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Chamber Happenings

Please take full advantage of your membership by attending or sponsoring a Chamber function. Details of the upcoming events are outlined below. Other opportunities can be found in future Navigator editions or on our website.

I encourage you attend these events. It is the most affordable way to reach the greatest number of potential customers, supporters and business partners. Remember to bring your business cards.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Come meet and network with other business professionals and community leaders.

When: Thursday, September 25, 2014, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Where: Wells Fargo, 811 Sheldon Rd. Channelview, TX 77530

Come and enjoy some great Mexican food and prizes, all compliments of Wells Fargo.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON— Port Appreciation Day

Please come hear Roger Guenther, Executive Director for The Port of Houston Authority. This luncheon is dedicated to the Port's Centennial Anniversary.

When: Friday, October 3, 11:30 am
Where: San Jacinto College N., 5800 Uvalde Rd.
RSVP: blanca@ncachamber.com

M/V SAM HOUSTON DINNER TOUR

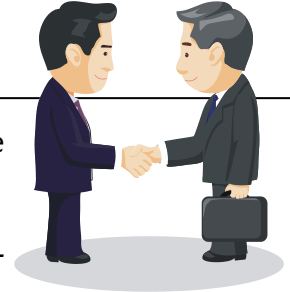
Don't forget to RSVP for this informative and enjoyable boat tour. If you have never been, you sure do not want to miss this.

When: Thursday, October 23, 2014, 5:30—7:30 pm
Where: 7300 Clinton Dr., Gate 8

NORTH CHANNEL SALUTES

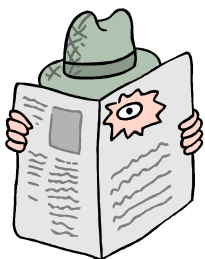
On this day, we will honor our veterans, current military personnel, and our service providers. In addition to honoring our military and other service providers with lunch, a Business Expo and Health Fair will be in

place. Active military, veterans and first responders may come by the Chamber office to receive their free lunch ticket. Lunch tickets for all others are \$15 each and must be purchased in advance. Booth space is available to chamber members for \$250 and \$350 for non-members. **ONLY 7 BOOTH SPACES ARE LEFT.**



When: Thursday, November 6, 2014, Expo & Health Fair: 10 am—2 PM. Lunch: 11:30 am.
Program: Noon
Where: Armenta's Banquet Hall, 823 Sheldon Road, Channelview

For more information about any these events and other events, go to our website, www.northchannelarea.com, call the office at 713-450-3600 or email margie@ncachamber.com



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2014 Board of Directors

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NEW MEMBERS



Abiding Christian Therapy, LLC.

www.abidingchristiancounselingllc.com

Penny Lazak

12655 Woodforest Blvd#700

Houston, TX. 77015

713-453-2300

Category: Counseling Center

Ozcia, LLC

www.ozcia.com

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12605 East Freeway,

Suite B154

Houston, TX. 77015

832-263-3377

Category: Spa

Sam's Club #8281

www.samsclub.com

Gilbert Vasquez

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13600 East Frwy.

Houston, TX. 77015

713-450-2592

Category: Dept. Store

Aqua Texas

www.aquaamerica.com

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2211 Louetta Rd.

Spring, TX. 77388

281-651-0174

Category: Water Companies—Utility

Still caring...by renewing their membership

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

State Farm Insurance-Peter H. Dever	34 years
Mc's Electric Service Inc.	29 years
Pineforest Jewelry, Inc.	28 years
Rite-way Janitorial Service	22 years

11-20 Years

Lawton Publication	17 years
Mr. Gatti's, No. 412	17 years
Congressman Gene Green	14 years
RNA Mechanical, Inc.	11 years
Awards & Engraving	11 years

1-10 Years

A-1 Fire Equipment	10 years
Alloy Tubular	10 years
Basic Equipment	10 years
David Franklin	10 years
Beltway Plaza	9 years
Days Inn & Suites	9 years

Harris County FWSD #47	9 years
Jerry Fallin	9 years
Uribe Steel	5 years
Anheuser-Busch, LLC	4 years
John Ennis, CLU, ChFC,	4 years
Mosaic Dental	4 years
Allied Pallet & Equipment Company, LLC.	3 years
Roger, Morris, & Grover, LLP.	3 years
Allstate Insurance—Joe Simien	3 years
Safe Way Signs, Inc.	3 years
Ross Mortuary, Inc.	3 years
Mr. Plumber	2 years
Basic Logistics, Inc.	2 years
XTreme Sandblasting & Painting, Inc.	2 years
Peter Piper Pizza	2 years
The Rhodes School	2 years
Sentry Self Storage #81	1 year
ICB- International Community Builders	1 year



PORT BRIEFS

Maritime Education at the Port: “ College Campus Being Built ”



San Jacinto College (SJC) truly embraced the need for a well-trained maritime workforce. The college not only offers an associate's degree in maritime technology and a wide variety of U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) courses, it is also building a maritime education multi-simulator complex near the Port of Houston Authority's Bayport Container Terminal.

With groundbreaking this summer and construction completion in fall 2015, the new San Jacinto College Bayport Maritime Campus will provide classroom space for the more than 90 USCG and STCW courses offered and also house the Houston Pilots' \$1.5 million three-bridge simulator. The college has moved quickly to respond to a growing shortage of maritime professionals.

“It was the maritime industry that encouraged us to start a credit program and give credit for prior learning,” explains Dr. Sallie Kay Janes, Vice President of Continuing and Professional Development at SJC.

The associate's degree in maritime technology combines USCG and STCW-approved maritime technology with the college-level academics required of a two-year college degree. This provides new mariners with practical knowledge in the areas of math, science and English that most closely relate to their maritime career path.



For more experienced mariners, the USCG and STCW courses allow them to advance to higher certifications that open up new career options for them. “If someone is working on a barge and is at least at tankerman rating, he/she can also earn an able-bodied seaman certification and an associate's degree,” says Janes. “If a student comes to us having not been in school, we can transfer real life credits for him after he takes core courses like English and math and declares maritime tech as their degree goal. The student does not need to start all over again.”

An associate of applied science in maritime technology must have 15 hours in core curriculum of math, science, social studies, history and English. “This makes a student a more well-developed person that industry want in the workforce. Skills such as technical writing make someone better-equipped to work his way up the ladder and succeed in the maritime industry,” says Janes. (Taken from the Port Magazine p22-23, read more [here.](#))

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Pictured left: East Houston Regional Medical Center's newly renovated Emergency Room. 13111 East Freeway, Houston, TX. 77015

Pictured right: East Side Family Clinic located at 15119 Wallisville Rd, Houston, TX. 77049



If you would like to schedule a ribbon cutting, please call the Chamber office at 713-450-3600

CHAMBER CALENDAR

September 23-25
Membership Drive

Thursday, September 25
Business After Hours
5-7pm @ WELLS FARGO BANK
811 Sheldon Rd., 77530

Wednesday, October 1
Ribbon Cutting
10:00 am @ Amegy Bank
12312 East Freeway
Houston, TX. 77015

Friday, October 3
Monthly Luncheon
11:30 am @ San Jacinto College N., 5800
Uvalde Rd.
RSVP: Blanca@ncachamber.com
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Monday, October 6
Northshore Community Fellowship of
Faith Church Adopt a Park @ 4:30 pm

Monday, October 13
COLUMBUS DAY
Chamber office closed

Tuesday, October 14
Ambassadors Meeting
11 am @ TBD

Thursday, October 23
M/V Sam Houston Dinner Tour
5:30-7:30pm
RSVP required.

Thursday, November 6
NC Salutes/ Business Expo & Health Fair
10:00 am- 2:00 pm

