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Tee it up at Tour 18 with the Chamber

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament provides great opportunities to fellowship, promote your business or entertain clients. The Golf Tournament Chairman is Wilfred Broussard Jr., of Broussards Real Estate. This year's event will be held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at Tour 18 in Humble with an 8:00 am shotgun start. Teams of 4 are available for \$500.00 and individual players are \$125.00. Please be advised that we have 33 team slots and the tournament fills up quickly. Opportunities for non-golfers include hole

sponsorships at \$200 each and we also accept donated items for hole and raffle prizes.

Genan, Inc. is the Platinum (major) sponsor for this year's event. Genan, Inc., the world's largest tire recycling facility, is coming to our area. According to Butch Battreall, Head of Supply Management, "Construction has begun."

Our Silver (hats) sponsor is United Community Credit Union. Bronze sponsors are: Platinum Copier Solutions; North Shore Rotary; Slocomb Insurance; Thompson/Horton LLP; Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott; Port of

Houston Authority; and Advantage Howard Glendale.

The Chamber tournament provides a prize on every hole including a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize courtesy of Genan, Inc. as well as prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and a buy-a-tee-box hole. See picture on the right of last year's hole-in-one recipient. All prize opportunities are included in the \$500.00 entry fee. We also have a



special \$2.00 per ticket raffle for prizes.

For more information contact the Chamber office at 713-450-3600.

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A special presentation for a very special person.



Dr. Charles Grant (right) presents a proclamation to Jim Gilbert, former Chairman of the Board.

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors presented Jim Gilbert a Proclamation. He served as a leader in the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce for over 35 years holding virtually every volunteer position including being the 2nd Chairman of the Board. Jim and his wife, Mary Anne, have retired to the Fort Worth area.

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,
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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
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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
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MARCH LUNCHEON

Captain Bill Diehl (right) with the Greater Houston Port Bureau spoke at the March Chamber luncheon. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Captain Diehl explained the importance of the Port to Houston (including the North Channel Area), Texas, as well as the nation. The expansion of the Panama Canal will be completed in 2014 which coincides with the 100th anniversary of the Port of Houston. To be able to handle the "supertankers" that will be coming through the Panama Canal, it is imperative that the channel be deepened to fifty feet.



Funding for this project is available through the federal government. According to Dr. Charles Grant, President & CEO of the Chamber, "Everyone in the North Channel Area should be aware of the importance of the Port of Houston and what an economic engine it is to the area." He suggests that every business, industry, and individual adopt the slogan "Increase Support for an Expanded Port!"

Also, at the luncheon Kimberly Gonzalez (left) of Platinum Copier Solutions received the 2011 Board Member of the Year award from 2011 Board Chairman, Matt Davis.



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

East Houston Reg. Med. Center	31 years
Dovi Lehr	31 years
Cray Valley, USA, LLC	24 years
Scott Stephens & Associates	21 years
Sellers Bros. Mkts.	21 years
Triplex, Inc.	21 years
Dependable Diesel	20 years
AT & T	18 years
Lacobie's Income Tax	18 years
Northshore Glass	18 years
Uvalde Ace Hardware	18 years
Start & Busch, LLC	17 years
Wells Fargo	17 years
Zolman Construction	17 years
Larry Helgesen	16 years
R.C. Schmidt & Sons, Inc.	15 years
Channelview ISD	15 years
Edward Miller Appraisal Services	15 years
Constable Ken Jones	13 years
Magnolia Creek Apartments	12 years

Market Street Used Auto Parts	11 years
Triumph Hospital East	11 years

6-10 Years

Horizon Milling	9 years
Texmark Chemicals	9 years
Especial Events	8 years

1-5 Years

Terri Moore	4 years
Armenta's Mexican Restaurant	3 years
Orphalinda Bazan	3 years
Crystal Murray	3 years
Arnold Ramirez	3 years
Fillette Green Shipping Services	3 years
Audie's Catering	2 years
Chick-fil-A	2 years
Occidental Life Insurance Company	2 years
BNI Houston East	1 year
Crawfish Shack	1 year



PORT BRIEFS

Redevelopment Plan Approved



At the first regular meeting of the year, the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority approved a significant new redevelopment plan for obsolete properties located on the Houston Ship Channel at the Turning Basin terminals.

Demolition of existing facilities on the properties would progress over the next three years, and is expected to increase the value of the properties by an amount far in excess of the demolition costs, according to R. D. Tanner, senior di-

rector, Real Estate.

"We want to make the highest and best use of our assets," Tanner said. "The geographic location of these properties is in high demand in the current marketplace." The value of many of the tracts is enhanced by existing rail access and nearby freeway location. Among the potential uses are petroleum and liquid storage and transfer, steel import and export, and general cargo handling, which would provide a significant benefit to the Port Authority and the region. The re-

development plan was among a host of matters decided during the Port Commission's January 24 meeting.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 20
Board of Directors
11:30 am @ East Houston Regional Medical Center

Friday, March 30
Ribbon Cutting
Noon @ Firestone
I-10 and Freepoint

Wednesday, April 4
Ribbon Cutting
10:30 am @ Little Caesar's on Wallisville

Friday, April 6
Good Friday

Tuesday, April 10
Ambassador Breakfast
8 am @ location TBD

Friday, April 13
Monthly Luncheon
11:30 am @ SJCN Student Center,
Monument Room, 5800 Uvalde
Speaker—Judge Don Coffey

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



Did you know you can put your calendar events on our website? Go to northchannelarea.com click on view all events and then click on submit an event.

CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTINGS



Channelview ISD had a Dedication and Open House for their two new facilities on March 6, 2012. Pictured above is the ribbon cutting for the Early Childhood Center and pictured below is the ribbon cutting for the Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center.

