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## Chamber Foundation Set Records at Casino Night By Margie Buentello, President & CEO

Not only did the North Channel Chamber Foundation set a record at this year's Casino Night fundraiser for raising money, fun was had by all. The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation wants to give a big **THANK YOU** to:

**Title Sponsor**—  
Bestway Oilfield

**Corporate Sponsors**—Arkema, Inc., Amegy Bank, Community Toyota\*Honda\*Kia, East Houston Regional Medical Center, Plati-

num Copier Solutions, North Shore Rotary, Safeway Signs, San Jacinto College Foundation, Top-Dog Fireworks, Woodforest National Bank, and Judges Stephens/Coffey.

**Prize Donors** - Round of Golf for 4 @ Tour 18 with Taylor Made duffle bag and Chamber cap donated by Tour 18; a Super Car detail & BBQ Utensils donated by Bates Collision Centers ; a 60 Minute Massage & wine basket donated by Natural Indulgence; Two(2) Lady Antebellum Concert Tickets donated by Capital Bank;

Fly Over Houston for four(4) donated by Ronny Dwairy; a Technology Basket donated by Halo Branded Solutions June Harris; a \$150 Pappas Gift Card with Wine Basket donated by Bill & Debbie Palko; a Ruger Model 8605 9 MM Luger Pistol donated by Bestway Oilfield ; and Whataburger for a year and misc. donated by



Whataburger.

Also, thank you to Jacinto City, volunteers and all that attended!

The Foundation is a 501 © 3. The Board members are: Jim Wadzinsk, Chairman; Adam Lund; Bill Palko; Lucia Bates; June Haris; Mike Williams; and Ronny Dwairy.

The Foundation supports: Bay Area Homeless; YMCA Partners of Youth; Woodforest Charity Run; North Shore Rotary; San Jacinto Pilot Club; American

Cancer NC Relay for Life; Channelview ISD Foundation; Galena Park ISD Foundation; Sheldon ISD Foundation; San Jacinto College Foundation; and the JC/GP Go Texan Committee. Also, with the funds raised the Foundation is starting a scholarship. The scholarship will be given through San Jacinto College. The recipient must be from the north channel area.

If you would like to donate to the Foundation, please contact the Chamber office at 713-450-3600.

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## 2017 Board of Directors

**Adam Lund— Chairman**  
*Capital Bank*

**Shalonda Dawkins— Chairman Elect**  
*United Community Credit Union*

**John Moore— 1st Vice Chair**  
*Galena Park ISD*

**Christie Gates— Treasurer**  
*Sheldon ISD*

**Lucia Bates – Immediate Past Chair,**  
*LB Marketing Solutions*

Marcile Barnett, Bates Collison Centers  
Brandan Baird, Woodforest National Bank  
Angela Broussard, Broussard's Real Estate  
Rick Brown, Arkema, Inc.  
Ronny Dwairy, Bestway Oilfield  
Pedro Garcia, Port Houston  
Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College  
June Harris, Halo Branded Solutions  
Gretchen Knowles, Harris County Pct. 2  
Greg Ollis, Channelview ISD  
Bill Palko, Amegy Bank  
Dr. Bill Raffetto, San Jacinto College North  
Garland Rutherford, LyondellBasell  
Lon Squyres, City of Jacinto City  
Jim Wadzinski, Community Toyota/Kia/  
Honda  
Mike Williams, Edward Jones

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## NEW MEMBERS

### **Jason's Deli**

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Restaurant – Sandwich Shop

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Julie Carter, [jcarter14331@yahoo.com](mailto:jcarter14331@yahoo.com)  
[www.sierraranchstorage.com](http://www.sierraranchstorage.com)  
Climate Controlled Self Storage

### **Walgreens - Channelview**

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Channelview, TX 77530  
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[www.walgreens.com](http://www.walgreens.com)  
Pharmacy, Retail

## **NORTH CHANNEL SALUTES** Booths Filling up Fast

Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 2, 2017. This is the date for the ninth annual North Channel Salutes. On this day, we will honor our veterans, current military personnel, and our service providers. In addition to honoring these individuals with lunch, a Business Expo and Health Fair will be in place. The hours are 10 AM—2 PM. The event will be held at Armenta's Banquet Hall located at 823 Sheldon Road. Booth space is available to chamber members for \$250 and \$350 for non-members. A Title Sponsorship is available for \$3,000 (includes name on all marketing materials and social media sites, first pick for booth location, 10 meal tickets and 50 veteran meal tickets). Silver Sponsorships are available for \$1,000 (includes booth, 10 lunch tickets, your choice location, recognition on chamber web and spotlight on printed materials). Corporate Sponsorships are also available for \$500 (includes booth, 4 lunch tickets, prime location and on printed materials). Space is limited. To register: call 713-450-3600; sign-up at [www.northchannelarea.com](http://www.northchannelarea.com) or email [blanca@ncachamber.com](mailto:blanca@ncachamber.com).

# RENEWALS

A special thank you to the following members who have shown their dedicated support of the Chamber and the community by renewing their membership investment.



## 20-40 Years

Dr. Robert Kemp, Optometrist	36 Years
Don's Auto Service	30 Years
Galena Park Motors, Inc.	30 Years
Shiloh Printing, Book Store & Gift Shop	30 Years
East Loop Chiropractic Clinic	23 Years
Harris county FWSD #47	22 Years
South Lake Houston E.M.S.	22 Years
Mr. Gatti's, No. 412	20 Years

## 10-19 Years

Pizzinis Pizza & Steak, Inc.	15 Years
State Farm Insurance – Rick Blount	13 Years
Days Inn & Suites – Channelview	12 Years
Atlas Truck Sales	11 Years
B.J. Westbrook	11 Years
Harris County FWSD #6	10 Years
Northshore Dental	10 Years

## 1-9 Years

David Stauffer Pipe Services, Inc.	8 Years
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Christie Gates	8 Years
Texas – IBI Group, Inc.	8 Years
Anheuser-Bush, LLC	7 Years
The UPS Store #6204 Normandy/UPS	7 Years
Econocuts	6 Years
Basic Logistics, Inc.	5 Years
Cardiology Specialist of Houston	5 Years
Fred Rivas	5 Years
Mr.Plumber	5 Years
Storage West	5 Years
Woodforest Civic Association	5 Years
Xtreme High Performance Coating, Inc.	5 Years
Southwest Shipyard, L.P.	4 Years
Hampton Inn East Houston I-10	3 Years
Southwest Galvanizing, Inc.	3 Years
Brenda Emanuel	2 Years
LAIG Lucky Annuity & Insurance Group, LLC	2 Years
Communities in School, Southeast Harris County	1 Year



**PORT HOUSTON**  
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# PORT BRIEFS

## M/V Sam Houston Boat Tour

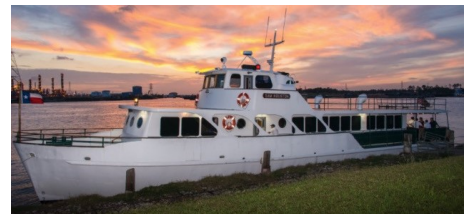


**PORT HOUSTON**  
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Come aboard for a one-of-a-kind, waterborne voyage that provides a unique and educational introduction to the Houston Ship Channel, home to one of the busiest and most diverse ports in the world. Port Houston's free, public tour provides individuals and groups a fantastic opportunity to experience, first-hand, one of the region's greatest economic contributors.

Reservations are required in advance and can be made online at any time, or by calling 713-670-2416, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Please be advised that if the reservation system does not allow you to make a booking it could be because you are asking for more seats than are available or due to the M/V Sam Houston reaching full capacity. Please call 713-670-2631 to check for any cancellations. **Note: Reservations are only available 90 days from the present date. To book a date more than 90 days in advance, please contact the Sam Houston team at 713-670-2416.**

If you would like to update an existing reservation, please send your update to [samreservations@poha.com](mailto:samreservations@poha.com) or you may fax your update to 713-670-2629.



**CHAMBER DINNER TOUR:** For North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce members and their guests, there will be a special tour on October 19, 2017. **This year the boat will depart from The Battleship, 3523 Independence Parkway, LaPorte, TX 77571.**

You must RSVP to [blanca@ncachamber.com](mailto:blanca@ncachamber.com) or call the Chamber @ 713-450-3600 for the Chamber Dinner Tour reservations. You must be at The Battleship by 5:30, the tour will start promptly at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm.

## Upcoming EVENTS

### Friday, September 1

Monthly Luncheon  
11:30 am @ San Jacinto College  
N., 5800 Uvalde Rd., 77049  
Speaker: Lorraine Grubbs  
Topic: Creating A Happy  
Workplace  
Sponsored by: Shell Federal  
Credit Union & East Houston  
Regional Medical Center

### Monday, September 4

LABOR DAY—Chamber office  
closed

### Tuesday, September 12

Ribbon Cutting  
10:30 am @ Jason's Deli  
12625 East Frwy., 77015

### Tuesday, September 12

Ambassador Meeting  
11:00 am @ Jason's Deli

### Tuesday, September 26

Free Coffee Networking/  
9:30 am @ La Quinta Inn &  
Suites Channelview, 5520 E.  
Sam Houston Pkwy., N., 77015

### Friday, October 6

Monthly Luncheon  
11:30 am @ San Jacinto College  
N., 5800 Uvalde Rd., 77049  
Program: Port Houston

Please RSVP for events to  
[blanca@ncachamber.com](mailto:blanca@ncachamber.com),  
call 713-450-3600 or go online

## RIBBON CUTTINGS



A ribbon cutting was held for WeeKare Pediatrics on July 12. They are located at 14630 Woodforest Blvd., 77015.



A ribbon cutting was held for Holiday Inn Express Houston East on July 19. They are located at 6175 E. Sam Houston Pkwy. N., 77049.

**The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote economic development and provide real solutions for business and community prosperity.**