



Meet Our New President & CEO

by Matt Davis, Chairman of the Board

Usually the President & CEO of the Chamber writes the front page article of the *Navigator*. However, since we have a "new" President & CEO, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to Dr. Charles Grant. If you have lived in the North Channel Area for a while, been a member of the Chamber Board of Directors, been a member of North Shore Rotary, or been associated with San Jacinto College, you probably know Charles. But for those of you who are fairly new to the area,

please allow me to introduce Dr. Charles Grant.

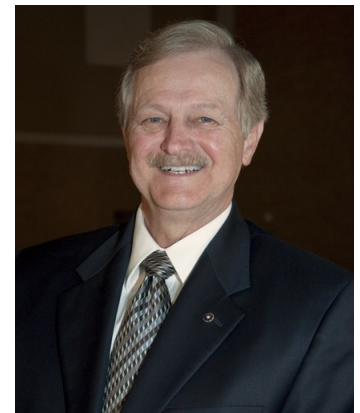
Dr. Grant is a graduate of North Shore High School. Additionally, Charles attended and graduated from San Jacinto College with an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree. He holds a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business from Stephen F. Austin State University, a Masters of Education (M.Ed.) from Sam Houston State University, and received his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree from Texas A&M University.

Charles' first job was with Galena Park ISD where he served ten years as a classroom teacher and assistant principal. He began his 25 year tenure with San Jacinto College North as an Instructor of Management Development and Technical Mathematics. He also held the positions of Director of Continuing Education, Dean of Continuing Education, Vice President of Instruction, and ten years

as President of the campus. After taking an early retirement from the college in 2008, Dr. Grant has spent the last three years as the Education & Special Projects Liaison for Harris County Pct. 2.

Charles is a past President of the Galena Park Educational Association, past President of North Shore Rotary, past Chairman of the Board of the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce, immediate past Chairman of the Board of the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, and past Chairman of the Board of Rotary International's Worldwide Rotaract Committee. There were only six Rotarians around the world on this committee and Charles was the only Rotarian from the United States the year he was chair.

Dr. Grant was named as North Shore Rotary's Rotarian of the Year in 2005 and a Galena Park ISD Distinguished Alumni in 2006. In addition, he had the



Dr. Charles Grant

honor of the Fine Arts Center at the San Jacinto College North campus named after him in 2008. Dr. Grant was presented the Chamber's Chairman Award as well as the Chamber's Life Membership Award in 2011. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa Education Fraternity, as well as several other educational and civic organizations.

Please welcome Dr. Charles Grant as President & CEO of the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce.

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ISD

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Center
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NEW MEMBERS

Carino's Italian
5921 E. Sam Houston Pkwy. N.
Houston, TX 77049
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Calvin Thomas
Restaurants

Chris Diaz
10826 Munn
Jacinto City, TX 77029
(713) 451-5778
Elected Officials/Candidates

Golden Corral
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Houston, TX 77052
(919) 881-4568
Kurt Parry
Restaurants

Jefferson & Franklin Financial
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Kingwood, TX 77339
(281) 378-3111
Kevin Bailes, Michael Broussard
Financial Counseling & Services

Sandy Mathews
Galena Park ISD
14705 Woodforest Blvd.
Houston, TX 77015
(832) 386-1249
Individuals

Danette Matthews
Galena Park ISD
P.O. Box 565
Galena Park, TX 77547
Individuals

Osaka Steak House
15242 Wallisville Rd., Suite M

Houston, TX 77049
(713) 451-5085
Alice Lee, Gina Qu
Restaurants

Eileen Palmer
13211 Hillstone
Houston, TX 77049
(713) 417-2389
Individuals

PNC Mortgage, A Division of
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17225 El Camino Real, Ste.
#110., Houston, TX 77058
(713) 851-5308
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Mortgage Company

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3618 Lyons
Houston, TX 77020
(713) 223-8071
Edwina Loche Barrett, Edward
C. Loche
Mortuary

Waldman Law Firm, PC
1415 Louisiana, Suite # 1575
Houston, TX 77002
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Eileen Palmer, Steve Waldman
Law Firm

A BIG THANK YOU goes
out to Membership Chair-
man Kimberly Gonzalez of
Platinum Copier Solutions
and all the volunteers that
worked so hard to make our
Membership Drive a great
success! Next month the
Navigator will show more
new members brought in at
the drive.

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

Blasingame Insurance	30 years
Tharling Air Conditioning	29 years
Mc's Electric Service, Inc.	26 years
Pineforest Jewelry, Inc.	25 years
ACE Awards & Recognition	21 years
Halo Branded Solutions	20 years
San Jacinto Pilot Club	19 years
Abletek	17 years
Congressman Gene Green	15 years
Mr. Gatti's, No. 412	14 years
North Channel Coalition	12 years
Stanley Parts & Equipment	12 years

6-10 Years

Larry Pfeifer	10 years
North Shore Rotary	9 years
Northshore Treatment Center	9 years
Awards & Engraving	8 years
Ryan Dagley	7 years
Creative Corner Child Dev.	7 years

Northshore Marine	7 years
Tony's BBQ Steak House, Inc.	7 years
Ofelia Garza	7 years
Gerald Turner	7 years
Eileen Brightwell, D.D.S.	7 years
Sterling Wood Church	7 years
Alloy Tubular Products Co.	7 years
TJ's Kitchen	7 years
Days Inn & Suites	6 years
Jerry Fallin	6 years

1-5 Years

Galena Park ISD Foundation	5 years
Galena Park ISD Student Nutrition	5 years
Platinum Copier Solutions	4 years
Wallisville Dental Associates	4 years
Northshore Counseling Center, Inc.	3 years
Pam Grant	2 years
Rig-Up Services, Inc.	2 years
Waste Management	2 years
Audie's Catering	1 year
Express Electric	1 year
Maribel Mendizabel	1 year
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	1 year



PORT BRIEFS

New Real Estate Program Creating BUZZ



A significant new initiative has been launched to optimize the value and use of Port of Houston Authority real estate, with the primary aim to develop the properties to meet their highest and best use.

To do that, a staff management strategy for leasing real estate has been created, including the Port Authority Website and other marketing resources to alert potential customers. "The Website changes already have been made and the response has been excellent," said R.D. Tanner, PHA's Director of Real Estate.

"It's a new direction." Tanner notes. "I think we can bring some practical private industry approaches to the Port Authority and help leverage the port's assets in a manner that will not just optimize the assets, but also generate additional revenue."

In addition to the Website, brochures have been created and signage placed on available properties to create even more awareness.

"The Port of Houston Authority has an extensive real estate portfolio," Tanner said.

With 3,635 acres in undeveloped properties and 3,348 acres in underdeveloped land, not including Port Authority rail line property, the potential exists to expand how some properties are being used.

Major undeveloped properties owned by the Port Authority include Wah Chang tract, which is 250 acres, the Clinton tract, 430 acres, the Beltway 8 tract, 550 acres; and Pelican Island, which is 1,100 acres. These properties, along with a variety of smaller tracts, could be used to meet a variety of maritime industry

needs, including dredge disposal in some areas.

One current positive trend is that processors, warehouses and liquid petroleum storage firms are asking to be located on Port Authority properties. That is expected to increase the amount of cargo crossing the Port Authority's docks considerably.

"We are looking at different approaches for bringing companies that provide import and export business onto Port of Houston Authority property," Tanner says.

The Port Authority's real estate department can help private businesses locate property, as well as operate with the Port Authority's premium, low-cost logistics chain: its ship channel, stevedoring, trucking and rail access to and from all parts of the U.S.

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Upcoming Events

Friday, October 7
Monthly Luncheon
11:30 am @ SJ College North
Student Center, Monument Room
5800 Uvalde Rd., 77049
Speaker—Congressman Ted Poe

Monday, October 10
Columbus Day
Chamber Office closed

Tuesday, October 11
Ambassador Breakfast
8 am @ Holiday Inn East
16311 I-10 East Frwy., 77530

Tuesday, October 18
Board of Directors
11:30 am @ LyondellBasell

Friday, October 21
Ribbon Cutting
10:00 am @ the new Golden Corral, I-10 & Freeport

Thursday, November 3
North Channel Salutes
10 am—1 pm @ the North Shore
Rotary Pavilion

NO MONTHLY LUNCHEON
FOR NOVEMBER

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

RIBBON CUTTINGS



ABOVE: A Ribbon Cutting for the newly renovated Wal-Mart at I-10 & Freeport was held on August 31.

BELOW: A Ribbon Cutting for the newly renovated Woodforest National Bank located in the I-10 Wal-Mart was held on August 31.





LEFT: A Ribbon Cutting for the new Sheldon ISD Transportation and Maintenance facility was held on September 6.

RIGHT: A Ribbon Cutting for the new Baskins Robbins located at 15242 Wallisville was held on September 10.



RIGHT: A Ribbon Cutting for Sheldon ISD's Garrett Elementary was held on September 20.

