

November 2005



NORTH HOUSTON-GREENSPOINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Pacesetter

## Chamber to relive *Roaring '20s* at The Sterling Bank Starlight Ball

The first talking movie, The Jazz Singer, is released. Charles Lindberg lands The Spirit of St. Louis in Paris. Al Capone becomes the best known gangster of all time. These were the happenings of the Roaring '20s, which is going to be again at The Sterling Bank Starlight Ball on November 12th.

Come Join the Big Cheese

It'll be the bee's knees

Whether you're a don or a dame

A flapper or a fella

It'll be the cat's pajamas

**All the Swell People Will be There staring at 7pm**

It'll be a ritzy affair at the local speakeasy

*Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel*

This isn't just any night at the gin mill

There will be dinner, dancing, a raffle, talking auction, silent auction

And a cash bar for those needing a little giggle water

If you want to look really spiffy, dress as we did in the Roaring '20s

If dressing up gives you the heebie-jeebies, formal attire is preferred

Be sure to kiss the don's ring - Sterling Bank is THE *Godfather*

No worries! You can still get in on the action:

*Untouchables \$5,000*

*Goodfellas \$2,500*

*Mobsters \$1,250*

*Gangster \$100*

*Don't be a bluenose, make your reservations today!*

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Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park

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Magoo's PrintShop

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**Ray Laughter, North Harris Montgomery Community College District**

**Dana Podsednik, HydriL**

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**Kristin Wells, Hines**

**Ralph Wheeler, Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA**

**Bill White, Parsons**

**Bret Wieman, Dine Time**

## Message from the Chair

We are down to the last two months of my tenure as the Chairman of your Board of Directors. I won't go into details and get mushy on you right now; I will save that for next month.

But I would like to say thanks to Jerry Lowry and the Leadership Development Committee for putting together an excellent group of officers and directors for next year. Also, thanks to the Awards Committee for their time and effort in completing the difficult task of selecting the Finalist for the Citizen and Company of the Year Awards, which will be announced at The Sterling Bank Starlight Ball. And speaking of the Ball, to say that its committee has done and is doing a superb job would be a major understatement!

So, what I am talking about is how this year has gone so far, and it is not over yet. I was out at Greenspoint Mall last Saturday and witnessed the kickoff of the Make a Difference project. Again, thanks to Martha Velazquez, Rick Schissler, Mark Hecker, the sub-committee and all who pitched in to make this event the huge success that it was.

As always, let me urge you to enjoy your chamber and don't be bashful to get involved! I will see you at the next 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

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### **Frost Bank**

#### **Bank**

**Lynda Kohler**

3351 FM 1950 Rd W, 77068

713-388-1237

Frost Bank has a proud heritage of serving the financial needs of generations of Texans. For Over 135 years, we've responded as times have changed, setting the standard for personalized customer service that goes beyond the basics of banking. Let us help you spend more time growing your business and less time worrying about your banking.

### **MATTCO Manufacturing**

#### **Oilfield Equipment**

**John Zizelmann**

12000 Eastex Freeway, 77039

281-449-0361

MATTCO, founded 1947, is the leading independent manufacturer of specific Pump & Brake Components for Oil & Gas Drilling Rigs. *MATTCO Mud Pump Modules and Pulsation Dampeners, TTE Brake Rims and Discs, and BEAR Twin Stops and Auto-Drillers* are built at MATTCO's Eastex Freeway facility and utilized world-wide.

### **Stone Energy Corporation**

#### **Oil/Gas Products/Services**

**Doug Kayes**

16800 Greenspoint Park Dr, Suite 225 S, 77060

281-872-1999

Stone Energy is an independent oil & gas company headquartered in Lafayette, La and is engaged in the acquisition; subsequent exploration; development; operation and production of oil & gas properties located in the conventional shelf of the Gulf of Mexico deep shelf of the GOM, deep water of the GOM, Rocky Mountain basins and Williston Basin.

### **Texas Southern University**

#### **Education/Schools**

**Kimberly Williams**

3100 Cleburne, 220T Hannah Hall, 77004

713-313-6898

### **Verizon Wireless**

#### **Telecommunications**

**Jesse Vieyra**

10721 North Freeway, 77090

281-447-1972

## Thank you Renewing Members!

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Allseas USA

CA One Services

Danmar Industries

Harris & Associates

Houston Golf Association

Houston Training & Conference Ctr

Husky Trailers & Parts Company

IBC Innovative Business Consultants

IHOP

ITT Technical Institute

Jansen & Company

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

METRO

Redstone Golf Club

Remington College – North Houston Campus

Ross Enterprises Insurance Company

Spherion Staffing Group

Tumbleweed Texas

Wal-Mart

## Congratulations to Award Finalists

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The Sterling Bank Starlight Ball will be the place to be—toasting the winners of the Chamber's prestigious awards.

The finalists for the Company of the Year & Citizen of the Year Finalists will be recognized with the winners announced during the event.

### Company of the Year Finalists

Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation

North Houston Bank

### Citizen of the Year Finalists

Jill Boullion, Boullion Graphics

Bill Ginder, Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group

Margaret Eyster, Magoo's PrintShop



2004 Company of the Year  
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group

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## November 2005 Calendar of Events

### Week of November 1st

- 01** New Member Orientation, 9 am, Chamber Conference Room
- 01** ANHOC Meeting, 4pm, Two Greenspoint Plaza Conference Room
- 02** Job Fair Wrap-Up Meeting, 2 pm, Chamber Conference Room
- 03** Chamber Luncheon, 11:15 am— 1 pm Hotel Sofitel Houston  
Ray Laughter, NHMCCD “Economic Development” - **RSVP by November 2<sup>nd</sup> by 10 am**
- 04** Gala Committee Meeting, 8:30 am, Chamber Conference Room

### Week of November 7th

- 08** Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 am, Chamber Conference Room
- 09** 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 Nov 8<sup>th</sup> by 10 am**
- 09** SBDC Seminar, *How to Get a Business Loan* 1 pm – 4 pm, \$36  
NHC-Parkway Center, Rm 305
- 10** Legislative Committee Meeting, 8:30 am, Chamber Conference Room
- 11** Open House, RE/MAX Professional Group, 8 am—10:30 am, 10351 Solitaire Circle
- 11** Gala Committee Meeting, Time 11:30 am, Chamber Conference Room
- 12** The Sterling Bank Starlight Ball *All That Jazz 2005*, 7pm, Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel,  
12140 Greenspoint Drive; Tickets \$100 per person

### Week of November 14th

- 15** Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 am, The Greenspoint Club
- 16** Public Safety Committee Meeting, 7:30 am, Two Greenspoint Plaza Conference Room
- 17** Business After Hours, 4:30 pm – 7 pm, Houston Airport Marriott, 18700 JFK Blvd
- 18** Gala Committee Wrap Meeting, 11:30 am Location TBD

### Week of November 21st

- 24** Chamber Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
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### Week of November 28th

- 28** Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, Chamber Conference Room
- 29** Economic Development Committee Meeting, 12 noon, Chamber Conference Room
- 30** Brown Bag Seminar, 11:30 am, *Real World Business & Social Etiquette*,  
Chamber Conference Rm

## November Luncheon

Please join the Chamber for lunch the first Thursday of November at the Hotel Sofitel. You won't want to miss the information **Ray Laughter, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, North Harris Montgomery Community College District** is going to share regarding economic development. Ray will discuss demographic changes and trends in the local economy and how you can use this information to develop a strategic business plan for your organization.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, November 3rd</b></p> <p><b>11:15 am - 11:45 am      Registration/Networking</b></p> <p><b>11:45 am – 1 pm                      Program/Lunch</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hotel Sofitel, 425 N Sam Houston Pkwy E</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$25 for members with RSVP—\$35 for non-members</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RSVP by November 2<sup>nd</sup> by 10:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RSVP to <a href="mailto:rachael@nhcgcc.org">rachael@nhcgcc.org</a> or 281-442-8701</p>
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## Make a Difference Day

The Chamber's Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification Committee partnered with Fitness Connection recently on the Make a Difference neighborhood clean-up project. Volunteers gathered at Greenspoint Mall on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for a send-off from Chairman Ray Shotwell, Representative Kevin Bailey, Congressman Gene Green, Congressman Ted Poe and Chamber President, Marilyn Bayless.

This project was hosted in conjunction with National Make a Difference Day created by USA WEEKEND Magazine; Make a Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October.

The scope of the local efforts included trash and graffiti clean up in common areas and community landscaping. One

deserving family was selected to have a makeover of their home supported by numerous sponsors including Aldine ISD, Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA, Best Buy, Greenspoint Mall, IBC Innovative Business Consultants, METRO, The Outdoor Remedy, and Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel.

*"Many thanks to the sponsors and volunteers who made the Make A Difference project possible" - Marilyn Bayless, President*

Chairman, Ray Shotwell presenting a check, along with Marilyn Bayless.



Volunteers help to pick up debris in the Northline Terrace area.



## 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 November 11th.**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Location Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of work that has been done \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Previous Beautification Award Winner  
Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep

# Call for 2006 Committee Service

It's that time of year at the Chamber when eyes start looking towards 2006—as Chairman Ray Shotwell mentioned in his message (*page 2*) he is nearing the end of his term and Chair Elect, Jerry Lowry is looking towards his.

One of the tasks on Jerry's plate right now is recruiting excited and enthusiastic members to serve on and benefit from the driving force of the Chamber—Committees. In addition, he is charged with appointing Committee Chairman.

Committee service is open to all members and their representatives. The 2006 committees will serve from January to December, with the exception of the Special Event committees which will meet to coordinate the event.

Please consider serving on a committee—this is wonderful way to become more



Committee work is a great way to meet other Chamber members while getting increased exposure for your organization's name.

actively involved in the Chamber. All members are encouraged to use this opportunity as a way to benefit your business or self through gained exposure or development. To the right is a list of the current committees for your review. Please contact the office for more information. 281-442-8701

- Ambassadors
- Economic Development
- Legislative
- Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification
- Programs
- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Workforce/Education
- Special Events
- Casino Night*
- Gala*
- Golf Tournament*
- Job Fair*

## November Election Information

Early voting for November 8th election continues through November 4th. You may vote early at any location in your county. On Election Day, you must vote at your designated precinct location. Be sure to have your Voters Registration Card or other official identification when going to vote.

The Houston Chapter of the League of Women Voters has prepared a publication for Harris County that can be accessed online at <http://www.lwvhouston.org/>

The Voters Guide is non-partisan election

material presented to help and encourage participation in the November elections.

### WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

- City of Houston Mayor
- City of Houston Controller
- City of Houston City Council Members
- Houston ISD Board Members
- Nine Texas Constitutional Amendment Propositions

**REGISTER!**  
**DECIDE!**  
**VOTE!**  
**Your vote COUNTS!**

Today, it is commonplace for people to protest in front of the White House; but that was not always the case. The first protesters were women suffragists on January 10, 1917 protesting for the right to vote.

## NHMCCD Small Business Awards Dinner

The 19th Annual Small Business Awards Banquet will honor 15 successful small business owners from the North Harris and Montgomery County areas. The event is hosted by North Harris Montgomery Community College District and the Small Business Advisory Council. All event proceeds are dedicated to the support of the Small Business Development Center. Please contact the Chamber office at 281-442-8701 if you are interested in attending this event while supporting fellow members.

### Congratulations to the 2005 Awards Finalists

- Alaine & Marie LeNorte
- Culinary Institute
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Lrma King
- \_\_\_\_\_
- King Cheesecake Company
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Harry J. Brooks—J. Nolen Bedford—Milam B. Saunders
- Partners Bank of Texas

Small Business Awards Banquet  
Wednesday, November 16  
Greenspoint Marriott  
255 N Sam Houston Pkwy E  
6 pm—Reception  
7pm—Dinner

## New Member Coupons

Are you looking for a great way to promote your business with minimal expense?

The New Member Welcome Packets are a great way to get your company's name, products and services in the hands of new, excited Chamber members. Consider including an insert for the packets. The inserts



*Welcome New Members to the Chamber*

should be promotional and not solicitous in nature—this can be a discount, 2-for-1 offers, or give-away. Please note, the free inserts are one-page inserts on 20# paper. If you are interested in something more please contact the Chamber office to submit a sample for a price quote for the inclusion.

## 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	Stevens, Pilkington & Co PC
Brothers Lighting & Electrical Specialists	Mir Fox & Rodriguez, P.C.	TGI Friday's
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group	North Harris College	The WorkSource-Greenspoint
	Northeast Medical Center Hospital	

## Chairman's Circle Membership

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

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