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## The Chamber's 2012 Leadership by Dr. Charles Grant, President & CEO

Dr. Vickey Giles, Superintendent of Sheldon ISD, was sworn in as Chairman of the Board for the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the 35th Annual Awards Banquet. The Honorable Harold Dutton, Jr. performed the ceremony. Additionally, other officers and directors took the oath that evening pledging to "promote business and quality of life in the North Channel Area."

Outgoing Chairman, Matt Davis, thanked all the volunteer leaders for their support of Chamber activities and events during 2011. He also handed out several awards. Please see below for a complete listing of the awards. In his closing remarks, Matt stat-

ed that "Serving as Chairman was a personal honor. However, the success of the Chamber has always been and will continue to be a collective effort."

Dr. Giles, in her acceptance speech said, "While I expect this year to be challenging, I am excited about the possibilities and look forward to building on the efforts of Matt Davis and the 2011 Chamber Board. I ask for your support to ensure a successful 2012." She also asked the audience that if they were not members of the Chamber to "join as an individual, company or elected official."

Dr. Giles has served as Superintendent of Sheldon ISD since 2007. She has also served Sheldon ISD as Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and C. E. King High School Dean of Instruction. Before coming to Sheldon, she was an administrator and teacher in Crosby ISD. Under Dr. Giles' leadership,

Sheldon ISD has had the distinction of being the second fastest growing district (percentage-wise) in the Greater Houston area with an annual growth rate of around four percent. In addition, Sheldon ISD was acknowledged by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in 2010 as a Texas Recognized District. In 2011, TEA notified the district that three campuses were recognized. Other highlights under Dr. Giles' tenure as superintendent include a building program with the completion and opening of Sheldon Early Childhood Academy, H. M. Carroll Elementary School, and Michael R. Null Middle School, all in 2009. In 2011, Garrett Elementary School, the Sheldon ISD Transportation and Maintenance Facility, and the Network Operations Center were completed and opened.

Vickey was awarded a Doctor of Education (Ed. D.) degree from the Univer-

sity of Houston in 2005, with a major in Curriculum & Instruction. She holds a Masters of Education (M. Ed.) degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Houston -Clear Lake, and an Associate of Arts degree from Lee College. Among the awards and honors that she is most proud of are being named the Texas Music Educators Distinguished Administrator in 2011 and also being the featured Superintendent of Region 4 Educational Service Center's Alternative Certification Program website.

Dr. Giles will lead the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce this year with the help of the Officers, Board of Directors, Ambassadors and Chamber staff. For a complete list of these dedicated servant leaders, please see page 2.

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### AWARDS—see pictures on pages 4-6

Business/Organization of the Year — Woodforest National Bank and North Shore Rotary Club

Ambassador of the Year—Lucia Bates

Board Member of the Year—Kimberly Gonzalez

Committee Member of the Year—Shalonda Dawkins

Great Seals - Bill Chote, Marlene Clowers, Crocket Dubose and Wayne Oquin

## 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

**Kimberly Gonzalez— Secretary,**  
Platinum Copier Solutions

**Bill Palko —Treasurer,**  
Amegy Bank

**Matt Davis – Immediate Past Chair,**  
CommunityBank of Texas

Alice Adams, East Houston Regional Med. Center  
Bob Bartel, Individual  
Don Bobo, CenterPoint Energy  
Lori Conklin, The Conklin Center  
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  
Jim Wadzinski, Community Toyota  
Brian Wilhelm, State Farm Insurance  
Mike Williams, Edward Jones

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## JANUARY NEW MEMBERS

**Autos R US Collision Center**  
11101 Wallisville Rd.  
Houston, TX 77013  
(713) 673-3050  
Erma Palmer  
Auto Body Repairing  
Sponsor: Lucia Bates

**Cardiology Specialist of Hous.**  
1140 Westmont, Suite 460  
Houston, TX 77015  
(713) 797-1620  
Robert Card, M.D.; Juan Roza,  
M.D.; Bernardo Treistman,  
M.D.; F. Mesa; S. Patel  
Physicians—Cardiology  
Sponsor: Mike Roussos

**Comcast**  
8590 W. Tidwell  
Houston, TX 77040  
(866) 682-3776  
Dione Tandy, Richard Tarpey  
Cable, Phone & Internet  
Sponsor: Margie Buentello

**Dycorr Integrity Services LLC**  
16023 I-10 East Frwy., #15  
Channelview, TX 77530

(281) 452-9300  
**Ernest George, C., Ramirez**  
Coating Application & Inspec-  
tion  
Sponsor: Staff

**Texas American Title**  
13445 Woodforest Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77015  
(713) 451-5550  
Jan Hubbard, M. Jurarez  
Title Companies  
Sponsor: Matt Davis

**Texas School of Business**  
12030 I-10 East Freeway  
Houston, TX 77029  
Jeff Thorud  
(713) 455-8555  
Colleges  
Sponsor: Dr. Charles Grant

**Walgreen Co.**  
388 Uvalde Rd.  
Houston, TX 77015  
(713) 455-9944  
Buddy Allen  
Pharmacy  
Sponsor: Dr. Charles Grant

## 2012 AMBASSADORS

**Jennifer Johnson—**  
Ambassador Chairman, Unit-  
ed Community Credit Union

**Lucia Bates, LB Marketing**  
Solutions

**Shannon Davenport, Wood-**  
forest National Bank

**Matt Davis, CommunityBank**  
of Texas

**Shalonda Dawkins, United**  
Community Credit Union  
**Dr. Vickey Giles, Sheldon**  
ISD

**Johnny Gonzalez, Houston**  
Community Newspaper

**Kimberly Gonzalez, Plati-**  
num Copier Solutions

**Veronica Guardiola, United**  
Community Credit Union

**Dawn Harris, Harris County**  
Precinct 2

**June Harris, Halo Branded**  
Solutions

**Carrie Hulsey, Texas Bay**  
Area Credit Union

**Charlotte Jackson, San**  
Jacinto College North  
**Erika Koehler, Wendel D.**  
Ley Y

**Lester Lacobie, Lacobie's**  
Tax Service

**Adam Lund, Woodforest**  
National Bank

**Kim Marak, Arkema, Inc.**

**Jodi Sohl, Images of the**  
Sohl Photography

**Bill Thompson, ACE**  
Awards & Recognition, Inc.

**Mari Vasquez, Holiday Inn**  
Houston East

# 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

Nadolney Real Estate	35 years
Capital Bank	32 years
Arkema, Inc.	32 years
Cargill, Inc.	32 years
CenterPoint Energy	31 years
Harris County FWSD #51	32 years
Don White & Co. Realtors	30 years
Reichold, Inc.	29 years
Donal R. Nino, MD	25 years
Don's Auto Service	25 years
Vopak Terminal—GP	25 years
Wal-Mart #1137	24 years
Fred Bosse, Attorney @ Law	23 years
San Jacinto Methodist Hospital	22 years
Delton Hayes Custom Jeweler	21 years
Sheldon ISD	17 years
Bonfire Wings	11 years

## 6-10 Years

Prudential Gary Green	8 years
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David Franklin	8 years
JDH Property Management	8 years
Sherwin Williams	7 years

## 1-5 Years

Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin	5 years
Community Toyota/Kia/Honda	5 years
Kay Serafin	5 years
Hobo's Sandwich Shop	3 years
La Quinta Inn & Suites	3 years
Diagnostic Radiology of Houston	3 years
Bridge Water Events	3 years
Debbie Palko	2 years
LB Marketing Solutions	2 years
Concentra	2 years
Mustand Rental Service	2 years
Gulf South Fence & Access	2 years
I-Hop	1 year



## PORT BRIEFS

### Waterworth Named Interim Executive Director



Col. Leonard D. Waterworth was confirmed by the Port Commissioner as the interim executive director of the Port of Houston Authority at a special January 30 meeting. Waterworth most recently served as president/chief executive officer of Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation, a Texas-based engineer consulting firm.

"We are fortunate to have Len to guide the Port Authority as interim executive director as we continue to build on our successes and carry out our mission

of economic development and job creation for this region and state," said Port Commission Chairman James T. Edmonds.

Over the last 32 years, Waterworth has held multiple executive leadership positions at increasing levels of responsibilities in engineering and construction organizations in both the private and public sectors, in the public sector, he was most recently district engineer/commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District in Galveston.

The Commission also approved a professional services contract with Boyden World Corporation to identify candidates for employment as executive director.

(Taken from the January 2012 PORT REPORT)

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 14  
Ambassador Breakfast  
8 am @ Woodforest National  
Bank, 12620 Woodforest Blvd.

Monday, February 20  
Presidents Day  
Chamber Office closed

Tuesday, February 21  
Board of Directors  
11:30 am @ East Houston Region-  
al Medical Center

Tuesday, February 21  
Ribbon Cutting  
3 pm @ San Jacinto College  
North's new Welcome Center

Friday, March 2  
Monthly Luncheon  
11:30 am @ SJCN Student Center,  
Monument Room, 5800 Uvalde  
Speaker—Captain Bill Diehl



## CHAMBER ANNUAL BANQUET



Harris County Judge Ed Emmett was the speaker at this year's Chamber banquet. He told the audience to expect tremendous growth in the North Channel area due to completion of the Sam Houston tollway; the completion of the Crosby Freeway extension to Loop 610; and the completion of the Panama Canal and the expansion of the Port of Houston. He also told the audience our Chamber should focus on:

- Transportation
- Mental Health
- Local Clinics
- Immunization
- Education



### BUSINESS/ OR- GANIZATIONS OF THE YEAR

*Above—North Shore  
Rotary Club*

*Left— Woodforest  
National Bank*







*Pictured above (center) is Bill Chote with CommunityBank of Texas.*

*Pictured right is Marlene Clowers with Congressman Gene Green's office*



*Pictured left (center) is Crockett Dubose with Galena Park ISD.*



*Pictured right (center) Wayne Oquin was presented a "Great Seal" for his years of service to the Chamber as President & CEO.*





*RIGHT— Ambassador of the Year, Lucia Bates with LB Marketing Solutions.*



*LEFT— Committee Member of the Year, Shalonda Dawkins with United Community Credit Union.*



### 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](http://www.northchannelarea.com)**