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Let's Rock-n-Roll!

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sign up now

Our members "rock." Help us grow a bigger and better Chamber, volunteer to work our annual Membership Drive. The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce is having a Membership Drive September 22-24, 2015 at the Chamber office under the direction of Christie Gates, Membership Chairman. Our theme this year is, "Rock-n-Roll with the Chamber." Our teams will be named after

bands. We need team (band) leaders and team (band) members.

Each "band" will work a phone bank at the Chamber office for two hours. Fellow Chamber Presidents agree this is the best way to spread the word about the Chamber. This campaign is successful if people bring their own prospects. You know a lot more business people than we will ever know. You can sell to those people that you do business with.

Why did you join the Chamber? We would love to hear from you. Send us your testimony.

Here are a few Chamber benefits to remember:

1. Brings credibility to your business/organization.
2. Increases your visibility in the community.
3. Creates networking opportunities.
4. Makes business contacts.
5. Receive chamber communications.
6. Acquire customer referrals.
7. Attend chamber events and programs.
8. Promotion and publicity, new members receive a free broadcast.

9. Free coffee networking and Business After Hours events.
10. New member introduction at luncheon.
11. Ribbon cutting.
12. Listed in directory and web at no charge.

All we ask is to come for two hours, bring a list of YOUR prospects (vendors, people you do business with) and have some fun! There will be prizes for those that participate. Call 713-450-3600 or send an email to me at margie@ncachamber.com.

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NORTH CHANNEL SALUTES—

Booths Filling up Fast

Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 5, 2015. This is the date for the seventh annual 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. The hours are 10 AM—2 PM. The 2015 Salutes 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. Please contact the Chamber office ASAP to reserve a booth. Space is limited. To register: call 713-450-3600; email blanca@ncachamber.com, or sign-up online, www.northchannelarea.com.

2015 Board of Directors

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 26

Ribbon Cutting
11:00 am @ Fast Signs, 11430 E. Freeway, Suite 304, 77029

Friday, September 4

Monthly Luncheon
11:30 am @ San Jacinto College N., 5800 Uvalde Rd.
Speaker: County Commissioner Jack Morman
Sponsored by: Storage West & TNM Insurance Group, LLC

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY—Chamber office closed



Tuesday, September 8

Ambassador Meeting
11:00 am, Location TBD

Wednesday, September 16

Ribbon Cutting
11:30 am @ GP Community Resource and Training Center, 1721
16th St., Galena Park, 77547

September 22-24

Membership Drive @ the Chamber office

Tuesday, September 29

Free Coffee Networking
9:30 am @ The Hampton Inn, 10505 I-10 East Freeway, 77029

Friday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 22

Port of Houston Chamber Dinner Tour
5:30 pm @ 7300 Clinton Drive, Gate 8. RSVP required to
blanca@ncachamber.com

Please RSVP for events to blanca@ncachamber.com, call 713-450-3600 or go online to www.northchannelarea.com

**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.



21-35 Years

State Farm Ins. Peter Dever	35 Years
Dr. Kemp	34 Years
Dovi Lehr	34 Years
Advantage Howard-Glendale	28 Years
Don's Auto Service	28 Years
Rite-way Janitorial Service	23 Years
Texas Bay Area Credit Union	22 Years

10-20 Years

Start, Garcia & Stanley, LLC	20 Years
Harris County FWSD #47	20 Years
Forest Park Apartments	16 Years
Market Street Used Auto Parts	14 Years
Pizzinis Pizza & Steak, Inc.	13 Years
Tony's BBQ & Steak	11 Years

1-10 Years

Days Inn & Suites	10 Years
Holy Trinity Episcopal School	8 Years
Go Store It/Post Office CPU	8 Years
Northshore Dental	8 Years
Farmers Insurance – Ramon Garza	6 Years
Christie Gates	6 Years
Cary Stephens	5 Years
The UPS Store #6204,	5 Years
LegalShield/Workplace Bullying	3 Years
Patrick Lacy	3 Years
Basic Logistics, Inc.	3 Years
XTreme Sandblasting & Painting, Inc.	3 Years
RLG International Services, Inc.	2 Years
Hampton Inn	1 Year
Sam's Club #8281	1 Year
Abiding Christian Therapy, LLC.	1 Year



PORT BRIEFS



POH Approaches Handling Nearly 20 Million Tons of Cargo

Business at the Port of Houston Authority terminals continues at a record pace. Nearly 20 million tons of cargo has crossed the Port Authority docks since the first of this year through June, Executive Director Roger Guenther announced in his report to the Port Commission today during the regular monthly meeting. -

Guenther identified loaded container units and steel imports as the key performance drivers responsible for the strong solid growth in cargo. Year to date through June, the Port Authority's Barbours Cut and Bayport Container Terminals showed a 20 percent increase in loaded container units. The general cargo terminals showed a robust 26 percent growth in import steel tonnage during this same period.

"Business has reached its highest levels across several key business lines during recent years," Guenther said in his report to the Commission. "And, we must continue to strategically plan for the future opportunities," he further stated.

As an example of strategically providing the right services for its customers and creating opportunities, Guenther reported that the Port Authority successfully assumed full operations of the Maersk terminal Monday as

part of a mutually agreed lease termination authorized by the Port Commission in May. Now with capacity to operate the entire terminal property, the Port Authority can distribute container volumes more evenly between its two container handling facilities. The result will be better service to trucks through common gates, more flexibility to ocean carriers and greater efficiencies in the container yards. Maersk Line, and its affiliated shipping services, SeaLand and Safmarine, will continue to call at the Port of Houston Authority terminals as common carriers.

Guenther also reported that Frontier Logistics completed their option period and committed to move forward on the development of an approximately 55 acre rail-served warehouse adjacent to the Barbours Cut Terminal. The initial phase is expected to be completed in 2017 and will include a resin packaging warehouse with products that can be shipped through Barbours Cut and Bayport Terminals. This 30-year lease with Frontier Logistics helps secure the plastics export business through the Houston region.

The next regular Port Commission meeting will be held September 29. There will be no meeting in August.

(Taken from www.portofhouston.com)

NEW MEMBERS

Remember to do business with Chamber members. Please welcome our newest members.

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"Brian with Unified V & D LLC saved the day at the Chamber office. After 5 days of troubleshooting by the staff and internet provider, Brian came in and fixed everything in about 15 minutes! He is our HERO!"



New members pictured above, L-R: Mo Siddiqui with Fast Signs; Carolina Ortiz with TNM Insurance Group; and Dagoberto Alonso with DJ's Screen Printing.

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

State Rep. Ana Hernandez gave Chamber members a legislative update at the August luncheon held at Jacinto City Town Center.

