

October 2005



NORTH HOUSTON-GREENSPPOINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Pacesetter

## Chamber Welcomes New Directors

At the September Board of Directors meeting, Erv Baumeyer, *Past Chair*, had the privilege of inducting **Bill Hester, IBC Innovative Business Solutions** into the Board of Directors. Bill was appointed by Ray Shotwell, *Chairman* and approved by the Board of Directors at their August meeting, to fill a vacated position on the Board. Bill's involvement in the Chamber and commitment to the Chamber's mission made him an ideal candidate for this position.

In addition to filling the current Board roster, the directors also approved the slate of incoming Directors who will serve three years beginning in January. The following directors will be sworn into office at the Annual Awards Banquet—

**Ray Bennett, Vice President, Human Resources ABS**, is a veteran HR professional who is well versed in all aspects of Human Resources both domestic and international.

**Cheryl Canova, Disposition Supervisor, GFI Management Services** is an accomplished property management professional with nearly twenty years experience. She served on the Resident Relations Committee and the CAP Committee of the Houston Apartment Association. GFI Management Services recently acquired the CityView Apartment Homes.

**Margaret Eyster, Owner, Magoo's PrintShop** has been selling printing in this area for over 14 years and opened Magoo's PrintShop, "*a fun place for quality printing*".

**Jerry Lowry, Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Greater Greenspoint District** is an active member of the Greenspoint community in addition to his position at the Greater Greenspoint District where he oversees the Public Safety, Financial and Support Services, Operations, and Planning and Infrastructure departments.

**Rick Schissler, Attorney, O'Donnell, Ferebee, & McGonigal, P.C.** is a native Houstonian and an active member of the community. He graduated from the University of Texas with a BBA degree with honors and then from the University of Houston Law Center. Rick is a member of the Houston Bar Association, State Bar of Texas and the State Bar College.

**Dr. David Sam, President, North Harris College** has served since as president since August 2000. He serves on the Junior League of North Harris County Community Advisory Board, and the Board of Northwest Assistance Ministries, Leadership North Houston, & Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA.

**Mary Stratton, Individual Member** is a degreed professional who is experienced in marketing sophisticated business services to executives, corporate boards and owners. She is a member of the Greenspoint ABWA, having previously served on their Executive Board and is dedicated volunteer for the Chamber.

**Ralph Wheeler, Executive Director, Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA** has worked for YMCAs in Colorado and Texas for over twenty years and has seven years experience with other Not-For-Profit agencies.

## Board of Directors

### Chair of the Board

Ray Shotwell, Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park

### Past Chair

Erv Baumeier

### Chair Elect

Jerry Lowry, Greater Greenspoint District

### Secretary

Margaret Eyster, Magoo's PrintShop

### Treasurer

Ben McCaslin, Wells Fargo

### President

Marilyn Bayless

### Division Vice Chairs

#### *Business Development*

Seth Sharr

#### *Community & Governmental Relations*

Rick Schissler, O'Donnell, Ferebee & McGonigal, PC

#### *Marketing & Promotions*

Bill Ginder, Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group

#### *Membership*

Jill Boullion, Boullion Graphics

### Directors

Clark Austin, Austin & Associates

Jerod Becton, The Greenspoint Club

Terry Burge, The Leader Newspapers

Rosemary Buske, Contact Promotions

Sherran Domesick, Sam Houston Race Park

Ken Harris, Harris & Associates

Bill Hester, IBC Innovative Business Consultants

Nadine Kujawa, Aldine ISD

Ray Laughter, NHMCCD

Dana Podsednik, Hydril

Bill Townsend, North Houston Bank

Kristen Wells, Hines

Ralph Wheeler, Aldine Greenspoint YMCA

Bill White, Parsons

Bret Wieman, DineTime

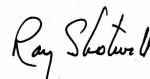
# Message from the Chair

Have you ever asked yourself why you belong to the Chamber of Commerce? People and businesses over the year have joined for a myriad of reasons. Some enjoy the long-term relationships afforded by membership, some enjoy referring business to members, while others don't necessarily depend on benefiting from chamber membership, but enjoy showing their support for the local business community. These are all noble and valid reasons and as your Chairman, I appreciate the spirit and intent of them all.

As for me, I enjoy the long-term relationships and support that the Chamber affords. There are many businesses and people in this Chamber who I consider life-long friends and with whom I never would have come in contact had it not been for this Chamber. I will be eternally grateful for this experience.

We would like to hear from you as to why you chose to be a member of our chamber.

Continue to enjoy your Chamber and I will see you at the next Chamber event!



Ray Shotwell

Chair of the Board

## Thank you Renewing Members!

Austin & Associates  
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
Boring Specialties, Inc.  
Canon Business Solutions  
Contact Promotions  
Edwards & Kelcey  
Greenspoint Business Association  
Hyatt Regency Houston Airport  
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation  
Masterpiece International, Ltd.  
North Harris College  
Pasons Systems USA, Corporation  
Proaction Careers  
PrimeWay Federal Credit Union  
Trammell Crow Company

**You are invited to enjoy a day of golf with XO™** and learn about a company with a broad portfolio of local, long distance, Internet access and Web hosting products and services.

**When:** Tuesday, October 11th

**Tee Time:** 9 am Shotgun Start (8am registration)

**Location:** Old Orchard Golf Club

13134 FM 1464, Richmond, 77469

Please contact Mark Johnson,  
mark.a.johnson@xo.com or 832.200.2085.



**We're looking forward  
to seeing you!**

## Make a Difference Day

Fitness Connection and Taquerias Arandas created the idea for the project and the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee agreed to create a workable plan for the idea. Volunteers will gather at Greenspoint Mall on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 am for Opening Ceremonies with a send-off from Chamber President, Marilyn Bayless and area elected officials as they begin their daylong clean-up in the Northline Terrace area.

This project is also partnering with National Make a Difference Day. Make a Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make a Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October.

Millions have participated each year, nationally. In 2004, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns.

The committee need your help—volunteer today! Volunteers will help with trash and graffiti clean up in common areas and with some new community landscaping. There is also a need for trucks and yard equipment are needed.

**October 22nd, 8am Greenspoint Mall**

### **NHMCCD Board of Trustees Approves Budget**

The Board of Trustees of the North Harris Montgomery Community College District (NHMCCD) voted unanimously at the August 25th meeting to approve a \$160,920,000 budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Board chairman David McIver praised the NHMCCD staff for their careful work saying, “This budget will allow our district to continue functioning at a high level without putting undue burdens on the taxpayer.”

With state support still not restored to '03 levels, the budget includes a \$4 per credit hour tuition increase effective for Spring, 2006. In addition, a proposed tax rate increases would add approximately \$6.24 per year to the cost of a house valued at \$100,000. NHMCCD Chancellor John Pickelman said, “The ongoing decline in State support has created a challenge for the District’s ability to maintain current levels of service in the face of growing demand from our communities and businesses for workforce training and higher education services.”

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## October Calendar of Events

### Week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 04 **Economic Development Committee Meeting, 12 pm**, Parkway Center – NHC, Rm 306
- 04 **ANHOC Meeting, 4:00pm**, Two Greenspoint Plaza Conference Room
- 05 **Gala Committee Meeting, 8:30 am**, Greater Greenspoint District, 16945 Northchase Dr, Suite 1900
- 05 **Job Fair Committee Meeting, 9:30 am**, North Harris College, 2700 WW Thorne Dr, Rm LB 115
- 06 **Make a Difference Sub-Committee Meeting, 8 am** Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA, 10960 North Fwy
- 06 **SBDC Seminar, *The Law and your Business* 9am – 12 pm \$36** Parkway Center–NHC, Rm 305
- 06 **Membership Luncheon; 11:30 am–1 pm**, Steak & Ale Restaurant, 17425 North Fwy, 77090  
\$25 for members w/ RSVP; \$35 for non-members or w/out RSVP; **RSVP by October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**

### Week of October 10<sup>th</sup>

- 12 **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 October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**
- 12 **Leadership Development Committee, 9 am**, Hotel Sofitel, 425 N. Sam Houston Pkwy
- 12 **Job Fair Committee Meeting, 9:30 am**, North Harris College, 2700 WW Thorne Dr, Rm LB 115
- 12 **Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 am** Greater Greenspoint District, 16945 Northchase Dr, Suite 1900
- 13 **Make a Difference Sub-Committee Meeting, 8 am** Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA, 10960 North Fwy
- 13 **Legislative Committee Meeting, 8:30 am**, Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA, 10960 North Fwy
- 13 **SBDC Seminar, *Sales Techniques for the Entrepreneur*, 9 am–12 pm \$36** Parkway Center–NHC, Rm 305

### Week of October 17<sup>th</sup>

- 18 **Job Fair Committee Meeting, 9:30 am**, North Harris College, 2700 WW Thorne Dr, Rm LB 115
- 18 **Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 am**, The Greenspoint Club, 16925 Northchase Drive
- 19 **Public Safety Committee Meeting, 7:30 am**, Two Greenspoint Plaza Conference Room
- 19 **SBDC Seminar, *Principles of Plain Language* 9 am–12 pm \$36**, Chamber Conference Room
- 20 **Make a Difference Sub-Committee Meeting, 8 am** Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA, 10960 North Fwy
- 20 **Getting Houston Hired Job Fair, 9 am–2 pm; North Harris College**, 2700 WW Thorne Dr, Gym
- 22 **Make a Difference Project, 8 am**, Gather at Greenspoint Mall for Opening Ceremonies

### Week of October 24<sup>th</sup>

- 24 **Awards Committee, 12 pm–2 pm**, Chamber Conference Room
- 24 **Transportation Committee Meeting, 4 pm**, Chamber Conference Room
- 25 **Ambassador Committee Meeting, 9 am**, Chamber Conference Room
- 25 **Economic Development Committee Meeting, 12 pm**, Chamber Conference Room
- 26 **Brown Bag Seminar, *Partnering with Colleges & School Districts*, 11:30 am**, Chamber Conference Room
- 27 **Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification Committee, 8 am**, Chamber Conference Room
- 27 **Workforce/Education Committee Meeting, 11:30 am**, Chamber Conference Room
- 27 **Business After Hours, 4:30 pm–7 pm, AmeriSuites Greenspoint/International**, 300 Ronan Park Place

## Welcome New Members

**ABM International, Inc.**

**Machine Shop**

**Neal Schwarzberger, President**

18209 Chisholm Trail, Unit 110, Houston, TX 77060

281.443.4440

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**Johnnye Shupe, Realtor**

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281.894.1000

Please welcome these new members with your patronage!

### **North Houston Networking**

#### **October Networking Breakfast**

**Wednesday, October 12th —7:30 am**

***Joker Game over \$3,400***

**Hotel Sofitel, 425 N Sam Houston Pkwy E**

**\$15 for members; \$20 for non-members**

**RSVP [rachael@nhgcc.org](mailto:rachael@nhgcc.org) or 281.442.8701**

### **Brown Bag Seminar—Wednesday, October 26th**

11:30 am, Chamber Conference Room

#### ***Partnering with Colleges & School District***

Come find out how businesses can partner with school districts and colleges in various ways, such as guest speaking opportunities, mentoring opportunities, intern programs, career day events and others.

RSVP to [rachael@nhgcc.org](mailto:rachael@nhgcc.org) or 281.442.8701

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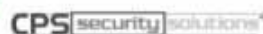
**Thursday,  
October 20, 2005**

**10a.m. - 3p.m.**

**North Harris College  
2700 W. W. Thorne Drive  
Houston, TX 77073-3499**

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Africa 2000, Inc.	EFG Insurance Agency	Parsons
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Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA	Hines	Peacock Building Services
Allstate Insurance/ The Lipton Agency	Houston Pipe Benders	PrimeWay Federal Credit Union
AmeriTrust Title Company	Houston School of Morals & Ethics	Redstone Golf Club
Assist the Officer	IBC Innovative Business Consultants	Seth Sharr
Boring Specialties, Inc.	Magoo's PrintShop	Spherion Staffing Group
Brothers Lighting & Electrical Specialists	Mir, Fox & Rodriguez, PC	Stevens, Pilkington, & Company, PC
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group	North Harris College	TGI Friday's
Case Contractors		The WorkSource- Greenspoint

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## Chairman's Circle

### *Diamond*

Aldine Improvement District  
Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park  
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group  
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation

### *Gold*

American Bureau of Shipping  
Fitness Connection

### *Silver*

Aldine Independent School District  
Amegy Bank of Texas  
Baker Hughes  
Boring Specialties, Inc.  
CA One Services, Inc.  
CenterPoint Energy  
Continental Airlines  
DeMontrond Automotive Group  
Exxon/Mobil Production  
FMC Technologies, Inc.  
gevity hr  
GFI Management Services  
Grant Prideco  
Greater Greenspoint District  
Greenspoint Mall

### *Silver*

Hines  
Hotel Sofitel Houston  
Houston Community College—NE  
Houston First Insurance Associates  
Hydril  
Landmark Chevrolet  
Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep  
Montgomery & Associates  
Moran-Gulf Shipping Agencies  
North Forest ISD  
North Harris College  
North Houston Bank  
Northeast Medical Center Hospital  
Northline Mall  
Northside Lexus

### *Silver*

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

**We're on the Web!**  
**[www.nhgcc.org](http://www.nhgcc.org)**



North Houston-Greenspoint runners at the Houston Airport System's Raceway for Life



Members joined the staff in celebrating the Grand Opening of the new Chamber office!

Bruce Cameron (l) and The AdNov Group graciously hosted the September Business After Hours. Joining Bruce are Marilyn Bayless & Ray Shotwell



Dr. Chaney invited the Chamber to celebrate his 25 years in practice with an open house and ribbon cutting celebration!

