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## Win or Lose Your Soul on the 11th Hole!

by Dr. Charles Grant, President & CEO

Monday, June 18th is the date of the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament. This event will be at Tour 18 located at 3102 FM 1960 East with an 8:00 AM shotgun start. According to Chamber Chair-Elect and this year's golf chair, Wilfred Broussard, Jr., owner of Broussard's Real Estate Investments, Inc., "We expect this year's golf tournament to be a huge success. I am truly excited about our major sponsors this year and their commitment to our mission at the North Channel Chamber Area Chamber of Commerce. Tour 18 is a great course and we are

all looking forward to playing good golf with supporters of the Chamber."

**Genan, Inc. is the Platinum Sponsor** for the tournament. As many of you know, Genan is a European company building a plant in the North Channel Area. A special thanks to Butch Battreall, Head of Supply Management with Genan, for his support of our Chamber Golf Tournament. This is the company's first facility in the United States and we are very excited that it is going to be located in our Chamber boundaries. **LyondellBasell and Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP are Gold Sponsors** and **United**

**Community Credit Union is the Silver Sponsor. Community Toyota Honda Kia is this year's Hole-in-one Sponsor.** A hole in one on the 11th hole will win you a 2012 KIA Soul. **Bronze Sponsors are: Advantage Howard Glendale; Platinum Copier Solutions; Slocomb Insurance Agency; East Houston Regional Medical Center; North Shore Rotary; Port of Houston Authority; Thompson/Horton LLP; and San Jacinto College Foundation.** Thank you to all our sponsors!

To register a team or sponsor a hole, please call the Chamber office at 713-

450-3600 or email margielb@flash.net. The cost is \$500 per team or \$125 per player. This includes green fees, cart, two mulligans, buy a tee box, range balls, as well as food, drinks, golf caps and goodie bags. Hole Sponsors are \$200 per hole. Registration deadline is Friday, June 8, 2012. This golf tournament, however, is very popular so please register early.

Note: FYI-Before you start calling me to boo and hiss about the title of this article, please know that Mr. Broussard deserves credit for the above title, so call him (ha)!

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## MAY LUNCHEON

Mike VanDerSnick, Plant Manager of LyondellBasell spoke at the Chamber's May luncheon. He discussed the recent turnaround, the largest in their history. The economic impact was approximately four million dollars to local businesses in our North Channel area. Over 4,600 individuals received badges to work during the turnaround. LyondellBasell expects to have a turnaround each year, but not to this grand scale.



## 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,**  
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Jennifer Johnson, United Community Credit Un.  
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Terry Loving, Advantage Howard Glendale  
Adam Lund, Woodforest National Bank  
Kim Marak, Arkema, Inc.  
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## APRIL NEW MEMBERS

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Mentoring Youth**  
**Sterling Wood Church**  
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**Judge Mike Parrott**  
**Dr. Donald Nino**  
**Dr. Vickey Giles**  
**Galena Park ISD**  
**CenterPoint Energy**  
**Vince Sebo**  
**Don Price**  
**Bob Bartel**  
**Ben Blanding**  
**Mike Yaman**  
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**Susan Rodriguez**  
**Dr. Shirley Ellisor**  
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**Audie's Catering**  
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**Dollie A. Mayeux**  
**Woodforest National Bank**  
**Kelley Dockray**  
**Lisa Steele**  
**Denise Smesny**  
**Cindi Ollis**  
**Carla Voelkel**  
**Constable Ken Jones**  
**Don Spies**  
**Galena Park/Jacinto City  
Rotary Club**

# 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

Pineforest Jewelry, Inc.	26 years
Don's Auto Service	25 years
North Channel Auto Sales	25 years
Pine Trails Comm. Imp. Assoc.	24 years
Sign Center	22 years
Halo Branded Solutions	21 years
Maco Construction	20 years
Kwik Kopy	15 years
Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP	13 years

## 6-10 Years

RNA Mechanical, Inc.	9 years
Murff's Turf Farm	9 years
Enterprise Crude Pipeline LLC	9 years
Jacinto City Healthcare	8 years
Beltway Plaza	7 years

## 1-5 Years

Harris County FWSD #6	5 years
Joe Blasi	5 years
Agri American Stevedores	5 years
Holy Trinity Episcopal School	5 years
Joe Stephens Insurance Agency	3 years
Tracy Marak	3 years
Bay Architects	3 years
Greg Ollis	3 years
Café Espanol	3 years
David Stauffer Pipe Services, Inc.	3 years
Christian Tabernacle	3 years
Nancy Webster	3 years
Ibrahim Abou-awdi	3 years
Mike Ball	3 years
Astra Oil Company, LLC	2 years
Prozign Architects	2 years
Edward Jones	2 years
Sam Houston Area Council	1 year
Villa Sierra Apartment Homes	1 year
Commissioner Jack Morman	1 year



## PORT BRIEFS

### Waterworth Named Permanent Executive Director

Port Commission Chairman James T. Edmonds said that the Port Authority is fortunate to have someone with Waterworth's unique background to help guide the organization, build on its many successes, and carry out the important mission of economic development and job creation for the region and state.

"When the need to search for an executive director arose five months ago, we were fortunate in that we didn't have to look far to find the right fit," Edmonds said. "I don't think we could have found anybody in the nation better suited for this position."

"The Port Authority felt a sense of urgency to fill the top position in an expeditious manner because of the many priorities on the near horizon," Edmonds said. "Key Port Authority initiatives range from the widening and deepening of the Bayport Ship Channel

to the modernizing of facilities to better serve bigger vessels and expanded Panama Canal trade to improvements coming out of the Sunset Review process."

Waterworth said he looks forward to serving the port and embraces the challenges of the job. "I can't tell you how proud and humbled I am to be part of this pivotal time in the port's history with our centennial on the horizon," Waterworth said. "There are so many opportunities ahead as we forge another century of progress."

The Port of Houston is a critically important economic engine for our region and nation, generating more than 785,000 direct and indirect jobs and \$118 billion in regional economic impact and \$285 billion nationwide, he noted.

Waterworth most recently served as President/Chief Executive Officer of

Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation, a Texas-based engineering consulting firm.

Over the last 33 years, he has held successive executive leadership positions at increasing levels of responsibilities in both the private and public sectors.

In the public sector, Waterworth most recently served as District Engineer/Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District in Galveston.

He received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from New Mexico State, a Master of Engineering Administration from George Washington University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

(Taken from [www.portofhouston.com](http://www.portofhouston.com))

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



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## Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 24  
Business After Hours  
5-7 pm @ Bates Collision Center,  
15532 I-10 East Freeway, 77530

Monday, May 28  
Memorial Day  
Chamber office closed

Friday, June 1  
Monthly Luncheon  
11:30 am @ SJCN Student Center,  
Monument Room, 5800 Uvalde  
Program—Junior Achievement

Tuesday, June 12  
Ambassador Breakfast  
8 am @ San Jacinto College N.

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

NO JULY LUNCHEON

*Did you know you can put  
your calendar events on our  
website? Go to [northchannelarea.com](http://northchannelarea.com), click on view all  
events and then click on  
submit an event.*

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community newspaper,  
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Pass.*

## CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTINGS



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Tools



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Support Center

