



THE NAVIGATOR

Chamber to Honor Top High School Seniors With Luncheon by Dr. Charles Grant, President & CEO

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce, like all chambers, is an organization that promotes business development and quality of life in the North Channel Area. Our chamber, however, also places great emphasis on another important area-education!

Perhaps it's because our first Chairman of the Board was an educator. Some of you may remember Dr. Ed Lehr who was a public school teacher, college instructor, and served as the first president of San Jacinto Col-

lege North. Or, perhaps it is because the former president of the chamber, Mr. Wayne Oquin, served on the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees for many years. But, the reason could be that our area business and industry leaders understand that an educated workforce is in their best interest and help their bottom line.

Our 2012 board consist of several educators. Dr. Vickey Giles, Superintendent of Sheldon ISD, is our Board Chair. Mr. Greg Ollis, Superintendent of Channelview ISD is currently serving as First Vice-Chair. Other members of the board who are educators are: Mr. John Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Op-

erations for Galena Park ISD, Dr. Allatia Harris, President of San Jacinto College North, and Dr. Shirley Ellis, Head of School, at Holy Trinity Episcopal School. As you can see, the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce has always, and continues to be influenced by educational leaders.

The Senior Honor Luncheon, which recognizes the top 5% of the graduating seniors in our local high schools, will be Friday, May 11, 2012 in the Monument Room at San Jacinto College North. The speaker will be Mr. David Brady, Vice President of Advancement and Chief Marketing Officer for the Houston

Zoo. David is a graduate of Channelview High School and Sam Houston State University. Currently he serves on the Board of Directors as President for the Channelview Education Foundation. He is also currently the stadium voice (P.A. Announcer) of the Houston Texans and serves as the play by play announcer for Rice University Baseball.

If you are interested in sponsoring one or more of our top graduates, please contact the chamber office at 713-450-3600. The sponsorship is \$15 per student. If received prior to May 1st, your name and company will be listed in the program as a sponsor.

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APRIL LUNCHEON

Judge Don Coffey, Precinct 3, Place 2 (right) spoke at the Chamber's April luncheon. He explained the structure and function of the JP courts. Precinct 3 is the second largest precinct in the nation.

Judge Coffey said, "My passion is making kids understand the importance of good attendance. Ninety-five of life is just showing up. I have the best job in the world."



2012 Board of Directors

Dr. Vickey Giles– Chairman
Sheldon ISD

Wilfred Broussard Jr.— Chairman Elect
Broussard's Real Estate

Greg Ollis—1st Vice Chairman
Channelview ISD

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Bob Bartel, Individual
Don Bobo, CenterPoint Energy
Ryan Dagley, Individual
Shalonda Dawkins, United Community Credit Un.
Dr. Shirley Ellisor, Holy Trinity Episcopal School
Pedro Garcia, Port of Houston Authority
Ramon Garza, Farmers Insurance
Abraham George, Sheldon ISD
Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College N.
Dawn Harris, Harris County Precinct 2
June Harris, Halo Branded Solutions
Dear Hofmann, LyondellBasell
David Hopkins, Life Member
Carrie Hulsey, Texas Bay Area Credit Union
Jennifer Johnson, United Community Credit Un.
Dale Jones, Sterling Wood Church
Erika Koehler, Wendel D. Ley Y
Terry Loving, Advantage Howard Glendale
Adam Lund, Woodforest National Bank
Kim Marak, Arkema, Inc.
Edward Miller, Edward Miller Appraisal Svs.
John Moore, Galena Park ISD
Larry Pfeifer, Sheldon ISD
Mike Roussos, East Houston Regional Med. Center
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Mike Williams, Edward Jones

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MARCH NEW MEMBERS

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Ronald Douglas
Restaurants

Uvalde Baptist Church
901 Uvalde
Houston, TX 77015
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Joey Galloway

OUR MEMBERS

Our chamber thrives on membership. Help us out with the names of new businesses opening in our area.

You show your support for the North Channel community when you purchase goods or services from businesses that display the chamber membership decal.

When in doubt, contact the chamber office for a list of businesses at 713-450-3600 or go online to www.northchannelarea.com

Still caring...by renewing their membership

A special thank you to the following members who have shown their dedicated support of the Chamber and the community by renewing their membership investment.

11–31 Years

San Jacinto College North	31 years-
Albright & Lumpkin, P.C.	26 years
Westwind Properties	25 years
LyondellBasell	24 years
Fred Saunders	24 years
Atrium 20 Tower, L.P.	23 years
Texas Bay Area Credit Union	19 years
East Loop Chiropractic Clinic	18 years
Brooks and Sparks	16 years
Vikas Chaphekar	16 years
Ed Warken	15 years
Dr. Angi Williams	14 years
North Channel LEPC	12 years
Stolt-Nielsen Transportation	11 years
DeFoyd & Associates, P.C.	11 years
Broussard's Real Estate Inv.	11 years
City of Galena Park	11 years
Transmatic	11 years

6-10 Years

Bates Custom & Collision	9 years
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Optim Energy, LLC	9 years
United Community Credit Union	9 years
Ken Wallace	9 years
State Senator Mario Gallegos	9 years
State Rep. Ana Hernandez Luna	6 years
Atlas Truck Sales	6 years
Tutor Security, Inc.	6 years
Dr. B. J. Westbrook	6 years

1-5 Years

GPISD Student Nutrition	5 years
TapcoEnpro International	5 years
The Honorable DonCoffey	3 years
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition	3 years
Bill Palko	3 years
Uribe Steel	3 years
Everitt Industrial	3 years
Boatman Floors	3 years
Heights Builders	2 years
Genan, Inc.	1 year
Automated Valve and Control	1 year



PORT BRIEFS

Houston Contingent Speaks of Port's Needs on Washington Trip



Port of Houston Authority representatives led by Port Commission Chairman James T. Edmonds, visited Washington D. C. February 6-9. They discussed the economic impact of the Port of Houston on the national economy as well as critical port needs, including Houston Ship Channel dredging and port security grants, with members of the U.S. Congress and other key federal officials.

A group of industry stakeholders traveled with the Port Authority to Washington meet-

ing with key members of Congress beyond the Houston area to communicate the importance of the Port of Houston to the nation and gain additional support for key legislation. The group included representatives of the Greater Houston Port Bureau, West Gulf Maritime Association, the International Liquid Terminal Association and Houston Pilots.

Much of the trip focused on building support for legislation pending in Congress related to funding challenges facing the

Houston Ship Channel and ports nationwide. The Realize America's Maritime Promise, or RAMP Act, would ensure that the funds collected by the federal government through the Harbor Maintenance Tax would be used for their intended purpose—dredging and maintaining the nation's waterways.

(Taken from the FEB/MARCH 2012 PORT REPORT)

Please join the Chamber and adopt the slogan "Increase Support for an Expanded Port!"

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 28
Healthy Kids Day @ Wendel D. Ley Y

Friday, May 4
Monthly Luncheon
11:30 am @ SJCN Student Center,
Monument Room, 5800 Uvalde
Speaker—Mike VanDerSnick, plant
manager of LyondellBasell

Friday, May 4-5
North Channel Relay For Life

Tuesday, May 8
Ambassador Breakfast
8 am @ location TBD

Friday, May 11
Senior Honors Luncheon

Tuesday, May 15
Board of Directors
11:30 am @ San Jacinto College N.

Saturday, May 19
North Shore Rotary Club's Annual
Catfish Fry/Crawfish Boil @ the Rotary
Pavilion

Monday, June 18
Chamber Golf Tournament
Tour 18, 8 am

CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTINGS



Bibo's Cafe



Firestone



*Pictured top right—Bibo's Café, 6830
E. Sam Houston Pkwy. N. #180,
77049.*

*Pictured center right—Firestone Complete Auto Care, 13714 I-10 East
Frwy., 77015.*

*Pictured bottom right—Little Caesars,
15634 Wallsville, Suite 600, 77049.*