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Think Golf, Think Chamber by Margie Buentello, President & CEO

Tee time is Monday, May 6, 2019, 8:00 am at Tour 18. Tour 18 is located at 3102 FM 1960 East in Humble. Make sure you sign up to play in **The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Dr. Gerald Cobb Annual Golf Tournament**. Teams

of 4 are available for \$500.00 and individual players are \$125.00. Please be advised that we have 33 team slots and the tournament fills up quickly. If you can't play, that is ok, we still need your support. The Annual Golf Tournament is the Chamber's major fundraiser. There are many ways to show your support. There are different sponsorship levels: Diamond (\$3,000); Gold (\$2,000); Silver (\$1,200); Bronze (\$600); Hole Sponsor (\$200); and Raffle Sponsor (\$100).

This is a great day of fun and provides great opportunities to fellowship, promote your business or entertain clients. This year's Golf Tournament Chairman is Christie Gates with Sheldon ISD.

We want to thank our sponsors that have already signed-up. Our Platinum (Major) sponsor is **Bestway Oilfield**. Diamond sponsor is **Woodforest National Bank**. Our Gold sponsors are **CenterPoint Energy**, **LyondellBassell**, **Genan**, **Division One**, **SeAH Steel USA**, and **Port Houston**. Silver Sponsor is **United Community Credit Union** and **HTX Roll Offs**. The Chamber tournament provides a prize on every hole. A 2019 Toyota Camry will be given away for a hole-in-one on Hole #11, courtesy of **Community Toyota*Honda*Kia** and a \$5,000 Shopping Spree given away by **Pineforest Jewelry** on Hole #17. All prize opportunities are included in the

\$500.00 entry fee.



The entry fee also includes green fees, cart, range balls, 2 mulligans, breakfast, lunch, drinks, hat and goodie bag.

Don't miss out on the fun! There are surprises in store. **Ronny Dwairy** with **Bestway Oilfield** is bringing his helicopter for a ball drop. Chances are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. You can purchase your tickets at the chamber office. The winner will win half of the pot. You do not have to be in attendance to participate.

To register go to the Chamber website, northchannelarea.com; call the Chamber office at 713-450-3600 or email Margie@ncachamber.com.

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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.

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. John Moore— Chairman
Galena Park ISD

Christie Gates—Chairman Elect
Sheldon ISD

Dr. Allatia Harris—1st Vice Chair
San Jacinto College

Mike Williams—Treasurer
Edward Jones

Ronny Dwairy – Secretary
Bestway Oilfield

Brandan Baird, Woodforest National Bank
Angela Broussard, Broussard's Real Estate Inv.
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Pedro Garcia, Port Houston
Isaac George, HTX Roll Offs
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NEW MEMBERS

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Retail

MARCH STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS OF THE MONTH



Pictured L-R: Educator of the Month—Kirstie Stanley; Students of the month—Summer Ijarah and Micah Micarandayo; and Educator of the Month - Karen Bartrip.

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.

11-41 Years

Pineforest Jewelry	33 Years
Fred M. Saunders	31 Years
LyondellBasell	31 Years
Slocomb Insurance Agency Inc.	27 Years
Northshore Glass Co.	25 Years
Sheldon I.S.D	24 Years
Port Houston	24 Years
Zolman Construction	24 Years
Channelview ISD	22 Years
Edward Miller Appraisal Services	22 Years
R. C. Schmidt & Sons, Inc.	22 Years
Dr. Carmen Wong	17 Years

Ardent Mills	16 Years
United Community Credit Union	16 Years

1-10 Years

Armenta’s Mexican Restaurant	10 Years
Chick-fil-A	9 Years
Justice of the Peace Lucia Bates	9 Years
Bryants’ Termite & Pest Control	5 Years
Harris CO ESD #12 Cloverleaf Fire Department	4 Years
City Fire Protection	3 Years
The Honorable Joe Stephens	2 Years
North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith	1 Year

PORT BRIEFS

New Port Houston Chairman— Ric Campo



PORT HOUSTON
THE INTERNATIONAL PORT OF TEXAS

In his first weeks as Port Houston Commission Chairman, Ric Campo stressed his firm commitment to finding a solution to the concerns raised regarding one-way vessel traffic to accommodate the larger container ships calling the Houston Ship Channel. Wednesday, Campo provided testimony before the Texas Senate Committee on Ports Hearing and underscored his priority to work collaboratively with Houston Ship Channel stakeholders to find a solution in the best interests of the nation’s most vital channel.

During his first meeting Feb. 26, serving as Chairman of the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority, Campo identified his first five critical priorities for the greater Port of Houston and the Houston Channel. Those included 1) Support the Port Commission and the management team’s drive for excellence; 2) Find solutions to address the one-way vessel traffic issue along the Houston Ship Channel while balancing the interests for all stakeholders (Port Houston/Houston Ship Channel industry); 3) Improve communication between stakeholders and elevate the image and profile of the port; 4) Fast-track the need to widen and deepen the Houston Ship Channel; and 5) Harden and strengthen the resiliency of the nation’s most vital port to withstand the impact from major storms and hurricanes.

In that meeting, Campo said that he found the Houston Ship Channel to be an “amazing economic engine” and was impressed to see Port Houston managed by a talented, collaborative, hardworking team, has a “strong balance sheet with flexibility.” He thanked the Port Commission and former chairman Janiece Longoria (whose chairmanship term expired) for their hard work and diligence bringing the Port Authority to its strength today.

Campo shared that he spent his first weeks as Chairman meeting with various industry members and stakeholders, noting that he met with Port employees first.

Campo remarked that the port and the Houston Ship Channel was a vital economic engine for the city, state, and nation. He concluded that he “appreciates all the support” given him and that “we have a lot of great things to do together.”

Professionally, Campo is Chairman of the Board and CEO of Houston-based Camden Property Trust (NYSE), and it has been listed on the Forbes Top Places to Work list for twelve consecutive years. A staunch supporter of the community since he first relocated to Houston in the late 1970s, Campo has been involved in many community efforts including serving on the Harris County - Houston Sports Authority, which was responsible for building NRG Stadium, Minute Maid Park, and the Toyota Center. He also served as Chair of the Houston Super Bowl 2017 Host Committee.

Taken from: www.porthouston.com

RIBBON CUTTING

Pictured Right—A ribbon cutting was held on February 25th for A Caring Heart HCS, an organization that helps those with intellectual disabilities. Call for information: 832-867-1839.

Pictured Below—A ground breaking was held on March 5 for SeAH Steel USA. They are expanding their current operation by investing another \$25 million to add a tubing line next to their existing facility.



GROUND BREAKING



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 28

Ribbon Cutting @ 10:00 am
Office Depot—13535 East Frwy., 77015

Thursday, March 28

Maritime Educators Lunch Boat Tour @ 11:30 am—1:30 PM, San Jacinto Battleground State Park, 3523 Independence Parkway South, La Porte, 77571, RSVP to maritimeed@poha.com

Friday, April 5

Monthly Luncheon @ 11:30 AM
San Jacinto College North – Monument Room in the Student Center building

SPEAKER—Robert Guerrero with SeAH Steel USA

RSVP: blanca@ncachamber.com

Sponsored by: Huckabee Architects

Tuesday, April 9

Ambassadors Meeting @ 11:30 AM
United Community Credit Union— 13700 E. Sam Houston Parkway N., 77044

Wednesday, April 10

HCA Sign Unveiling @ 12:00—2:00 pm
HCA Southeast (Formerly Bayshore Medical Center)
4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena, TX 77504