

August 2005



NORTH HOUSTON - GREENSPOINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Pacesetter

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## North Houston Bank New Teacher Welcome Breakfast *For North Forest ISD*

**“Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth.” - Helen Caldicott**

The Workforce/Education Committee is pleased to host again this year, the North Houston Bank New Teacher Welcome Breakfast for North Forest ISD on August 10th beginning at 7:30am at the Hotel Sofitel. Title sponsor, North Houston Bank, along with Silver Sponsors **Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park; Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group and Franklin State Farm** are offering their support of these deserving professionals as they begin their career with North Forest ISD through their sponsorships. The opportunity is available to all to sponsor a teacher and attend the breakfast for only \$30. Marketing tables are also available and are a wonderful way to promote your business which allows for one-on-one interaction for highly effective marketing. The cost to attend the breakfast is \$15 for members with reservations and \$20 for non-members or members without reservations. All reservations need to be received by the Chamber office no later than Tuesday, August 9th by 10am. Please contact Rachael Weaver at [rachael@nhgcc.org](mailto:rachael@nhgcc.org).

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## Getting Started in Business Workshop

The Small Business Development Center, associated with the North Harris Montgomery Community College District, will present the workshop, Getting Started in Business, Tuesday August 16th. The seminar will be held at the Parkway Center of North Harris College. This practical workshop provides an overview of how to start a small business in Texas. From evaluating your idea to writing a business plan, developing a marketing strategy and finding financing, this workshop will put you on the road to success. CBUSI 3900201. The seminar is free to attend.

**WHAT:           Getting Started in Business Seminar**

**WHEN:          Tuesday, August 16th, 6pm—9pm**

**WHERE:         Parkway Center, NHC 250 N Sam Houston Pkwy E**

**REGISTER:     281.260.3500**

**FEE:             \$0—FREE**

The NHMCCD SBDC is a business consulting and training center of the University of Houston SBDC Network. Since 1984, the UH SBDC, which serves 32 counties in southeast Texas, has provided the tools and resources necessary to help businesses grow and compete in an increasingly challenging global economy. The center offers free business consulting and affordable training seminars designed to help business attract customers, improve operations, increase sales and successfully access capital. For more information, contact NHMCCD SBDC at 832.813.6674.

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# Message from the Chair

I can not let the month of July get too far by without mentioning something that is very near and dear to me: being an American and enjoying the liberties, independence and safety that this wonderful country provides us. It is easy to take for granted what has been afforded to us by those who have preceded us. But I will be eternally grateful to the generation of my parents and those who have blazed a trail of niceties for us to enjoy. God bless America.

That being said, July was a good Chamber month as usual. I was impressed by our last luncheon. Many thanks to Rick Vacar with the Houston Airport System for an outstanding presentation of what is going on at the Bush Airport and the importance of the Airport System to the Houston economy. If you haven't tried one of our Business After Hours events, you will want to get started. We had a great time at The Greenspoint Club recently and we have some good ones lined up for the rest of the year! By the way, congratulations to Jerod Becton for the milestone at the club. We have the Celebrity Bartender event coming up on the 9th. Check your Chamber calendar for the particulars.

As usual, thanks to those of you who are making our Chamber vibrant by serving on committees. I am impressed by our leadership and the enthusiasm that is evident by the results.

Thanks to Bill Townsend and the North Houston Bank for sponsoring this month's breakfast welcoming the North Forest I. S. D. new teachers.

Enjoy your Chamber and I'll see you at the next Chamber event.



*Ray Shotwell  
Chair of the Board*

*Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park*

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ray Shotwell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

## Thank you July Renewing Members!

Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA

Brothers Lighting & Electrical Specialists

Children's World Learning Center

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GFI Management Services, Inc.

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## **Legislative Report from State Representative Kevin Bailey regarding New District**

Legislation authored by State Rep. Kevin Bailey allowing for the creation of the Airline Improvement District, which was supported by the North Houston-Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, was recently signed into law by the Governor. The legislation creates a local, community-led, special district to focus on the health, safety and general welfare of the residents, employers and consumers in the unincorporated areas of the 77037 zip code. Special districts only supplement county services, they do not replace those services. The Board of Directors urges local residents to support this District. Early voting is August 25 thru September 6 weekdays 8 am to 4 pm at 8131 Northline Drive. Election Day is September 10th from 7 am to 7 pm at 8131 Northline Drive. Additional questions regarding the Airline Improvement District can be directed to Rep. Bailey's office at 281.847.9000.

## **Greenspoint March of Dimes Walk America Sets Records**

The Texas Chapter, March of Dimes awarded the Greenspoint Walk America with the following state-level awards:

- Sponsorship Goal Breaker Award
- Total Revenue Goal Breaker Award
- Star of Texas Award for 226% Year over Year Sponsorship Growth
- Star of Texas Award for 34% Year of Year Total Revenue Growth
- Trail Blazer Award (only one given in Texas)

Greenspoint Walk America is Houston's Top Community, and is projecting over \$205,000 raised!

Way to go Bill Ginder, Greenspoint Walk America Chair; Shataria Franklin, Development Coordinator, March of Dimes and all the wonderful supporters!

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## August Calendar of Events

- 01 Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, Chamber Conference Rm**
- 02 ANHOC Meeting, 4:00pm, Two Greenspoint Plaza Conference Room**
- 03 Gala Committee Meeting, 8:30 am, Chamber Conference Room**
- 04 New Member Orientation, 9:00 am, Chamber Conference Room**
- 04 Bylaws Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, Chamber Conference Room**
- 05 Job Fair Committee Meeting, 9:00 am, Chamber Conference Room**
- 08 Industry Reception Sub-Committee Meeting, 8:30 am, Chamber Conference Room**
- 09 Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 am, Chamber Conference Room**
- 09 Celebrity Bartender Happy Hour, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, TGI Friday's**
- 10 North Houston Bank New Teacher Welcome Breakfast for North Forest ISD, 7:30 am, Hotel Sofitel, 425 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. \$15 for members w/ RSVP; \$20 for non-members or w/out RSVP; RSVP by August 9<sup>th</sup> by 10:00 am**
- 11 Legislative Committee Meeting, 8:30 am, Chamber Conference Room**
- 16 Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 am, The Greenspoint Club, 16925 Northchase Drive**
- 17 Public Safety Committee Meeting, 7:30 am, 2 Greenspoint Plaza Conference Room**
- 22 Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, Chamber Conference Room**
- 23 Ambassador Committee Meeting, 9:00 am, Chamber Conference Room**
- 23 Economic Development Committee Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Chamber Conference Room**
- 24 Brown Bag Seminar, 11:30 am, "Generations" Chamber Conference Room**
- 25 Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification Committee, 8:00 am, Chamber Conference Room**
- 25 Workforce/Education Committee Meeting, 11:30 am, Chamber Conference Room**

*Contact Rachael at [rachael@nhgcc.org](mailto:rachael@nhgcc.org) to confirm your attendance for all events*

## Welcome July New Members

### ServPro of Kingwood/Humble & The Woodlands/Conroe

Danny Wills  
281.219.8180

### Fire, Smoke & Water Restoration

“ServPro is the largest water, smoke and fire restoration company. Located at 2700 Greens Road, we are the ‘large loss’ franchise for the Houston area.

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Clyde Bailey

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**North Houston Networking  
September Networking Breakfast  
Wednesday, September 14th—7:30 am  
Hotel Sofitel, 425 N Sam Houston Pkwy E  
\$15 for members; \$20 for non-members  
RSVP to 281.442.8701 or  
rachael@nhgcc.org**

## Member Spotlight—Contact Promotions

Contact Promotions helps companies establish their brand identity and improve their business results by developing marketing ideas utilizing logo merchandise by:

- \* Developing creative marketing solutions
- \* Artwork creation
- \* Safety program development
- \* Turn key golf tournament planning and awards
- \* Product Research
- \* Employee incentive and award program development
- \* Trade show traffic generators and giveaway products

“Building my business from nothing a few short years ago has been very satisfying. At the same time it has helped me appreciate how hard it can be to run a business and how important it is to make the right decisions day in day out. I work to provide the services my clients need and exceed their expectations” Rosemary Buske, President.

Rosemary shares her experiences, “The North Houston Greenspoint Chamber has provided many positive experiences for me personally and for my business. I have been very fortunate to make many new, interesting friends with a wide variety of backgrounds. I have had the privilege of chairing the Golf Tournament fundraiser in 2005, and serving on the Board of Directors which provided me many opportunities to work with members of the business community and develop my leadership and management skills. Co-chairing the Ambassador committee has allowed me to meet new Chamber members and help them in a small way develop their business. As a result of my activities with the Chamber, my own business has benefited many times the investment I have made in the Chamber, for which I am very grateful.”

You can reach Rosemary at Contact Promotions at 281.257.2648 or via email at [contact-promotions@houston.rr.com](mailto:contact-promotions@houston.rr.com) or visit online at [www.contactpromotions.com](http://www.contactpromotions.com).

# *Public Safety Recognition Luncheon*

*Thursday, September 1, 2005*

*Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel, 11:15 am*

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I will donate a **door prize** (Minimum value of \$25 required)

Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
**RSVP by Wednesday, August 31\* by 10 am** to Rachael, [rachael@nhgcc.org](mailto:rachael@nhgcc.org)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chairman's Circle

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### *Gold*

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The Chairman's Circle represents the highest investment in membership, signifying the company's leadership and commitment to the Chamber and to the business community it serves. Chairman's Circle members receive greater exposure for their business by being listed on the Chamber's stationary and in each Chamber newsletter. The newly created **Benefactor** membership allows members the opportunity to invest in their membership along with other sponsorships. In addition, the **Small Business** membership allows businesses with 10 or less employees to be involved in the Chairman's Circle. The opportunity to upgrade a membership to the Chairman's Circle is available at any time to all members, if interested please call the office at 281.442.8701 to discuss an upgrade!

### *Silver*

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