

January 2006



NORTH HOUSTON-GREENSPOINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Pacesetter

*Annual Awards Banquet
&
Installation Ceremony*

As outlined by the Chamber's Bylaws, the Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be during the first quarter of the year as the January Luncheon. The event will take place on

Thursday, January 19th—11:30 am to 1 pm

Houston Airport Marriott

18700 JFK Blvd

One of the exciting activities that takes place during this annual event is the presentation of cherished awards to the Chamber's deserving supporters. All awards are kept in the utmost secrecy until the unveiling at the luncheon—

Community Development Award

Humanitarian Award

Pinnacle Awards

Shining Star Awards

Small Business of the Year

Volunteer of the Year

In addition, the Chamber will be saying 'THANK YOU' to some very special volunteers—

Retiring Board Member—Erv Baumeyer

Retiring Board Member—Terry Burge

Retiring Board Member—Nadine Kujawa

All 2005 Committee Chairs will also be presented with a token of appreciation at the Banquet.

*Sponsorship Opportunities still available—
but tables are filling up!*

See page 7 for available Sponsorship Levels

2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair, Jerry Lowry

Greater Greenspoint District

Past Chair, Ray Shotwell

Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park

Chair Elect, Bill Ginder, CCIM, SIOR

Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group

Secretary, Rosemary Buske

Contact Promotions

Treasurer, Bill Townsend

North Houston Bank

Vice Chair, Business Development, Bill Hester

IBC, Innovative Business Consultants, Inc.

Vice Chair, Community & Governmental Relations, Dr. David Sam

North Harris College

Vice Chair, Marketing & Fundraising, Jill Boullion

Boullion Graphics

Vice Chair, Membership, Mary Skaff

Directors at Large

Clark Austin, Austin & Associates

Jerod Becton, Willow Creek Golf Club

Ray Bennett, ABS

Cheryl Canova, GFI Management, Inc.

Sherran Domescik, Sam Houston Race Park

Margaret Eyster, Magoo's PrintShop

Bill Ferebee, O'Donnell, Ferebee, Medley & Keiser, PC

Ken Harris, Harris & Associates

Ben McCaslin, Wells Fargo

Dana Podsednik, Hydril

Seth Sharr

Kristin Wells, Hines

Ralph Wheeler, Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA

Bill White, Parsons

John Zizelmann, MATTCO Manufacturing



Message from the Chair

First, a hearty thank you to Ray Shotwell, the 2005 Executive Committee and Board of Directors for your diligence and leadership over the past year. Your work has laid the pathway for the 2006 Board of Directors to serve our membership.

Now, I share my vision for 2006 to make our membership
Connected for Growth:

The New Year brings with it many things 'new' for our Chamber –

- o ***New Location*** – *in the heart of our service area where the east and west anchors meet at the doorstep of the 2nd largest domestic airport*
- o ***New Vision*** – ***Houston's Gateway for Global Growth*** *where we take advantage of being the gateway to Houston and the World*
- o ***New Look*** – *a new logo that gives freshness to the image of the organization*
- o ***New Vitality*** – *a streamlining of the volunteer organization and an increased utilization of evolving technologies*

The focus in 2006 is to advance the Chamber as a thorough and efficient organization that is responsive to the volunteers' time, the members' resources and the businesses' needs. We will build on the successes of 2005 and shape the Chamber for even greater success in 2007 under the leadership of Bill Ginder with Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group.



Jerry Lowry
Chair of the Board

Ex-Officio Members

Representative Kevin Bailey, District #140

Marilyn Bayless, North Houston-Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce

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

Welcome—2006 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

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Chair

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Term Expires 2006

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Term Expires 2007

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Ben Wilson—Aldine ISD

Welcome New Members

Edward Jones.

Craig A. Tomasek
850 FM 1960 West; Suite I
Houston, TX 77090
281-397-0255

Financial/Investment Planners

Edward Jones specializes in helping individual investors achieve their personal investment goals. "We can help you develop a plan keyed to your individual objectives, whether they include growth, income, preservation or something else. We can then assist with the selection of investments that are consistent with your plan."

Houston Job Connection

June Stallings
20333 State Hwy 249 Suite 200
Houston, TX 77070
281-378-1595

Personnel Services

Houston Job Connection is an online job board that offers more than the standard job board services such as job posting, job searching and resume posting. The company hosts career fairs, offers resume writing services and other related employment services.

Wood Dental Group

Dr. Natalie Wood
12164 Greenspoint Dr
Houston, TX 77060
281-876-2226

Dentists

"Dr. Natalie Wood, a dentist you can trust! We at the Wood Dental Group pride ourselves on providing our patients with exceptional dental healthcare, utilizing the latest dental technology. We are located conveniently on Greenspoint Drive across from the mall. We are accepting new patients and accept most insurance plans. How long have you been meaning to call?"

Pitts & Spitts

Victor Howard
10016 Eastex Fwy
Houston, TX 77093
281-987-3474

Manufacturers - BBQ Pits

Please welcome these new members
with your patronage!

Starbucks Coffee

Keishea Lewis
10755 North Fwy
Houston, TX 77037
281-931-0269

Retail

Thank you Renewing Members!

Comerica Bank

Corrections Corp of America

DeVry University

Earthman Resthaven Chapel

Englehart Energy, Inc.

Hydril

InSite Realty Partners

METRO

Northwest Assistance Ministries

O'Donnell, Ferebee, Medley & Keiser

Partners Bank of Texas

Stevens, Pilkington & Company

Swift Energy Company

January 2006 Calendar of Events

Week of January 2nd

01/02 Chamber Office Closed in Observance of Holiday

Week of January 9th

01/09 Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 am Chamber Conference Room, Suite 155

01/10 Business Development Division Meeting, 11 am Chamber Conference Rm, Suite 150

01/12 Networking Breakfast, 7:30 am Hotel Sofitel, 425 N Sam Houston Pkwy E
RSVP by January 11th at 10 am to rachael@nhgcc.org or Rachael at 281.442.8701
\$15 for members/\$20 for non-members or w/out RSVP

Week of January 16th

01/17 Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 am, The Greenspoint Club, 16925 Northchase Dr

01/19 Annual Awards Banquet, 11:30 am, Houston Airport Marriott, 18700 JFK Blvd
RSVP by January 17th at 10 am to rachael@nhgcc.org or Rachael at 281.442.8701
\$35 for members/\$45 for non-members or w/out RSVP

Week of January 23rd

01/24 NHGCC Foundation Board Meeting, 4 pm, Chamber Conference Room, Suite 150

01/25 Lunch & Learn—Taking Education to Work, 11:30 am
Chamber Conference Room, Suite 155
RSVP by January 23rd at 10 am to rachael@nhgcc.org or Rachael at 281.442.8701

Lunch & Learn—Taking Education to Work

Partnerships have become a buzzword and key strategy in today's business climate, as both the private and public sectors find creative ways to meet their goals and objectives.

One such initiative is Taking Education to Work (TEW). TEW is a coalition of business and education partners working together to improve the employability and work skills of students and teachers through workplace experiential learning. The mission is to better prepare students to join the workforce, enable teachers to better understand how to apply curriculum to the world of work, & foster stronger education/business relationships.

TEW embodies the partnership ideal in which the collaborative advantage is realized by all participants and the organization is both driven and sustained by its partners. Businesses communicate workforce needs and expectations directly to potential employees, as well as to educators to influence curriculum and therefore student employability. Conversely, educators are given direct relevant information that contributes to the success of their students.

Business and education partnerships, highlighting TEW, will be the topic presented by Heather Rosplock, Director TEW, for the first 2006 **Lunch & Learn on January 25th, 11:30 am**. You will learn about the effectiveness of economic development partnerships involving the private sector and education with tips on how to develop such partnerships and improve their performance. The cost is free to members and \$15 for non-members and lunch will be provided for this event by **InvesTex Credit Union**.

Call the Chamber to RSVP 281-442-8701 by January 23rd at 10 am

“TEW is a win-win relationship between business and education in that the process of educating today's youth is improved by the involvement of business and industry in the development of curriculum that better trains tomorrow's workforce”

Thursday is Chamber Day

Start 2006 Saving \$\$\$

Second Thursday
Networking Breakfast
7:30 am
Hotel Sofitel Houston

Third Thursday
Monthly Luncheon
11:30 am to 1 pm
Various Locations—watch for updates



Fourth Thursday
Business After Hours
4:30 pm to 7 pm
Sponsored by
Chamber Members

GET CONNECTED!

\$15—1 Breakfast Ticket

~~\$150~~—10 Breakfast Tickets

SAVE\$\$

\$135—10 Breakfast Tickets

10% SAVINGS

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\$20—1 Luncheon Ticket

~~\$235~~— 9 Luncheon Tickets

SAVE\$\$

\$210— 9 Luncheon Tickets

11% SAVINGS

Offer available upon full payment—must be received by Chamber by January 31, 2006. All tickets valid through December 31, 2006 for your self or your guest(s). Tickets can be redeemed monthly or all at once.

Reservation required to redeem tickets

Why I'm A Chamber Member Bill Ginder, Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group



When I came to Houston in January of 2001, Fred Caldwell told me I needed to pick an area of Houston to concentrate on and to learn everything there was to know about that area. I picked the North Houston-Greenspoint area because it was such a gateway to the rest of Houston through IAH and because Caldwell Watson had a successful Industrial development in Greens Crossing. Because of this and the other logistics and distribution companies in the area, I figured I would have no shortage of clients to call on. I quickly learned that my competition had the same idea and I needed a way to separate myself from them. To do this I became active in the Chamber in the summer of 2001 and have remained active ever since.

How did Chamber membership make me different from all the other commercial brokers in the area? First of all, through the Chamber, I met a tremendous group of business professionals that could help my clients when they moved into the area. I had a wealth of companies in printing, telecommunications, insurance, office furniture, moving, employment services, banks, and other industries, which could help my clients get started in the area quickly and economically. I became the clearing-house for that information and an “expert” in how to start a business in Houston near the airport.

Secondly, I learned who could make something happen for my clients, whether it was knowing who to call at the Chamber to get demographic information, or who to call at Aldine ISD to find temporary help, or calling the Greater Greenspoint District for help with security, traffic, or other issues, or METRO. Again, Caldwell Watson became the “expert” in the area, adding value to the client relationship. Finally, by working through the Chamber’s Economic Development Committee, Caldwell Watson was active in getting the Freeport Tax Exemption passed for Aldine ISD. This was a huge plus in bringing more Industrial Development to the area and attracting the clients and businesses to fill those developments. Once again, because of our close involvement in this process, Caldwell Watson became an “expert” on Freeport Exemption and was able to use our knowledge to our advantage to grow our business.

Being a Chamber member created tremendous opportunity to be known in the community and recognized as problem-solver, and that recognition has grown my business beyond my wildest expectations. I know in my heart that anyone can have the same success if they are willing to get involved, join a Chamber committee, attend a Chamber lunch or breakfast, go to an After Hours or Ribbon Cutting. But I also know you have to commit yourself to being involved for the long haul and not worry about the “payback” – the sales will come because of who knows you and who you know and you probably won’t ever find out it was due to your Chamber involvement. And if along the way you can help fix some things, or meet a community need, or help someone who can never, ever repay you – then that’s OK too.

Annual Awards Banquet & Installation Ceremony

Thursday, January 19, 2006—11:30 am to 1 pm
Houston Airport Marriott

\$5000 Title Sponsor

Company Name in Event Title
½ page ad in Luncheon Program
Recognition in Program

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

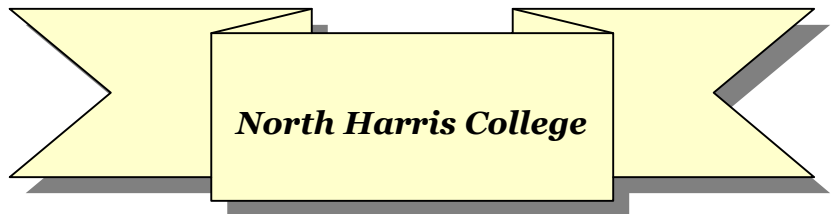
\$2500 Diamond Sponsor

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



\$1500 Gold Sponsor

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



\$500 Table Sponsorship

Reserved Seating for Table of 10
Recognition in Luncheon Program

\$35 General Admission



Annual Awards Luncheon
Thursday
January 19, 2006
11:30 am—1 pm
RSVP by January 17th

Member Services Available at Chamber Office

Notary Services

Demographics Information

Certificate of Origins Chamberized

110% Club

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

Chairman's Circle Membership

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

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Houston's Gateway to Global Growth

Congressman Gene Green to Host Town Hall Meetings

“We look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year and hope you will be able to attend one or more of our Congressional Town Hall meetings in January. Come out and let us know what is on your mind and hear more about issues under consideration in Congress. “

Wednesday, January 4th, 6:30 pm

Harris County Education Building
6300 Irvington Blvd., Room 100

Saturday, January 21st, 9 am

Aldine Community Storefront
5202 Aldine Mail Route

281-999-5879



Chamber Name Badge

Name badges are now available for all Chamber members!

Badges are \$ 15 and have a magnetic backing.

If you would like to have a North Houston-Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce Name Badge

Please complete the attached form and mail it with a check payable to NHGCC or email/fax.

Please print clearly

Name _____

Company Name _____

Method of Payment _____ Check enclosed _____ Credit Card _____

CC # _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____