

December 2005



NORTH HOUSTON-GREENSPPOINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Pacesetter

Annual Awards Luncheon Installation Ceremony

On Thursday, January 19th, the Chamber will host its Annual Awards Banquet and Installation Ceremony. This event allows the Chamber the opportunity to honor volunteers who have gone above and beyond in 2005 for the betterment of the Chamber. The awards will be given to those members who have excelled.

Jack Drake will have the pleasure of administering the Oath of Office to the 2006 Board of Directors. In addition, 2005 Chairman Ray Shotwell will pass the gavel to incoming Chair of the Board, Jerry Lowry, who will preside over the 2006 Board of Directors.

Executive Committee

Jerry Lowry • Greater Greenspoint District—Chair

Bill Ginder • Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group—Chair Elect

Ray Shotwell • Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park—Past Chair

Rosemary Buske • Contact Promotions—Secretary

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Dr. David Sam • North Harris College—Vice Chair Community/Governmental Affairs

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Mary Skaff—Vice Chair Membership

Clark Austin • Austin & Associates

Jerod Becton • Willow Creek Golf Club

Ray Bennett • ABS

Cheryl Canova • GFI Management

Sherran Domescik • Sam Houston Race Park

Margaret Eyster • Magoo's PrintShop

Bill Ferebee • O'Donnell, Ferebee Medley, Keiser

Ken Harris • Harris & Associates

Ben McCaslin • Wells Fargo

Dana Podsednik • Hydril

Seth Sharr

Ralph Wheeler • Aldine—Greenspoint YMCA

Kristin Wells • Hines

Bill White • Parsons

John Zizelmann • MATTCO Manufacturing

Ex-Officios

Representative Kevin Bailey • District #140

Regina Curry • Spring ISD

Ray Laughter • North Harris Montgomery Community College District

Senator Jon Lindsay • District #7

Dr. James Simpson • North Forest ISD

Ben Wilson • Aldine ISD

2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman, Ray Shotwell

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Past Chairman, Erv Baumeayer

Chair Elect, Jerry Lowry

Greater Greenspoint District

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Ralph Wheeler, Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA

Bill White, Parsons

John Zizelmann, MATTCO Manufacturing

Message from the Chair

Well, as I promised, this is my last message as your board chairman. If I leave something or someone out, please forgive me. First, to Marilyn, Nicole and Rachael: You all have made my job less complicated and have made me look good. For that I cannot thank you enough. With your keen operational acumen, the events have gone off without a hitch.

And to the board: I can't imagine working with a board that has been more enjoyable. You all have made a valiant attempt to attend as many events as you could and to participate whenever called upon to the best of your ability. You have exhibited the spirit of volunteerism at its finest. You have provided input that will be valuable to the well-being of the chamber for years to come.

And now, thanks and congratulations to all who put in countless hours on our successful events. The most recent one was the Gala, in case you missed it. Will the real Godfather please stand up? Congratulations to Bill Ginder, our Citizen of the Year. Also, thanks for your kind consideration and selection of Brookside as your company of the year.

I will wrap this up by giving my best wishes to Jerry Lowry and his team for a great Chamber year in 2006.

Again, thanks for your generous support & I will see you at the next chamber event.



Ray Shotwell
Chair of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Shotwell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Welcome New Members

ACI, Fully Booked
SySy Thoi
3500 N. Terminal Road
Houston, TX 77032
281-233-3965
Retail - Book Stores

Full service, upscale, high-tech, state-of-the-art, contemporary retail book store located in George Bush Intercontinental Airport—Terminal C.

Comfort Inn-Greenspoint
Bhavik Patel
12701 North Freeway
Houston, TX 77060
281-875-2000
Hotels

Erv Baumeyer
281-358-4975
Individual Member

MCA Communications, Inc.
Sherri Weksler
525 Northville
Houston, TX 77037
281-591-2434

Computers - Cabling/Installation
ProLog International
Freight Forwarders, LLC
James Elkins
15307 La Jolla Lane
Houston, TX 77060
281-448-6065
Freight Forwarders

SMF International (Americas),
Jorge Kurten
650 N Sam Houston Parkway E
Suite 218
Houston, TX 77060
281-931-0606
Oil/Gas - Products/Services

Thomas Markle Jewelers
Thomas Markle
4417 Kingwood Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339
281-360-4367
Jewelers - Retail

Thank you Renewing Members!

AccuFleet
Culinary Institute
Greater Greenspoint District
GuestHouse Inn & Suites
Gulfstream Graphics

The IMUnization Clinic
Mir, Fox & Rodriquez, PC
Sam's Club
St. Stephen Baptist Church
State Farm Insurance
Steak and Ale Restaurant

Congratulations to Award Winners!



Bill Ginder accepts his award from Marilyn Bayless & Ray Shotwell.

Company of the Year
Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park

Ray Shotwell
Foster Cook
Marilyn Bayless

Citizen of the Year
Bill Ginder, Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group



December 2005 Calendar of Events

Week of December 1st

- 01 Chamber Luncheon, 11:15 - 11:45 Registration/Networking, 11:45 – 1 pm Program/Lunch** Sheraton North Houston Hotel
\$25 for members w/RSVP; \$35 for non-members or w/out RSVP
RSVP by November 30th by 10 am

Week of December 5th

- 06 ANHOC Meeting, 4 pm**, Two Greenspoint Plaza Conference Room
- 08 Legislative Committee Meeting, 8:30 am**, Chamber Conference Room, Suite 150
- 08 SBDC Seminar *Getting Started in Business* FREE, 1:30pm – 4:30pm**
Chamber Conference Room, Suite 155
- 08 Business After Hours, 4:30pm – 7pm**, Marriott North Greenspoint,
255 N Sam Houston Pkwy E
- 09 Board of Directors & Committee Chairs Planning Retreat, 8:30 am – 4 pm**,
NHMCCD Training Center, 5000 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands
RSVP to Rachael at Rachael@nhgcc.org or 281.442.8701

Week of December 12th

- 14 Networking Breakfast, 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 Dec 13th by 10 am
Please bring a gift to promote your business for a FUN Gift Exchange!

Week of December 19th

- 23 Office Closed in Observance of the Holidays**

Week of December 26th

- 26 Office Closed in Observance of the Holidays**
- 30 Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day**



Seasons Greetings

December Luncheon

Please join the Chamber for lunch the first Thursday of December at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel.

Manage Customers and Sales Leads More Effectively
Better Manage and Share Business Information
 Get others to Understand your Role within the Organization

<p>Thursday, December 1st</p> <p>11:15 am - 11:45 am Registration/Networking</p> <p>11:45 am – 1 pm Program/Lunch</p>	<p>Sheraton North Houston Hotel, 15700 JFK Blvd</p> <p>\$25 for members with RSVP—\$35 for non-members</p> <p>RSVP by November 30th by 10 am</p> <p>RSVP to rachael@nhcgcc.org or 281-442-8701</p>
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Annual Awards Luncheon Sponsorships

\$5000 Title Sponsor

Company Name in Event Title
 1/2 page ad in Luncheon Program
 Premier Seating for Table of 10
 5-minute address presented by company representative
 Recognition in Program
 Recognition in Event Publicity

\$2500 Diamond Sponsor

Premier Seating for Table of 10
 5-minute address presented by company representative
 Recognition in Luncheon Program
 Recognition in Event Publicity

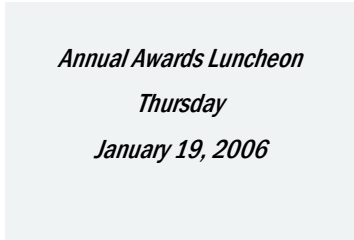
\$500 Table Sponsorship

Reserved Seating for Table of 10
 Recognition in Luncheon Program

\$35 General Admission

\$1500 Gold Sponsor

Premier Seating for Table of 10
 Introduction at Event
 Recognition in Luncheon Program
 Recognition in Event Publicity



Beautification Nominations Sought

The Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification Committee awards the Beautification Award to an area business or organization that has made significant efforts towards beautification of their property through landscaping or cleanup efforts. The award is to be presented quarterly and the recipient has the impressive Beautification Award outdoor sign posted on their property for the quarter. A formal presentation and commemorative photo is taken at the time the award presented. The award winner's picture is printed in our own monthly newsletter is and also submitted to area newspapers.

The committee is seeking your input for the next recipient. If you know of a business or organization that is deserving of this award please complete the form below and submit it to the Chamber office. **Deadline EXTENDED!!! December 2nd**

Company: _____ Location Address: _____

Brief description of work that has been done _____

Nominated by: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____



Previous Beautification Award
Winner
Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep

2006 Board of Directors to Attend Retreat

As 2005 winds down, the 2006 Board of Directors is just gearing up! The Board will meet to discuss the vision and plans for the upcoming year.

Let your voice be heard by the organization's decision makers!

In addition to the Board of Directors the 2006 Committee Chairs will also be in attendance. The purpose of the Planning Retreat is to review the current year's activities and make plans for the upcoming year based upon the direction presented by the membership.

- What direction do you see the Chamber taking in 2006?



2006 Board Planning Retreat
Friday, December 9th
North Harris Montgomery Community College District

- What do you see as the role of the Chamber?
- What issues should the Chamber address?
- What *is* working?

Contact the Chamber office with any suggestions.

December Networking

December 1st—

Luncheon

Sheraton North Houston Hotel
(see page 5 for details)

December 8th—

Business After Hours

Greenspoint Marriott
255 N Sam Houston Pkwy E
4:30 pm to 7 pm

December 14th—

Networking Breakfast, 7:30am

Hotel Sofitel Houston
425 N Sam Houston Pkwy E
(see page 4 for details)

November Election Results

Houston Mayor—Bill White

City Council District B—Runoff:

Felicia Galloway Hall/Jarvis Johnson

City Council District H— Adrian Garcia

Texas Proposition 1 – Approved

Texas Proposition 2—Approved

Texas Proposition 3—Approved

Texas Proposition 4—Approved

Texas Proposition 5—Rejected

Texas Proposition 6—Approved

Texas Proposition 7—Approved

Texas Proposition 8—Approved

Texas Proposition 9—Rejected

NHMCCD Small Business Awards Winner

The 19th Annual Small Business Awards Banquet honored small business owners from the North Harris and Montgomery County areas. The event was hosted by North Harris Montgomery Community College District and the Small Business Advisory Council.

Congratulations to the 2005 Awards Winners

Alaine & Marie LeNorte
Culinary Institute



Ray Shotwell (l), Chairman of the Board with Winners

Alaine & Marie LeNorte of the Culinary Institute

Joined by Marilyn Bayless (r)



If you think Downtown is the only center for Houston business, you're missing "the Point." When it comes to thriving industry, commerce and travel, METRO takes you right to the source – Greenspoint – with the **102 Bush IAH Express**.

This convenient limited-stop bus service offers daily travel in and around Houston's growing north side as well as from Greenspoint to Downtown and beyond for just \$1.50 each way during rush hours, and \$1 all other times.

METRO's **102 Bush IAH Express** takes you to numerous employment and activity centers including Bush Intercontinental Airport, Greenspoint Mall, restaurants and entertainment venues, plus provides connections to METRORail, the Texas Medical Center, and over 70 additional bus routes leading to even more destinations.

There is life outside of Downtown. Discover it on the north side with METRO's **102 Bush IAH Express**. For complete route and schedule information, visit www.ridemetro.org or call METROLine at (713) 635-4000.



Thank you!

Marriott North at Greenspoint graciously hosted the Staff for their recent retreat.

Airport Marriott

Rolled out the red carpet for members when they hosted the November Business After Hours!

Rates Up

Effective **January 8, 2006** postage rates will increase—a 5.4% across-the-board increase, approved by the Postal Rate Commission.

First-Class Mail will increase from **37 cents to 39 cents**, and the post-card rate will increase by one cent to 24 cents.

Directory Listing

Can your potential customers find you?

Please make sure they can!

Visit www.nhgcc.org and look up your contact information—this is what will be printed in the 2006 Business Directory.

110% Club

Adecco Employment Services	Case Contractors	Parsons
Africa 2000, Inc.	Contact Promotions	Partners Bank of Texas
Ajilon Finance	EFG Insurance Agency, Inc.	Peacock Building Services
Aldine - Greenspoint YMCA	Greater Greenspoint District	PrimeWay Federal Credit Union
Allseas USA Inc.	Hines	Redstone Golf Club
Allstate Insurance/The Lipton Agency	Houston Pipe Benders	Ross Enterprises Insurance Company
AmeriTrust Title Company	Houston School of Morals & Ethics	Seth Sharr
Assist the Officer	IBC Innovative Business Consultants	Spherion Staffing Group
Boring Specialties, Inc.	Magoo's PrintShop	Steak and Ale Restaurant
Brothers Lighting & Electrical Specialists	Mir Fox & Rodriguez, P.C.	Stevens, Pilkington & Co PC
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group	North Harris College	TGI Friday's
	Northeast Medical Center Hospital	The WorkSource-Greenspoint

Chairman's Circle Membership

<u>Diamond</u>	Continental Airlines	Montgomery & Associates	SETEC Protection Service
Aldine Improvement District	DeMontrond Automotive Group	Moran - Gulf Shipping Agencies	Shell Oil Products US
Brookside Funeral Homes	Exxon/Mobil Production	North Forest ISD	Smith International, Inc.
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group	FMC Technologies, Inc.	North Harris College	Sterling Bank
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation	Frost Bank	North Houston Bank	Stone Energy Corp.
Observer Newspapers	gevity hr	Northeast Medical Center Hospital	Swift Energy Company
<u>Gold</u>	GFI Management Services	Northline Mall	Texas Southern University
ABS	Grant Prideco	Northside Lexus	Wal-Mart
Fitness Connection	Greenspoint Mall	O'Donnell, Ferebee, Medley & Keiser PC	Wells Fargo
Greater Greenspoint District	Hines	Office Systems of Texas, Inc	Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel
<u>Silver</u>	Hotel Sofitel Houston	OMNIBANK	<u>Small Business</u>
Aldine ISD	Houston Community College-NE	Partners Bank of Texas	ACI, Fully Booked
Amegy Bank of Texas	Houston First Insurance Associates	Peacock Building Services	Boullion Graphics
Baker Hughes	Hydril	Reliant Energy	Harris & Associates
Boring Specialties, Inc.	Landmark Chevrolet	Ross & Baruzzini	Southwest Housing/Primrose Del Sol
CA One Services	Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep	Same Day Signs	The Employment Guide
CenterPoint Energy	MATTCO Manufacturing	SBC	

Special thanks to our sponsors

• Sterling Bank •

*The Sterling Bank Starlight Ball,
All That Jazz 2005*

November 12, 2005

*Godfather \$10,000
Sterling Bank*

*Untouchables \$5,000
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group*

*Goodfellas \$2,500
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation
PrimeWay Federal Credit Union*

*Mobsters \$1,250
Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park*

CenterPoint Energy

North Harris College

Greater Greenspoint District

North Houston Bank

Hines

SBC

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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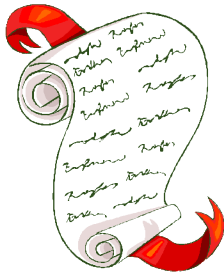
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*North Houston-Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce
exists to promote an environment that stimulates busi-
ness development and enhances the quality of life in
North Houston*



North Houston-Greenspoint Chamber Wish List



Cloth tablecloths with Chamber Logos printed on front

Money bags printed with Chamber Logo

Ticket Hopper

Upgraded computer operating system (Windows XP) for 5 workstations

Airline Miles (points, frequent flier miles)

Hotel Stay for 1 at Marriott University Park Hotel in Tucson, AZ (Jan. 3, 2006 to Jan. 8, 2006)

Hotel Stay for 3 at San Luis Resort, Galveston (June 26, 2006 to June 28, 2006)

Reception Area Furniture

Interior Decorating for Reception Area & Conference Room

Portable Screen

Credit Card Machine

Flowers delivered monthly or every other week