that applauded their cooperation for the youth of Spring ISD. In addition, she thanked the teachers for their many years of service.

The North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce supports area school districts as we partner together to develop a trained, educated workforce for the future improvement of the business climate and quality of life in North Houston. Chamber President Marilyn Bayless stated, "The luncheon is the Chamber's way to demonstrate our desire to be a partner in education with Spring ISD and to express our appreciation to the teachers who have remained dedicated professionals in the education field. We want to volunteer our efforts to help support Spring and those that have given so much of themselves to our children."

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# Message from the Chair

February is already here and things are moving right along. January came and went in a hurry and we had a good Chamber month. And February looks to be just as productive. The luncheon at Shirley Acres honoring the Spring ISD teachers was a huge success. It was well attended, the food was outstanding, the speaker was marvelous and we have had quite a few encouraging phone calls and conversations concerning the event.

Our committees are active and already quite productive. I have had the privilege of visiting some of the meetings and have been impressed with the composition of the committees and the progress they are making. There is still time to get involved with a committee, if you haven't already done so.

Marilyn and I have a goal of dropping in to see every Chamber member this year to say hello and to make sure that the Chamber is meeting our mission and your expectations. So far, this has been successful, Marilyn and I have enjoyed meeting with you and you have received us graciously. In addition to our "drop-ins" you will be getting "Chamber Buddy" contacts from our Ambassadors and Board members to keep you informed of what's going on in our community.

The Chamber directory of membership is being assembled and will be in circulation in a couple of months. There is still time to get your ad in; just give Nicole a call and she will take care of it for you. This publication gives you a chance to do business with other Chamber members and serves as your yellow pages.

Enjoy your Chamber and I'll see you at the next Chamber event.



Ray Shotwell  
Chair of the Board  
Brookside Funeral Homes &  
Memorial Park

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Shotwell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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## Thank you January Renewing Members!

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Northeast YMCA of Greater Houston  
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### Workforce/Education Committee Busy Fulfilling Committee Goals *by Rita Maldonado*

Three of the core goals of the Workforce/Education Committee are 1. Work to foster and build upon cooperative relationships between our area school districts Aldine, North Forest and Spring; 2. Help bring together businesses with the school districts to provide job shadowing and mentoring opportunities; 3. Educate & recruit the workforce of the North Houston Greenspoint area.

This past August we hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Aldine ISD "*New Teacher Welcome Luncheon*", providing recognition to over 425 new teachers. The committee also hosted the first North Forest ISD "*New Teacher Welcome Breakfast*" providing recognition to 15 new teachers. Both events were a great success and we are looking forward to planning and hosting events this year!

*We would like to personally give a "SPECIAL THANKS"* to highly acclaimed motivational speakers Mike Jones, Discover Leadership Training who spoke at the Aldine ISD event and Dr. Bennie Lambert, North Harris College who spoke at the North Forest ISD event.

In addition, the committee also hosted the Spring ISD "*Teacher Recognition Luncheon*" where teachers with 30 or more years of service were recognized. Thanks to the astonishing speaker, *Dr. Cherry Gooden of Texas Southern University!*

Be sure to watch your Chamber updates for committee hosted Brown Bag Seminars. The committee works hard on planning these events to bring quality, educational seminars that you and your staff can attend during your lunch break, at no charge to members.

As Chair of the Workforce/Education Committee, I would like to **thank** each and every committee member for providing their time and efforts towards the committee's activities!

If you are interested in joining the Workforce/Education Committee, please contact Rita S. Maldonado, (281) 260-2950 ext. 265. The committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m., at Bennigan's, 222 N Sam Houston Pkwy East.

But, be aware of the true meaning of this committee. You must have the following ingredients:

**Energy** – you must have *the energy* to work towards our committee goals

**Desire** – you must have *the desire* and the drive to put forth our vision

**Unity** – you must be able to *work together as a team*

**Care** – you must have the *care and concern for the community*, as well as the Chamber

**Attitude** – you must maintain a *"positive" attitude* at all times

**Time** – you must give a *little of your time* and yourself

**Excited** – you must be *excited about the committee* and *encourage others* to join the Chamber!

Rita S. Maldonado

**NHGCC Board Member**

Chair Workforce/Education Committee

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## February Calendar of Events

- 15 Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 a.m.**, The Greenspoint Club, 16925 Northchase Dr
- 16 Public Safety Committee Meeting, 7:30 am**, Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120
- 16 Ribbon Cutting, Texas International Engineering Consultants, 4:00 pm**  
480 N Sam Houston Pkwy E, Suite 270
- 17 Ribbon Cutting/Open House, AmeriTrust Title Company, 12 noon**  
444 Benmar Drive, Suite 1240
- 21 Chamber Office Closed for Staff Training**
- 22 Ambassador Committee Meeting, 9:00 am** Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120
- 22 Economic Development Committee Meeting, 12 noon**, Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120
- 24 Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification Committee, 7:30 am** Chamber Conference Room, Ste 120
- 24 Workforce/Education Committee Meeting, 11:30 am**, Bennigan's, 222 N Sam Houston Pkwy E
- 24 Business After Hours, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm**, DeVry University, 11125 Equity Drive
- 28 Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m.** Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120

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## Recap of Lobby Trip

Alliance of North Houston Chambers of Commerce (ANHOC) is an association that is comprised of seven regional organizations. On February 1st the group completed its bi-annual lobbying trip to the capital in Austin to meet with state legislators. Our Chamber had five representatives attending. ANHOC delegates were welcomed to Austin by Senator Jon Lindsay and Representative Joe Crabb. Senator Lindsay also recognized the group on Senate Floor. Presentations were made to the group by Justin Yancy, Executive Director of the Governor's Business Council, State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, and Lucinda Saxon, Texas Association of Business.

The group delivered information to the state decision-makers. ANHOC went to Austin with three resolutions to present: Workman's Compensation Reform; Funding for Community Colleges; and Ordinance-making Powers for area County Commissioners. In addition, the group presented a letter asking the legislature to make Education Funding in the State the number one priority of the session. Delegates also received letters highlighting our Chamber's support for continued funding of the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP). If you are interested in learning more about these items consider attending a Legislative Committee meeting. The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 8:30 am in the Chamber Conference Room.

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Legislative Committee

Thursday, March 10th

8:30 am

Chamber Conference Room,  
Suite 120

## Are You Serious About Networking?

Want to meet a lot of people in a short period of time?

Please join us in March for our next Networking Breakfast.

We are now using a” **Speed Networking Format**”, and those who attended February’s meeting where able to introduce themselves to over thirty people!

Committee Chair Angila Ervin is, “**Mixing it up!**”

The new format allows you to form new relationships and ask questions to our members and guests. Bring your Business Cards and your sixty- second commercial and network your heart out! Bring a guest and be put in a drawing for a wonderful prize.

**March 9th, 7:30 am Hotel Sofitel Houston, 425 N Sam Houston Pkwy E; \$15 w/RSVP  
RSVP to Rachael 281-872-8700 or rachael@nhgcc.org by noon on March 8th.**

**The North Harris Montgomery County College District will host the  
Community Development Institute  
at their Training & Development Center in The Woodlands, Feb. 28-Mar. 4  
The Chamber will award two fully paid scholarships to 2 members.**

**The Institute is a 5-day training session designed for community officials and volunteers who work with governments, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, utility companies, and community social services. The total program requires 3-one week sessions over the next three years to receive the CDI certification.**

**If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships or in learning more about CDI please contact Nicole Dukehart at the Chamber office immediately, 281-872-8700 or nicole@nhgcc.org.**

## **Meet your fellow members while making an impact! Committee Service—good for you & your community!!**

- † **Ambassadors**
- † **Economic Development**
- † **Legislative**
- † **Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification**
- † **NHG Broadcasting**
- † **Programs**
- † **Public Safety Preparedness**
- † **Transportation**
- † **Workforce/Education**
- Task Force Committees**
  - † **Casino Night**
  - † **Epicurean Extravaganza**
  - † **Golf Tournament**
  - † **Annual Gala**

To learn more about the work of each committee visit the Chamber’s website for a full description of each committee. To sign up to be on one of these committees, just call the Chamber office and ask to have your name added to the committee’s roster.  
281 872-8700  
www.nhgcc.org

## Local School Districts needs Career Day Volunteers

North Forest ISD a Chairman's Circle member of the North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce is looking for 40 volunteers to present at Career Day at two of their Middle schools on March 5. The schools are R. E. Kirby and B.C. Elmore, both in Northeast Houston. Volunteers will be asked to arrive around 8:30, make a 20 minute presentation to 3 separate groups of students, and will conclude with lunch at 11:30.

Presentations should include an overview of what your job is, what education is necessary for your position, how you came to work in your field, what a typical starting salary for your position would be, and what a typical day at work includes for you. Time should be left for questions at the end.

North Forest is looking for a wide array of jobs and not just professional level. Consider allowing your employees time off from work to make these presentations. Everything from warehouse workers to accounts payable clerks to chefs to hospitality industry workers, to sales to engineers is wanted.

Please reply by email with the volunteer name, company name, job position, telephone and email contact information if you are willing to volunteer.

Thank you for your service to our community.

## March Luncheon

### Jan Hargrave

As a professional speaker and author, Jan Hargrave applies her amazing skills to show you how to take advantage of the vast world of nonverbal communication. She has been a popular guest on television talk shows. The Cajun French, Ms. Hargrave earned degrees in Business/Psychology, and is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston. She is presently the CEO of Jan Hargrave and Associates, a consulting firm, and continues to provide many of today's leading corporations with seminars and specialized training.

Thursday, March 3, 2005

Networking/Registration 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

11:45 a.m. promptly—Luncheon & Program

Holiday Inn

15222 JFK Blvd, Houston, TX 77032

\$25 per member with a reservation

\$30 for walk-ins and non-members

Reserve your seat no later than 10:00 am on March 2<sup>nd</sup>

281 872-8700 or email rachael@nhgcc.org

#### Door Prize Donation Form

Fax completed form to 281-872-8095

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring my gift to the event.

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Description:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE: Minimum value of \$25 required for luncheons**

# February Business After Hours

Hosted by

## DeVry University

11125 Equity Drive  
Houston, TX 77041

Thursday, February 24  
4:30 – 7:00 PM

RSVP by 2-22-05 to [rachael@nhgcc.org](mailto:rachael@nhgcc.org) or call 281-872-8700.

**Food Drink Door Prizes Networking**

Directions: From Greenspoint take Beltway 8 West for 14.6 miles to the Clay Road/Kempwood Drive exit. This exit is West of Hwy 290 before I-10. Make a U turn, coming back East on the feeder road. DeVry University is on the right facing Beltway 8.

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**Ribbon Cutting**  
**February 16th, 4:00 pm**  
**Texas International**  
**Engineering Consultants**  
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**Ribbon Cutting/Open House**  
**February 17th, 12 noon**  
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## Name Badges

Name badges are now available for all chamber members!

Badges are \$ 15 and have a magnetic backing.

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