

## **Chamber Committees 2009**

Committees are the lifeblood of the Chamber, the place where the real work takes place. It is also a great way to work side-by-side with other professionals and establish strong working relationships. Join one!

### **Community Development Division**

Division Chair, Drew Kahn, Board Vice-Chairman and Division Chair Houston Northwest Medical Center (281) 440-2136

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### **Business Revitalization Committee**

Contact Enrique Lima (AmeriStar Realty) 281-580-2220

The Business Revitalization Committee focuses on those efforts that will improve local commerce. They will focus on public safety and improvements for the FM 1960 area.

They will explore alternate names for our community and FM 1960 that will serve to brand the area in a more positive, impactful way.

### **Education Committee**

Contact: Irma Escontrias(Eraser Dust) 281-537-2832

The Education committee supports education and workforce development in the northwest region, including support of the Taking Education to Work initiative and awarding student scholarships.

### **Health Care Industry Committee**

Contact: Karen Hasegawa (Juice Plus) 281-251-2384

The Health Care committee researches health and wellness issues affecting many segments of our community, partnering with local providers and organizations to address issues. Additionally, the group supports the Northwest Relay for Life.

### **Business Development Division**

Division Co-Chair: David Vaughan, Kwik Kopy #117 281- 376-4781  
Vice Chairman and Division Chair

### **Buy Nearby Committee**

Contact: Tommy Ripley (Ripley's Mufflers & Brakes) 281-444-3885

This Special project promotes keeping business local through promotional incentives.

### **Small Business Committee**

Contacts: Taunya Painter (Painter Law Firm) 281-580-8800 and Danil Rollerson (HR & P Solutions) 281-880-6525

The Small Business committee supports the interests and needs of small businesses through educational workshops, business support services and the promotion of "Buy Nearby".

### **Business SWAT**

Contact: Janie Aud-Riney (Momentum Printing & Graphics, Inc) 281-580-4422

This committee is by invitation only. This group forms a project team to respond to requests by business owners (both members and non-members) for assistance. This support system provides a "wellness check-up" or a more critical fast-response service to businesses in crisis.

### **Business Expos**

Business Expos are conducted two or three times annually to promote member-to-member networking, community job growth and health and wellness concerns.

### **Communications/Public Affairs Division**

Cece Sutphen, Vice-Chairman and Division Chair Lone Star College (281) 618-5425

### **Government Affairs-Transportation**

Contacts: Jack Searcy 281-376-4896 and Connie Roebuck (METRO) 713-739-4896

The Government Affairs-Transportation committee researches, reports and advocates for public policy and transportation issues of interest and impact in the northwest region. The group is the Chamber's primary liaison with ANHOC (The Association for North Houston Chambers of Commerce), consisting of seven chambers and the North Houston Association that work together on common legislative issues in the north Harris County region.

### **Marketing Advisory Task Force**

The Marketing Committee develops and implements ongoing Chamber marketing plans and initiatives.

### **Membership Division**

Belinda Menasco, Vice-Chairman and Division Chair: Woodforest Banks 832-375-2591

### **Ambassadors**

Contact: Jane Crawford (Yancey-Hausman) 832-326-4286

These individuals are the goodwill emissaries of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, representing the Chamber at ribbon cuttings and other special events.

## **Networking Breakfast**

Contact: Art Barasch (Wealth Design Group) 281-220-2736

Networking breakfasts begin at 8 am and last until 9:30 am. They rotate to various venues in the business community and are a great way to make important business connections.

## **Special Events**

Contact Alisha Roberts, (281) 440-4160

### **Annual Gala 2009**

The annual banquet begins the year with the installation of the board of Directors and its new Chairman as well as the awarding of several honors including Volunteer of the Year, Community Development individual/Company of the Year, and the Paul Herbert Service Award.

### **Airport Festival 2009**

The IAH Bush Intercontinental Airport Festival will be held in March 2009 celebrating the Airport's 40th Anniversary. This family-centered event is a fun and educational way to spend a Saturday afternoon and enjoy free food! Popular attractions include static displays of air vehicles and antique airplanes. Pilots will be on hand and families can climb inside to see the inner workings of these aviation marvels. Children will enjoy games, Search and Rescue dogs, the mounted Airport Rangers and lots of prizes. Youth stage performances will be ongoing.

### **Epicurean Evening 2009**

A celebration to highlight the culinary delights and diverse dining opportunities in Northwest Houston. The annual event is hosted by Sam Houston Race Park and features live horse racing to accompany great food.



### **Golf Tournament 2009**

One of the Chamber's primary fundraising events and a great place to mix business with pleasure. The tournament and associated silent and live auctions create an exciting committee and event.