



# THE NAVIGATOR

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by Dr. Charles Grant, President & CEO

### Do you remember The Sentinel? Do you miss The Sentinel?

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce with a \$5,000 grant from LyondellBasell, is in the process of developing an on-line newspaper named The North Channel News. Previously the North Channel Area had a newspaper, The Sentinel, which was in publication for over 50 years. Under the auspices of Houston Community News, the last edition of The Sentinel was published on August 26, 2010.

Bob Bartel, a Chamber Board Member and former reporter for The Sentinel, has taken on the volunteer role of "editor" and has spent the last few months designing the website for this new on-line newspaper. Bob has had assistance with this project from a San Jacinto College web design student. To view this "work in progress" go to [www.northchannelnews.com](http://www.northchannelnews.com).

Current articles include stories about our local high school graduations including the Holy Trinity Episcopal School's first graduate, Natalie Russell. Additional stories include:

\* "LyondellBasell host community dinner"

\* "Top students urged to find their passion"

\* "Fighting to end hunger in Houston's youth"

\* "Junior Achievement looking for volunteers"

\* "San Jacinto Gators end JUCO World Series No. 2"

\* "GPISD announces Gold Card"

\* "Local civility efforts start national movement"

We plan to add additional features to the website as it develops, but the core idea is to feature some of the positive things going on in our community. If you have ideas that you would like to see added, know of a community event that needs to be covered, would like to submit an article for publication or add an event to the calendar, email Bob Bartel at: [editor@northchannelnews.com](mailto:editor@northchannelnews.com). Remember, this is your community website, and we need your participation as a reader, a contributor and an advertiser. Advertising space for Chamber members is offered at reduced rates.

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## Chamber Golf Tournament was a record breaking success!

Thank you sponsors, volunteers and golfers.

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**Hole-in-One Sponsor**—Community Toyota Honda Kia **Buy A Tee Box**—Go Store It

**Towels**—Bates Collision Centers

**Hole Sponsors**—see page 4

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## MAY NEW MEMBERS

### ATI Career Training Center

11420 East Freeway  
Houston, TX 77029  
(832) 413-5661  
Shandra Hamilton

(713) 545-0943

Individuals

### Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority

910 Bay Area Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77058  
(281) 226-1130  
Gordon Pederson, Lori  
Traweck  
Government - local

**Fred Rivas**

P.O. Box 96646  
Houston, TX 77214  
(713) 857-3973

Individuals

### Junior Achievement

2115 East Governors Circle  
Houston, TX 77092  
(713) 682-4500  
Nonprofit

### Sterling Green South Section 6 CIA

P.O. Box 2242  
Channelview, TX 77530  
(281) 734-4280  
Diane Pinkney  
Civic Organizations

### Kelley Club Tennis

230 Uvalde Rd. #535  
Houston, TX 77015  
(832) 572-2517

### Stewart & Stevenson- Material Handling LLC

8787 East Freeway  
Houston, TX 77029  
(713) 671-6300

Candice Kelley, Warren Kelley

Nonprofit

Haydee Cantu, Chris Culiifer,  
Steve Mickley

Forklift

### Patrick Lacy

1374 Hitchin Lane  
Channelview, TX 77530

### Women's Care Center

13111 East Freeway, Ste. 215  
Houston, TX 77015  
(281) 221-5536  
Jimmie Cobden-Hebert  
Medical Clinic

# 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

Mims Meat Company, LLC	31 years
Farmers Ins.—Stuart Nunley	32 years
Drs. Kemp & Peterson	31 years
Martha R. Lozano, M.D.	25 years
Lawton Publication	15 years
Porter Truck Sales	13 years
Forest Park Apartments	13 years
Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc.	13 years

## 6-10 Years

Wal-Mart Supercenter	10 years
Bellotte Enterprises Inc.	6 years
New Forest Family Dental	6 years

## 1-5 Years

Go Store It/Post Office CPU	5 years
Leroy Willits, M.D.	4 years
UTLX	4 years
Waste Management	3 years
El Palacio Real Reception Hall	2 years
Sydnors and Associates	2 years
Mustang Rental Service	2 years
Lend Lease DASCO	1 year
Timothy Project	1 year



## PORT BRIEFS

### Port of Houston = 1 Million Jobs, \$178.5 Billion in Economic Activity in Texas

More than one million Texas workers benefit from activity at the Port of Houston, a study by a prominent maritime transportation economist concludes. Port activity also helped generate more than \$178.5 billion in statewide economic impact.

The Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority received the results of the study, prepared and then presented by Dr. John C. Martin, president of Martin Associates, at its May 22 meeting, coincidentally held on National Maritime Day.

In 2011, the Port of Houston impacted 1,026,820 jobs in Texas (including 174,852 direct, induced

and indirect jobs and 851,968 related user jobs), \$178.5 billion of total economic activity in the state (including \$13.3 billion in direct business revenue), and \$4.5 billion of state and local taxes. The results showed a significant increase in jobs and economic impact over the past five years, since the last report was released. The full report, "The Local and Regional Economic Impacts of the Port of Houston, 2011," is available on the Port Authority's web site, [www.portofhouston.com](http://www.portofhouston.com).

After the Port Commission meeting Chairman Jim Edmonds addressed the study results and introduced industry stakeholders

and Houston Ship channel officials, who also commented on the port's growth and its significance. Clyde Fitzgerald, President, International Longshoremen's Association, Capt. Bill Diehl, President, Greater Houston Port Bureau, and Capt. Robert Thompson, President, Houston Pilots, participated.

(Taken from *Port Report* May/June 2012)

Please join the Chamber and adopt the slogan "Increase support for an expanded Port!"

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## Upcoming Events

CHAMBER SUMMER HOURS  
June 4—July 27, M-Th, 8:30 am—5:30 pm, closed on Fridays.

### NO JULY LUNCHEON

Friday, August 3  
Monthly Luncheon @ 11:30 am  
Alvin Baggett Community Bldg. in  
Galena Park

Tuesday, August 14  
Ambassadors Breakfast  
8 am @ Holiday Inn Channelview

Tuesday, August 14  
Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening  
@ 4 pm, Shell Federal Credit Union

### Hole Sponsors

“Diamond Jim” PineforestJewelry.com

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CommunityBank of Texas

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Constable Ken Jones

A lot of smiling faces at the golf tournament. Pictured right is Genan, Inc.'s team, the Platinum Sponsor



Crawfish Shack

Dr. Allatia Harris- SJCN

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Galena Park ISD Foundation

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Holiday Inn Channelview

In Honor of my wife, Debbie Palko

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Judge Mike Parrott

Keith Moran

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Port of Houston

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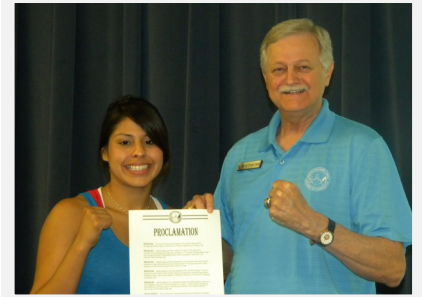


## GREAT CHAMBER EVENTS!



Chamber members had a great time at the Business After Hours hosted by Bates Collision Centers.

At the June Monthly Luncheon, the Chamber recognized Marlen Esparza as the first U.S. Olympic female boxer in history. She is pictured with Dr. Charles Grant.



Wilfred Broussard, Golf Tournament Chairman, and Margie Buentello

1st Place—Ken Junck, Pam Monthgomery, Ira Newsome & Emmett Lewis (not pictured).

2nd Place—CommunityToyota Honda Kia team, Steve Daniele, Kris Emerson, Jim Wadzinski & Keith Dougherty.

3rd Place—North Shore Glass team, Ricky Bobby, Dwayne DeGeorge, Mike Bounce & Coby Edwards.

