



## A Recipe for Disaster .... Not!

Imagine if you will a room that comfortably holds 200 for banquets. Imagine that same room with 225 seventeen to nineteen year-old high school students seated for a luncheon program. As your mind conjures up a picture, the scene is most likely one that ranges somewhere between a minor disruption and a major catastrophe. If you're superstitious, you can also factor in that the date of the event is Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Everything is in place to graphically illustrate the theory of Murphy's Law. Welcome to the annual North Channel Chamber of Commerce Senior Honor

Luncheon!

Since 1991, the Chamber, with the help of supportive sponsors has sought to recognize the top 10 percent of students from CE King, Channelview, Galena Park and North Shore High Schools. As our districts have grown, the number of students to be honored has risen as well. Sponsors are asked to support but not attend. School district personnel are limited to Superintendents and chaperones. The main menu is chicken-fried chicken but the appetizers are anxiety mixed with apprehension. However, what could be reasonably described as a recipe for disaster has always been served up as dining excellence. This year's event was no exception.

Here's the real deal. The young people were well-behaved. The food was great. The few obstacles that were encountered were overcome by Chamber staff and culinary, media, and set-up folks from San Jacinto College North. Every student was sponsored. In short, the event was an overwhelming success.

Channel 13 Anchor and

North Shore High School graduate Eric Barajas entertained and inspired the honorees. He spoke of the importance of "backward planning" where you decided where you wanted to end up and each previous step you needed to take to get there. He also talked about the importance of finding a mentor. Mark Kramer of Channelview ISD served as event Chairman and Mike Rockwood of Sheldon ISD provided photography. The Chamber and area ISD's are grateful for the support given to the Senior Honor Luncheon. Below is a list of sponsors and other special thanks are included in this issue of the Navigator.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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## 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.**

### 11-13 Years

Farmers Insurance, Stuart Nunley	31 years
Drs. Kemp & Peterson, Optometrists	30 years
Pineforest Jewelry, Inc.	25 years
Albright & Lumpkin, P.C.	25 years
Rev. Joe Granberry	24 years
North Channel Auto Sales, Inc.	24 years
Westwind Properties	24 years
Lyondell/Basell	23 years
Sign Center	21 years
Scott Stephens & Associates	20 years
San Jacinto College North	19 years
Slocumb Insurance Agency, Inc.	19 years
Rite-way Janitorial Service	17 years
AT&T	17 years
East Loop Chiropractic Clinic	15 years
Vikas Chaphekar	17 years

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Ed Warken	14 years
Kwik Kopy (East Side)	14 years
Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP	12 years

#### 6-10 Years

Transmatic	10 years
City of Jacinto City	10 years
Wallisville Boat Storage	9 years
RNA Mechanical	8 years
Bates Custom & Collision	8 years
Murff's Turf Farm	8 years
Paul Drexler	8 years
Senator Mario Gallegos	8 years
Enterprise Crude Pipeline LLC	8 years
Jacinto City Healthcare	7 years
Advantage Howard-Glendale	7 years
Coastal Reporting	7 years
Beltway Plaza	6 years

#### 1-5 Years

State Rep. Ana Hernandez Luna	5 years
Tutor Security, Inc.	5 years
Dr. B.J. Westbrook	5 years
Harris Co. FWSD #6	4 years
V & M Star	4 years
Agri American Stevedores	4 years

Armenta's Mexican Restaurant	2 years
La Quinta Inn & Suites	2 years
Farmers Ins., Ramon Garza	2 years
Cindy Henry	2 years
Greg Ollis	2 years
Café Espanol	2 years
David Stauffer Pipe Services, Inc.	2 years
Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition	2 years
Bill Palko	2 years
Silver Star Academy	2 years
Grace Worship Center	2 years
Nancy Webster	2 years
Uribe Steel	2 years
Ibrahim S. Abou-awdi	2 years
Everitt Industrial Supply	2 years
C & H Pipe Services, Inc.	2 years
Mike Ball	2 years
Boatman Floors	2 years
Stogner's Air Conditioning	1 year
El Palacio Real Reception Hall	1 year
Vicki Johnson	1 year
Jay Woodall	1 year
ISTC	1 year



## PORT BRIEFS

### 100 Already? Anniversary of a Historic Milestone



Once Congress approved funding the dredging of a deepwater channel to link Houston with the Gulf of Mexico, Houston had to hold up its end of the bargain.

U. S. Representative Tom Ball's proposal for Houston to share the cost of the project with Congress had sealed the deal. It was time to pony up.

The voters approved the creation for the Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District and \$1.25 million in bonds to pay for the District's share of the channel. On April 24, 1911, the Navigation and Canal Commissioners of the District met. All three were present: Charles Dillingham, Ross Sterling and C.G. Pillot. They voted unanimously to have the bonds issued by Harris County

Commissioners Court on behalf of the District.

Now came the hard part: selling the bonds. According to Marilyn Sibley's history of the Port of Houston, "...they (the bonds) were indifferently received by the buying public. Most buyers had never heard of navigation bonds, and bankers and brokers hesitated to handle them because of the small commissions received and because the law provided they could not be sold for less than par and accrued interest."

Businessman and civic leader extraordinaire Jesse Holman Jones came to the rescue as he would throughout his productive life, earning him the nickname "Mr. Houston." Jones met with the

presidents of the city's largest banks and asked them to take the bonds in proportion to their capital and surplus.

In less than 24 hours, Jones convinced the bankers to accept the bond. In one segment of Ball's history of the port printed in the Houston Chronicle on August 23, 1936, he reported, "The next morning Mr. Jones reported that every bank in the city would buy its share of bonds, which they did, and this 'trouble knot' was cut."

Once again, Houston's civic and business leaders showed that if they wanted something, they always found a way to get it done.

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## Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 25  
Ribbon Cutting  
Villa Sierra  
550 Normandy  
4 pm

Monday, May 30  
Memorial Day  
Chamber Office closed

Friday, June 3  
Monthly Luncheon  
11:30 am @ SJCN Student Center,  
Monument Room  
5800 Uvalde Rd.  
Speaker—Judge Ed Emmett

Tuesday, June 14  
Ambassadors Breakfast  
TBD—8 am

Monday, June 20  
Chamber Golf Tournament  
8 am @ Tour 18

Tuesday, June 21  
Chamber Board Meeting  
11:30 am @ Sheldon ISD

NOTE: The Chamber office will  
be closed on **Fridays** from June  
10—July 29.

*Did you know you can put  
your calendar events on our  
website? Go to  
[www.northchannelarea.com](http://www.northchannelarea.com)  
click on view all events and  
then click on submit an  
event. Also, like us out on  
Facebook—North Channel  
Area Chamber of Commerce.*

## RIBBON CUTTINGS



**ABOVE: A Ribbon Cutting was held at Images of the Sohl Photography on April 15. They are located at 12655 Woodforest #415.**

**BELOW: A Ribbon Cutting was held at Essential Therapy & Wellness on April 28. They are located at 12655 Woodforest, #411.**





**RIGHT: A Ribbon Cutting** was held at the newly renovated Armenta's. They are located at 823 Sheldon Rd., Channelview.

**BELOW: A Ribbon Cutting** was held at Wellcare Family Medical Clinic. They are located at 1520 Holland Ave., Jacinto City.



### 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)*

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V & M Star  
 Voelka, Carla  
 Wallisville Dental Associates  
 Webster, JamesMedical  
 Wellcare Family Clinic  
 Williams, Dr. Angi  
 Woodforest National Bank



## APRIL STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS OF THE MONTH



**LEFT:** Pictured are the April Chamber Students and of the Month: (left to right) Candace Martinez, C.E. King HS; Ryan Perez, North Shore Senior HS; and Gabriela Luna, Channelview HS.

Pictured are the April Chamber Educators of the Month:

**RIGHT:** Bonnie Marcet, De Zavala Elementary in Channelview.

**BELOW:** Margaret Offill from C.E. King MS in Sheldon.

