

January 2005



NORTH HOUSTON GREENSPOINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Pacesetter

Annual Awards Banquet & Installation Ceremony

North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce recently held their annual Awards Banquet and Installation Ceremony Luncheon at the Houston Marriott North at Greenspoint on Thursday, January 13, 2005.

The Awards Banquet is the annual meeting of the general membership and is held to recognize the many volunteers in the Chamber and community who have proved to be leaders and are working to make a difference. Westfield High School JROTC presented the colors and then retiring Chair, Erv Baumeier, Ross & Baruzzini, began the banquet by introducing Jerry Lowry, Greater Greenspoint District, who gave the invocation. The event sponsors North Harris College and CityView Apartments/Lincoln Property Company were recognized. In addition to the event sponsors, Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park; Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group; CenterPoint Energy; Greater Greenspoint District; Hines; Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation; and Ross & Baruzzini all sponsored tables at the event.

Chamber President Marilyn Bayless and Ray Laugher, North Harris Montgomery Community College District, with the help of Erv Baumeier, presented retiring directors Harry J. Brooks, Partners Bank of Texas, Ann Franklin, State Farm Insurance Agency, Jay Kinch, Halliburton, Charles Lopez, Swift Energy, and John Ridgway, CityView Apartments/Lincoln Property Company with a plaque for their commitment, hard work and dedication to the Chamber. Then awards were presented to Committee Chairs, Event Chairs, Major Event Sponsors and Special Recognition Awards.



2004 Chair, Erv Baumeier (l) passing the gavel to 2005 Chair, Ray Shotwell

Following the awards ceremony, retiring Chair Erv Baumeier gave a message thanking Chamber volunteers for their hard work and encouraged them to continue supporting the Chamber in the new year. The Oath of Office was then administered to the 2005 Board of Directors by founding Chamber member, Leland Jauer. The events of the afternoon ended with outgoing Chair Erv Baumeier passing the gavel to incoming Chair Ray Shotwell. Mr. Shotwell's acceptance speech highlighted his desires for the Chamber in 2005 and encourage all to continue with their involvement and to "Be A Good Neighbor."



Casino night
 Friday,
 February 25, 2005
 The Greenspoint club
 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS
\$50

Sponsorship opportunities available

2005 Board of Directors

Chair of the Board

Ray Shotwell
Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park

Past Chair

Erv Baumeier
Ross & Baruzzini

Chair Elect

Jerry Lowry
Greater Greenspoint District

Secretary

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Magoo's PrintShop

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Seth Sharr

Community & Governmental Relations

Rick Schissler
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Marketing & Promotions

Bill Ginder
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group

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Jill Boullion
Boullion Graphics

Directors

Clark Austin, Austin & Associates
Jerod Becton, The Greenspoint Club
Terry Burge, The Leader Newspapers
Rosemary Buske, Contact Promotions
Sherran Domesick, Sam Houston Race Park
Ken Harris, Harris & Associates
Nadine Kujawa, Aldine ISD
Ray Laughter, NHMCCD
Rita Maldonado, The WorkSource
Dana Podsednik, Hydril
Bill Townsend, North Houston Bank
Kristen Wells, Hines
Ralph Wheeler, Aldine Greenspoint YMCA
Bill White, Parsons
Bret Wieman, TGI Friday's

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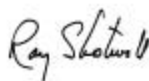
Regina Curry, Spring ISD
Dr. David Sam, North Harris College
Dr. James Simpson, North Forest ISD
Ben Wilson, Aldine ISD

Message from the Chair

Ready, Set, Let's start a new year! First, I would like to say thanks for a wonderful installation banquet. Congratulations to all the recipients of Chamber recognition awards at the annual Awards Banquet. They were all well deserved and I must mention that you all make the Chamber look good by your efforts year in year out!

We have a great year ahead of us. Our committees are in place and are actively pursuing their goals. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees, please do yourself a favor and get involved. You will learn that your association with our Chamber will develop unparalleled long-term relationships.

Our "Be A Good Neighbor" emphasis is exactly that. Good neighbor business practices attract good business now, and down the road. It is something you have, no doubt, been practicing for years; we just thought we would emphasize what you have been doing to make the community what it is. Thanks for the confidence you have placed in me to be your Chair for this Chamber year. I look forward to serving you and working with you all year long.



Ray Shotwell
Chair of the Board

January/February Calendar of Events

January

- 18 **Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 a.m.**, The Greenspoint Club
19 Networking Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Hotel Sofitel
24 Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
25 Ambassador Committee Meeting, 9:00 am
25 Economic Development Committee Meeting, 12 noon,
25 Casino Night Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
26 Brown Bag Seminar, 11:30 a.m. *Taking Education to Work*, North Harris College—Parkway Center
27 Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification Committee, 7:30 am
28 Workforce/Education Committee Meeting, 2:00 pm

February

- 1 New Member Orientation, 9:00 a.m.
7 Spring ISD Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Shirley Acres
9 Networking Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Hotel Sofitel

Congratulations to our Award Winners!!!

Retiring Directors

Harry J. Brooks, Partners Bank of Texas
Ann Franklin, State Farm Insurance Agency
Jay Kinch, Halliburton
Charles Lopez, Swift Energy
John Ridgway, CityView Apartments

Pinnacle Awards

Erv Baumeyer, Ross & Baruzzini
Terry Burge, The Leader Newspapers
Jerod Becton, The Greenspoint Club
Henry Vogel; EFG Insurance Agency
Marilyn Sander, Proaction Careers

Committee of the Year

Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification

Ambassador of the Year – Rosemary Buske, Contact Promotions

Business Partner Award - North Harris College

Economic Development Partner Award – Aldine Improvement District

Education Award – Aldine Scholarship Foundation

Humanitarian Award – Bill Ginder, Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group

Youth Outreach Award – Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA

Volunteers of the Year Award - Betty & Ken Harris

Gold Star Awards

Greater Greenspoint District
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corp.
Smith International, Inc.

Company of the Year

Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group

Citizen of the Year

Ray Shotwell,
Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park

Shining Stars

Jill Boullion, Boullion Graphics
Bret Wieman, TGI Friday's

Taking Education to Work *Brown Bag Seminar*

Partnerships have become a buzzword and key strategy in today's business climate, as both the private and public sectors find creative ways to meet their goals and objectives.

One such an initiative is Taking Education to Work (TEW). TEW is a coalition of business and education partners working together to improve the employability and work skills of students and teachers through workplace experiential learning. The mission is to better prepare students to join the workforce, enable teachers to better understand how to apply curriculum to the world of work, & foster stronger education/business relationships. TEW partners currently include the Spring, Aldine, Cy-Fair, Klein and Humble Independent School Districts, the North Harris Montgomery Community College District, area chambers of commerce and more than 25 Houston area businesses.

TEW embodies the partnership ideal in which the collaborative advantage is realized by all participants and the organization is both driven and sustained by its partners. Businesses communicate workforce needs and expectations directly to potential employees, as well as to educators to influence curriculum and therefore student employability. Conversely, educators are given direct relevant information that contributes to the success of their students.

Business and education partnerships, highlighting TEW, will be the topic of January's Brown Bag Seminar on January 26 at 11:30 am. You will learn about the effectiveness of economic development partnerships involving the private sector and education with tips on how to develop such partnerships and improve their performance. This seminar will take place at the North Harris College – Parkway Center Room 305. The cost is free to members and \$15 for non-members and lunch will be provided for this event. Call the Chamber to RSVP 281-872-8700.

Networking Breakfasts

The Networking Breakfasts will be taking on a new look and feel in 2005. Incoming breakfast chair, Angela Ervin wants to shake things up a bit! Next Wednesday, January 19th will be the first breakfast for Angela to facilitate. She is planning a new format for January. Breakfast will be served promptly at 7:30. Then at 8:00 am we will go into some one-on-one speed networking; ensuring you the opportunity to exchange information with at least 20 new people and to learn a little something about them and they about you.

To get the base price of \$ 15 per person, reservations are required no later than Tuesday, the 18th at noon. Walk-ins are welcomed, but without a reservation by Tuesday at noon the price is \$20. So reserve your spot and come see what all the talk is about!



Chamber members at Networking Breakfast

What: North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast

When: Wednesday, January 19, 2005 7:30 am

Where: Hotel Sofitel, at the NE corner of Beltway 8 & Imperial Valley

Cost: \$ 15 with RSVP, \$ 20 without RSVP & non-members

How: Call the Chamber office 281-872-8700; Fax 281-872-8095; Email rachael@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 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 a.m., make a 20 minute presentation to 3 separate groups of students, and will conclude with lunch at 11:30 a.m..

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

Please contact the Chamber 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. Call 281-872-8700; Fax 281-872-8095 or email mbayless@nhgcc.org.

Lobby Trip

Alliance of North Houston Chambers of Commerce (ANHOC) is gearing up for the **Lobbying Trip** to Austin. Representatives from the 7 member chambers will travel Tuesday, February 1st. Buses will depart 6:30 am promptly from Willowbrook Mall parking lot and will return by 6:30 pm on Tuesday. "Texas Legislature & Lobbying 101" will be presented by Nancy Kral, Tomball College as the group rides to Austin. Once in Austin, the delegation's schedule is:

Coffee & Conversation with Senator Jon Lindsay

Visit assigned legislators

Present ANHOC resolutions

Lunch with our local legislators

Meeting with Carole Keeton Strayhorn (invited) or other dignitary

Call the Chamber office at 281-872-8700 by Wednesday, January 19th to RSVP. \$67.50 full day/ \$37.50 lunch only.

Free HR Seminar for Chamber Members

The incidence of workplace harassment charges filed with the EEOC has more than doubled in the last decade, and today the average jury award is over \$1 million! One judgment could put you out of business. Do you have the proper policies in place to protect your employees *and* your business?

Reduce the risk to your business by learning how to detect, resolve and, most importantly, prevent discrimination and harassment in the workplace.

In this interactive seminar presented by Gevity and Littler Mendelson, we'll:

- § Define the different types of discrimination and harassment.
- § Show you how to identify discrimination and harassment.
- § Review steps to take when you or your managers observe harassment.
- § Provide anti-discrimination policy best practices.

**Tuesday, January 25
Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel
12400 Greenspoint Drive
Houston, TX 77060**

**Seats are limited.
Register today at
www.gevityhr.com/businessedge.com**

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North Houston Greenspoint
Chamber of Commerce.**

Aldine ISD State of the District

Aldine ISD extends an invitation to the business leaders and taxpayers of the district to attend a breakfast on

**Friday, January 21st, 7:30 am
Sheraton—15700 JFK Blvd.
No cost to attend.**

An important goal of this event is to clearly communicate how tax revenue your company generates is used by the school district to educate its 56,000 students. Aldine would like a representative from every company in the district.

To attend, RSVP by Monday to 713 756-7855 and leave a recorded message spelling the name and company of the attendee. Nametags will be made for all attendees.

What a Deal!!

Avoid the hassle of check-in lines and save money too!

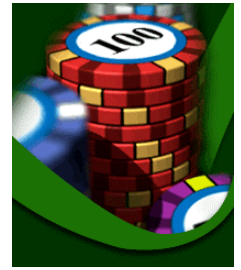
**Monthly Networking Breakfasts
10 breakfast tickets for the price of 9**

\$135 for a \$150 value – 10% discount

**Monthly Chamber Luncheons
8 lunch tickets for the price of 7**

\$175 for a \$200 value – 12.5% discount

This offer is only available through January 31, 2005, when payment must be received in full. Tickets are valid through December 31, 2005. For you or your guests. Use all in one month or one per month. Reservations are still required.



Casino Night

Friday, February 25, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
The Greenspoint Club

Marquee Sponsor

\$1,500

- ?? 8 Tickets with Playing Chips
- ?? 8 Buffet Dinners
- ?? Company promotional items as giveaways at Event (if provided)
 - ?? Company name listed on all Event Marketing material
- ?? Recognition at Chamber events where Casino Night is promoted
 - ?? Recognition at Annual Awards Banquet as Major Sponsor
 - ?? Company name listed on Chamber's Website



Craps Table Sponsor

\$1,000

- ?? 6 Tickets with Playing Chips
- ?? 6 Buffet Dinners
- ?? Company promotional items as giveaways at Event (if provided)
- ?? Recognition at Chamber events where Casino Night is promoted
- ?? Recognition at Annual Awards Banquet as Major Sponsor

Roulette Table Sponsor

or

Black Jack Table Sponsor

\$500

- ?? 4 Tickets with Playing Chips
- ?? 4 Buffet Dinners
- ?? Company promotional items as giveaways at Event (if provided)
- ?? Recognition at Chamber events where Casino Night is promoted

Individual Ticket

\$50

- ?? 1 Ticket with Playing Chips
- ?? 1 Buffet Dinner

110% Club Members

Ajilon Finance
Ameritrust Title Company
Boring Specialties, Inc
EFG Insurance Agency, Inc.
IBC Innovative Business Consultants, Inc.
Spherion Staffing Group
TGI Friday's
as of 12/31/04

Allstate Insurance/ The Lipton Agency
Assist the Officer
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group
Greater Greenspoint District
Redstone Golf Club
Stevens, Pilkington & Company, PC
The WorkSource – Greenspoint

Thank you for your support!

December Renewing Members—Thank You!

Allstate Insurance/ The Lipton Agency
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group
Carter Burgess Ervin Solutions
Freeman Decorating Company

December New Member:
Mail Processing Houston

Shell Oil Products US
Spring ISD
State Farm Insurance Agency

Kingwood Personnel Northwest Assistance Ministries PM Realty Group
Texas World Wide Insurance Agency

Chairman's Circle

Diamond Level

Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park
Gallery Furniture
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation

Gold Level

Aldine Improvement District
American Bureau of Shipping
Klein Funeral Homes & Memorial Parks

Silver Level

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The Bair Law Firm
The Barbosa Group, Inc.
Boring Specialties, Inc.
CA One Services, Inc.
Caldwell Watson Real Estate
CenterPoint Energy
CRI International, Inc.
DeMontrond Automotive Group
Exxon/Mobil Production
FMC Technologies, Inc.
gevity hr
GrantPrideco, Inc.
Greater Greenspoint District
The Greenspoint Club
Greenspoint Mall
Halliburton Energy Services
Hines
Hotel Sofitel Houston
Houston First Insurance Associates
Hydril
Landmark Chevrolet
Lone Star Ford
Montgomery & Associates

Moran-Gulf Shipping Agencies
North Forest ISD
North Harris College
North Houston Bank
Northeast Medical Center Hospital
Northline Mall
Northside Lexus
O'Donnell, Ferebee & McGonigal PC
Office Systems of Texas, Inc.
OMNIBANK
Partners Bank of Texas
Peacock Building Services
Ross & Baruzzini
Same Day Signs
SETEC Protection Service
Shell Oil Products USA
Smith International, Inc.
Southwest Bank of Texas
Sterling Bank
Swift Energy
Total Petrochemicals, USA
Triumph Hospital North Houston
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stimulates business development
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