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A Great Day For Golf!

by Margie Buentello, President & CEO



The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Golf Tournament took place on May 11th at Tour 18. The day was filled with fun that included networking, golf, prizes, food and drinks. We want to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers and golfers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 2

Monthly Luncheon
11:30 am @ SJCN, Monument Rm., 5800 Uvalde Rd., Speaker—Dan Parsons, President of the Houston BBB

Tuesday, June 13

Ambassador Meeting
11:30 am @ Legend Homes @ Evergreen Villas, 12742 City Green Trail, 77044

NO JULY LUNCHEON

CHAMBER SUMMER HOURS

(June 5– July 28) **Monday —Thursday**
8:30 am— 5:30 pm
Friday—Office closed

Friday, August 4

Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am @ Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates R., 77029

Friday, August 11

7:00 pm—11:00 pm @ Jacinto City Town Center, The North Channel Chamber Foundation "Casino Royale"

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

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

San Jacinto College	36 Years
Triplex, Inc.	26 Years
San Jacinto Pilot Club	25 Years
Brooks & Sparks, Inc.	21 Years
Edward Miller Appraisal Svcs.	20 Years

10-19 Years

Investor's Management	16 Years
Kindred Hospital North	16 Years
Enterprise Crude Pipeline LLC	14 Years
Optim Energy, LLC	14 Years

1-9 Years

Cary Stephens	7 Years
LB Marketing Solutions	7 Years
McClain Trailers	7 Years
Genan, Inc.	6 Years
Comcast	5 Years
LJA Engineering	5 Years
Sentry Self Storage #81	4 Years
Weaver	2 Years
City Fire Protection	1 Year
State Farm Ins., Barry Hoskins	1 Year

PORT BRIEFS



PORT HOUSTON
THE INTERNATIONAL PORT OF TEXAS

An operations report for the first quarter report of 2017 showed that “Port Houston handled close to 10 million tons of total tonnage, reflecting an increase of eleven percent over 2016,” Port Houston Executive Director Roger Guenther announced during the April meeting of the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. During the first quarter of this year, Port Houston facilities handled 607,000 TEUs (the twenty foot equivalent measurement of container cargo). Guenther stated that the “majority” of this increase is “largely due” to an increase in container volumes, which showed an increase of 18 percent.

A highlight of some actions taken by the Port Commission during its meeting included to support adding the inclusion of a coastal barrier system for the Houston/Galveston Bay area to the President’s national infrastructure plans. This approval provides Port Houston the opportunity to join the Texas Land Office Commissioner in his letter to the President, which is urging the President to include the coastal barrier system in the national infrastructure plans. The action also allows the option to submit one separately on behalf of the Port Authority.

The Port Commission also approved the Actuarial Valuation Audit Report of the Port of Houston Authority Restated Retirement Plan. The Independent Auditors Report prepared by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company opined that the August 1, 2016 Actuarial Valuation prepared by Milliman, Inc. provides a fair and reasonable assessment of the financial position of the plan. The final actuarial report is available on the Port Houston website.

The commission approved entering into a multi-party Interlocal Agreement with Harris County, Galena Park, and Jacinto City for infrastructure improvements involving the design and construction of a sidewalk and pedestrian bridges for those communities.

During the meeting, the Port Commission acknowledged the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston Change of Command with the retirement of Captain Peter Martin. He was commended for his service and leadership as Sector Commander. The new Captain of the Port, Captain Kevin Oditt has assumed command. The commission expressed its appreciation to the Coast Guard for their dedication and commitment to the safety, security and environmental stewardship of the Houston Ship Channel.

Forty years ago this month, the Barbours Cut Container terminal opened for business. Barbours Cut has grown to be one of the premier container-handling facilities in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. A modernization program is under way to increase cargo-handling efficiency and capacity. Since the opening of Barbours Cut, and with the subsequent creation of its sister container facility at Bayport, the Port now handles 68 percent of all the container activity along the U.S. Gulf Coast and 95 percent of the container activity in Texas.



SENIOR HONORS LUNCHEON

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce is unique in that there are three public school districts in this Chamber's boundaries. Our chamber has a long tradition of supporting education. We take pride in our public schools, private schools, as well as our institutions of higher education.

On Friday, April 28th, the top five percent of the 2017 graduating class from C. E. King High School, Channelview High School, Galena Park High School, and North Shore Senior High School were recognized and honored with a luncheon in the Monument Room at San Jacinto College North. The Keynote Speaker was Daniel Newmyer. Newmyer is the Director Education for Space

Center Houston. We want to thank all of our contributing partners and sponsors who made this luncheon possible:

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RIBBON CUTTING



Ribbon Cutting was held on May 5th for [Purpose Consignment Boutique](#), 6830 East Sam Houston Parkway N. 77049, (281)-943-4124.