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Join Us For the Bill Palko Scholarship Fundraiser - "A Casino Beach Party"

by Margie Buentello, President & CEO



We are pleased to announce that our Chamber Foundation is having a casino night fundraiser on Friday, August 10th. Foundation Chairman, Adam Lund, would like you to join him and support the William C. Palko Scholarship fundraiser. Put on your beach attire and join us for a great evening of fun, music, Vegas style gambling and a chance at great prizes from 7-11pm on Friday, August 10th at the Jacin-

to City Town Center. Corporate Sponsorships are available for \$600 and individual tickets are \$75. A corporate sponsorship includes food and drinks for eight people plus \$40,000 in funny money. An individual ticket includes food, drinks and \$5,000 in funny money.

We want to extend a gracious thank you to our \$2,500 Title Sponsor Ronny Dwairy and **Bestway Oilfield**. Thanks also go out to

the City of Jacinto City for the free use of the Jacinto City Town Center and to the following Corporate Sponsors: **A m e g y B a n k**, **Arkema Inc.**, **North Shore Rotary**, and **San Jacinto College Foundation**.

Come try your hand at poker, blackjack, roulette and craps. There will be great food, drinks, prizes, music and dancing. Chef Jerry from the Holiday Inn Channelview is sure to please every-

one's appetite. Of course there will be a selection of liquid spirits.

All proceeds go to the William C. Palko Scholarship. The North Channel Area Foundation is a 501 c 3.

For more information, contact Blanca@ncachamber.com or call 713-450-3600.

Come get your "Beach On" and support this great cause. We hope to see you there!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, July 16th

Ribbon Cutting @ HCA Houston ER
 24/7, 12:00—2:00 pm
 6191 East Sam Houston Parkway
 North, Houston, 77049

Thursday, July 19th

Ribbon Cutting @ East Harris County
 Empowerment Council, 9:30 am, 12605
 East Freeway, #600, 77015

Friday, August 3

Monthly Luncheon

11:30 am @ Jacinto City Town Center
 1025 Oates Rd., 77029

Speaker—State Rep. Ana Hernandez
 Sponsored by: Communities in Schools

Friday, August 10

Chamber Foundation's Bill Palko Scholarship Casino Fundraiser
 7:00 pm—11:00 pm @ Jacinto City
 Town Center, 1025 Oates Rd., 77029

NOTE: For an up-to-date listing, please go to our website, www.northchannelarea.com. Send RSVPs to blanca@ncachamber.com

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Medical providers for intellectual disabilities

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.

21-35 Years

B.J. Sargent	38 Years
Hubbard Electric Company	30 Years
San Jacinto Pilot Club	26 Years
Port Houston	23 Years
Lawton Publishing	21 Years

10-19 Years

Wallisville Road Boat Storage	16 Years
Galena Park ISD Ed. Foundation	12 Years
Courtesy Roofing Inc.	12 Years

1-9 Years

Farmers Insurance – Ramon Garza	9 Years
Christie Gates	9 Years
Mustang Rental Service	8 Years
Channelview Coca Cola	7 Years

Comcast	6 Years
Basic Logistics, Inc.	6 Years
Storage West	6 Years
Xtreme High Perf. Coatings Inc.	6 Years
North Channel Star	5 Years
TopDog Fireworks Warehouse	5 Years
Infinite Numbers	4 Years
Susan Pansmith-Sheldon I.S.D.	4 Years
Bryant’s Termite & Pest Control	4 Years
Hampton Inn East Houston I-10	4 Years
Cloverleaf Fire Department	3 Years
State Farm – Tom Joacim	3 Years
Bonfire Wings	2 Years
North Channel Assist. Ministries	2 Years
North American Cargo Solutions	2 Years
Roy’s Safe Haven	2 Years
Portico Services, Inc.	1 Year



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PORT BRIEFS

Port Houston Business Stronger than Ever

Business continues to be strong for Port Houston. Several records were broken during May.

“Port-wide container business is stronger than ever,” Port Houston Executive Director Roger Guenther announced to the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority during its June 26 meeting. “The highest record in container volume in Port Houston’s history was set last month.” More than 245 thousand TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent containers) passed across our facilities,” he told the commission.

This latest highest total for Port Houston containers reflects a seven percent increase over the previous record set in March, with 617 thousand TEUs recorded. Total container volume through May is more than 1.1 Million TEUs, which shows an increase of six percent over the same period in 2017. Container volume activity is nearly even noting Import loaded containers up 10 percent year-to-date at 457,882 TEUs.

Breakbulk and special project business lines continue to be strong. “Import steel continues to show solid growth,” Guenther shared in his report. Port Houston general cargo terminals handled more than 500,000 tons of steel in May, the highest total since April 2015.

Demonstrating its commitment to financial stewardship and economic impact to the community it serves, Guenther reported to the Commission that Port Houston’s finance team concluded a bond refunding transaction that generated savings of nearly \$47 million for the taxpayers of Harris County.

Taken from: www.porthouston.com



RIBBON CUTTING



A ribbon cutting was held on June 5 for MedExpress, located at 13550 East Freeway, 77015.

BUSINESS MIXERS



Right—A Coffee Network was hosted by Hampton Inn on June 26th. They are located at 10505 East Freeway, 77029.



Left—A Business After Hours was hosted by Advanced Diagnostics on June 21st.



If anyone is interested in hosting an after hours mixer or a morning Coffee Network, contact the chamber office.

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