

March 2005



NORTH HOUSTON GREENSPOINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Pacesetter

## Epicurean Extravaganza 2005

The North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with Sam Houston Race Park to bring you Epicurean Extravaganza 2005.

**Join us for an evening of Great Food!**

**Good Fun! Live Racing! Networking!**

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Sam Houston Race Park  
7575 N. Sam Houston Pkwy W**



*Epicurean Extravaganza 2004*

### Finish Line Sponsor

Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park

Tickets to the event will grant attendees admission to the event and the Race Park. At the Extravaganza attendees will be able to sample new and traditional, delectable house specialties and thirst-quenching beverages from the area's favorite restaurants, caterers and beverage companies. During the evening there will be live racing, door prizes and other entertainment. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

### Tickets are available now at the following locations:



☞☞☞ Jimmy G's  
397 N Sam Houston Pkwy E

☞☞☞ North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce  
16825 Northchase Drive, Suite 140

☞☞☞ Sam Houston Race Park  
7575 N Sam Houston Pkwy West

☞☞☞ TGI Friday's  
12150 Greenspoint Drive

☞☞☞ The Greenspoint Club  
16925 Northchase Drive

For more information please contact the Chamber at 281-872-8700 or visit [www.nhgcc.org](http://www.nhgcc.org).

### Participants to date:

Hooter's  
Jimmy G's  
Sam Houston Race Park  
TGI Friday's  
Top Hat Catering

Hotel Sofitel  
Monterey's Little Mexico  
Steak and Ale  
The Greenspoint Club  
Zio's Italian Kitchen

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# Message from the Chair

March is here and Spring is around the corner. I have quit worrying about where the time goes; seems like it scoots on by regardless of how much I would like for it to slow down a little. I came across these tidbits recently and I thought I would share them with you:

"When you hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift...thrown away...life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over"

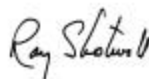
and

"Life may not be the party we hoped for...but while we are here we might as well dance!"

Now, what does that have to do with a busy and productive Chamber of Commerce? Probably nothing, but sometimes we need to hear and let it soak in how precious are the things that we enjoy. And speaking of enjoying... you are going to love March's luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Jan Hargrave. Jan is an expert in the field of body language. This should prove to be a fun time and maybe it will help you in your effort to

"slow down and enjoy the music."

See you there.



Ray Shotwell  
Chair of the Board  
Brookside Funeral Homes &  
Memorial Park

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## Thank you February Renewing Members!

Best Western Greenspoint Inn & Suites  
Continental Airlines  
Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
Gleannloch Farms Golf Club  
HDR Engineering

Klein Funeral Homes & Memorial Parks  
Magoo's PrintShop  
Moran-Gulf Shipping Agencies  
Ricardo's Mexican Restaurant  
Waypoint Business Solutions

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## Sponsorship Opportunities at Epicurean Extravaganza 2005

### **Winner's Circle ~ \$2500**

Event Tickets (100)  
VIP Reserved Parking Passes (50)  
Horse Race name after Sponsor during event  
Up to 20 of Sponsor's guests to present trophy to race winning owner, trainer and jockey  
Complimentary 8x10 color photo of trophy presentation in a Sam Houston Race Park frame  
Sponsor's Name in lights on Sam Houston Race Park's scrolling tote board  
Recognition in the Sam Houston Race Park racing program  
Sponsor to be included on all print materials  
Sponsor to be included in all pre-event publicity  
Sponsor to be included in all post-event publicity  
Sponsor Ad in Event Program

### **Jockey Club ~ \$1500**

Event Tickets (60)  
VIP Reserved Parking Passes (30)  
Sponsor's Name in lights on Sam Houston Race Park's scrolling tote board  
Sponsor to be included in pre-event publicity  
Sponsor to be included in post-event publicity  
Sponsor Logo in Event Program

### **Finish Line ~ \$500**

Event Tickets (20)  
VIP Reserved Parking Passes (10)  
Sponsor to be included in pre-event publicity  
Sponsor to be included in post-event publicity  
Sponsor Listed in Event Program

**Individual Ticket ~ \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door**

**Call Nicole Dukehart at the Chamber Office for more details 281-872-8700, [nicole@nhgcc.org](mailto:nicole@nhgcc.org)**

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### CONDO FOR LEASE

Great location inside the loop near Highland Village  
**3940 W. Alabama Street**

1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 630 square feet  
References and 6-month lease required  
Rent - \$ 600/month with a \$ 300 depoSit

To see the property, call 713 409-0413  
to schedule an appointment



Dining/Kitchen



Kitchen

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## March Calendar of Events

- 01** ANHOC Meeting 4:00 pm, Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120
- 03** **Monthly Luncheon, 11:15 am Networking/Registration; 11:45 Lunch** Holiday Inn, 15222 JKF Blvd  
RSVP by March 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am to Rachael at 281-872-8700 or rachael@nhgcc.org; \$25 for members w/RSVP,  
\$30 for walk-ins or non-members
- 08** **Golf Committee Meeting, 9:00 am** Chamber Office
- 08** **Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 am** Ross & Baruzzini, 400 N Sam Houston Pkwy E, Suite 110
- 09** **Networking Breakfast, 7:30 am** Hotel Sofitel, 425 N. Sam Houston Pkwy.  
RSVP by March 8<sup>th</sup> at noon to Rachael at 281-872-8700 or rachael@nhgcc.org; \$15 for members w/RSVP,  
\$20 for walk-ins or non-members
- 09** **Epicurean Committee Meeting, 10:00 am** Chamber Office
- 09** **Ribbon Cutting/Open House, InvesTex Credit Union, 4:00 pm**  
905 Aldine Bender Road
- 10** **Legislative Committee Meeting, 8:30 am** Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120
- 15** **Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 am,** The Greenspoint Club, 16925 Northchase Drive
- 16** **Public Safety Committee Meeting, 7:30 am,** Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120
- 22** **Ambassador Committee Meeting, 9:00 am** Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120
- 22** **Economic Development Committee Meeting, 12 noon,** Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120
- 23** **Epicurean Committee Meeting, 10:00 am** Chamber Office
- 24** **Neighborhood Revitalization & Beautification Committee, 7:30 am** Chamber Conference Room, Ste 120
- 24** **Workforce/Education Committee Meeting, 11:30 am,** Bennigan's, 222 N Sam Houston Pkwy E
- 25** **Chamber Office Closed in Observance of Good Friday**
- 28** **Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm** Chamber Conference Room, Suite 120
- 31** **Epicurean Extravaganza, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm,** Sam Houston Race Park, Tickets \$15 in advance;  
\$20 at door

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## Welcome February New Members

Africa 2000, Inc.  
Big On Leadership  
Express Personnel Services  
Fitness Connection

Hertz Local Edition Rent-A-Car  
International Specialists, Inc.  
Parkway Realty Services

# Are You Serious About Networking?

Want to meet a lot of people in a short period of time?

Please join us for our next Networking Breakfast.

We are now using a "Speed Networking Format", and those who attended February's meeting were able to introduce themselves to over thirty people!

Committee Chair Angela Ervin is, "Mixing it up!"

The new format allows you to form new relationships and ask questions to our members and guests. Bring your Business Cards and your sixty-second commercial and network your heart out! Bring a guest and be put in a drawing for a wonderful prize.

**March 9th, 7:30 am Hotel Sofitel Houston, 425 N Sam Houston Pkwy E; \$15 w/RSVP  
RSVP to Rachael 281-872-8700 or rachael@nhgcc.org by noon on March 8th.**



Officials confirm *Tornado*, an enormous new thrill ride, will touch down at Six Flags SplashTown for the 2005 season. "This is an enormous water ride that will give our guests the unique sensation of being drawn through the eye of a giant tornado," explained Chuck Hendrix, vice president and general manager of Six Flags SplashTown, located at 21300 I-45 in Spring.

*Tornado's* unique design has already received numerous distinctions, including the amusement industry's 2003 Golden Ticket Award for Best Waterpark Ride and the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions 2003 Best New Product Award in the Waterpark Category.



*Looking for a great way to save and manage your money?*

- ?? Savings Accounts
- ?? Free Checking Accounts
- ?? Vehicle and Personal Loans
- ?? Special 0% Credit Card Promotion through October 31, 2005
- ?? Free On-Line Services

**Locations:**

905 Alkline Bender Road  
Houston, Texas 77032

230 Cypresswood Drive Suite H  
Spring, Texas 77388

281-449-0109

[www.investex.org](http://www.investex.org)



Marketing Tables at Spring ISD Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



Spring ISD Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
February 7th,  
Shirley Acres

# Members' Business Briefs

## Dining Night Out ~ March 3rd Lasagna House, III

The "Dining Night Out" was created so that the entire North Houston community could promote the upcoming Museum of Fine Arts, Cypress Creek. It will be a tremendous community asset when it is completed.

Participating area restaurants are designating a portion of the evening's proceeds for the Museum of Fine Arts, Cypress Creek. Take your family for dinner **Thursday, March 3rd to Lasagna House, III** 217 D FM 1960 Rd W, Houston 281-580-7797

## Receive Legislative Updates from Austin

If you would like to be notified by Texas Association of Business regarding issues in the state legislature effecting business please let the Chamber of-ice know and your email address will be forwarded to their state headquarters in Austin. TAB is currently tracking such issues as Workers' Comp Costs, Health Care Costs, Taxation, etc. TAB is making a great difference in Austin and much of that impact is a direct result of chambers' support and involvement through this contact program. Business people will be asked to respond to requests to call their legislator when action is needed. You will receive communications directly from TAB and you can choose whether or not the issue merits your contact with a legislator. TAB has committed your email address will not be used for solicitation and will be kept confidential. Your email address will not be shared with TAB unless you authorize it. Please contact Nicole Dukehart at 281-872-8700 or nicole@nhgcc.org if you are interested in hearing from TAB.

## Art for the Hungry 2005

"American the Beautiful"

March 6-20 at Willowbrook Mall  
Benefits the Food Pantry at  
Northwest Assistance Ministries

For more information or  
to participate contact  
Becky Heath 281-885-4605  
bheath@namonline.org or

Alisha Roberts 281-885-4608  
aroberts@namonline.org

**Landmark Chevrolet** has been the #1 dealer in the nation for 10 out of last 12 years. This is based upon sales volume as well as their customer service index. Nationwide there are 4,800 dealerships. They opened in their current location October 1, 1984 with about 100 employees. Currently they employ just under 500, with the vast majority being residents right here in our community. They are proud to be called a neighborhood dealership and believe it is important to give something back to our local community. They are Silver Chairman's Circle member.

## Peacock Building Services

Congratulations on your

**20th Anniversary!!**

**Awarded Three  
Better Business Bureau's  
Gold Star Awards  
For Customer Satisfaction**

**Silver Chairman's Circle Member**

## New Chairman's Circle Level

Are you a small business interested in Chairman's Circle membership? The Board of Directors at their February meeting approved a new Chairman's Circle level specifically for small business. Get more exposure and recognition for your company while supporting the North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce!

## Small Business \$750

*Participation is limited to member companies with 10 or fewer employees*

Listing on Chamber's stationary

Listing in every *Pacesetter* (monthly e-newsletter)

Included in a PowerPoint presentation at every monthly luncheon & breakfast

Special 2 minute commercial at one luncheon per year

Special listing in Annual Business Directory

Link from our web site to yours

*An invoice will be sent to you prorating the additional fee for the remainder of you current annual dues.*

## Chairman's Circle Upgrade

Fax completed form to 281-872-8095

\_\_\_\_\_ Please upgrade my current membership to a Small Business Chairman's Circle

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

## March Luncheon

### Jan Hargrave



As a professional speaker and author, Jan Hargrave applies her amazing skills to show you how to take advantage of the vast world of nonverbal communication. She has been a popular guest on television talk shows. The Cajun French, Ms. Hargrave earned degrees in Business/Psychology, and is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston. She is presently the CEO of Jan Hargrave and Associates, a consulting firm, and continues to provide many of today's leading corporations with seminars and specialized training.

**Thursday, March 3, 2005**

**11:15 a.m. Networking/Registration**

**11:45 a.m. Luncheon/Program**

**Holiday Inn**

**15222 JFK Blvd, Houston, TX 77032**

**\$25 per member with a reservation**

**\$30 for walk-ins and non-members**

**Reserve your seat no later than 10:00 am on March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**281 872-8700 or email rachael@nhgcc.org**

### Door Prize Donation Form

Fax completed form to 281-872-8095

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring my gift to the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver my gift to the Chamber office by March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Description:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:

**NOTE: Minimum value of \$25 required for luncheons**

# Continental Vista Broadcasting Group brings broadcasting to business

## **Now anyone can afford to broadcast**

Thanks to the Internet, people all over the world are now connected in an unprecedented way to each other and to information. This global access has created a virtual world in which almost everything, from research to shopping to business, can be done more efficiently and, in many cases, more affordably.

Thanks to Continental Vista Broadcasting Group, the same is now true for broadcasting.

Continental Vista builds broadcasting networks that enable its affiliates to broadcast interactive live events and archived content to worldwide or targeted audiences.

The technology is available to everyone and every industry: corporate professionals, business-training services, public officials, schools, hotels, churches, funeral homes, the healthcare sector, associations, organizations, and more. All can profit from using Continental Vista's customized broadcasting solutions to expand business and generate revenue through the system's fully integrated revenue models, which include pay per view, subscription, advertising and e-commerce.

An affiliate's content—whether it be a message from a business owner, a training seminar, an entertainment event, a speech, a ribbon-cutting, a convention, or a product presentation—is broadcast via high-quality streaming media that's accessible to viewers with Internet access, even dial-up.

The live broadcasts are enhanced by a full suite of interactive features that far surpass anything available on today's typical personal or business websites. Two features called Talk2Event and Talk2Advertiser allow viewers to interact in real time with event representatives and sponsors. Viewers connect with each other via chat rooms and forums. They stay up-to-date with real-time tickers and live statistics. They participate in auctions, contests, polls and surveys. And, they purchase merchandise directly from affiliates and advertisers.

Even Continental Vista's advertisements are interactive. Learn more about Vista Power Ads on [www.continentalvista.tv](http://www.continentalvista.tv). By enabling businesses to become their own broadcasters, Continental Vista Broadcasting Group is revolutionizing the way companies communicate by making interactive broadcasting accessible to all.

If one were to ask Continental Vista employees to explain as briefly as possible what the company does, they would say, "We build broadcasting networks."

That's exactly what Continental Vista does. But a more detailed, albeit longer, explanation would be, "We put the power of a broadcasting network in everyone's hands, from the giant hotels and corporations to the smallest businesses and organizations. As long as you have a message, we have a way to help you share it."

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# Member Spotlights

## **Hertz Local Edition Rent-A-Car**

Tim Johannessen, 281-847-0671

You may know Hertz as the world's largest car rental company, but we're also right in your neighborhood. Hertz Local Edition specializes in local rentals at affordable rates. Hertz offers a wide variety of replacement services, including specialized billing and competitive rates. Customer pickup and return service is available.

## **Trans Global Projects, Inc.**

Stephen Robertson, 281-442-8474



The Trans Global Projects Inc. facility in Houston provides our customers with access to a modern and fully secure warehouse operation. Our entire facility is approximately 150,000 sq. ft. with external storage facilities including a 50,000 sq. ft. warehouse. That warehouse has 17 overhead doors (10ft x 10ft), automatic levellers and 2 x oversized door with ramp for out of gauge loads. The facility permits TGP to offer a full range of warehouse and logistic related services including consolidation, packing, preservation and inspection.

## **International Specialists, Inc.**

Trip Williams, 713-802-2208

International Specialists, Inc provides international relocation services such as door to door moving of household goods, real estate assistance, expense management, corporate lodging, cross cultural training, etc. for companies with business in overseas markets which requires them to relocate personnel to those locations for an extended period of time.

Please welcome these new members with your patronage!



AmeriTrust Title Company



Texas International Engineering Consultants



Beautification Award Presented to Mac Haik Dodge, I-45 at West Rd



Rita & Pete Maldonado at February Business After Hours hosted by DeVry University

**Upcoming Ribbon Cutting**  
**March 9th, 4:00 pm**  
**InvesTex Credit Union**  
 905 Aldine Bender Road  
*Make Plans to Attend!*



March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Kick-Off Breakfast

Greenspoint Walk Chairman, Bill Ginder



Ramada Inn



2004 Award Recipients



Members network at DeVry University at February Business After Hours

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## 110% Club Members

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Africa 2000, Inc.                         | Mir, Fox & Rodriguez, PC           |
| Ajilon Finance                            | North Harris College               |
| Allstate Insurance/ The Lipton Agency     | Northeast Medical Center Hospital  |
| AmeriTrust Title Company                  | Partners Bank of Texas             |
| Assist the Officer                        | Redstone Golf Club                 |
| Boring Specialties, Inc.                  | Seth Sharr                         |
| Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group         | Spherion Staffing Group            |
| EFG Insurance Agency                      | Stevens, Pilkington, & Company, PC |
| Greater Greenspoint District              | TGI Friday's                       |
| IBC Innovative Business Consultants, Inc. | The WorkSource- Greenspoint        |
| Magoo's PrintShop                         |                                    |

**Thank you for your support!**

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## Chairman's Circle

### ***Diamond Level***

Brookside Funeral Homes & Memorial Park  
Continental Vista Broadcasting Group  
Gallery Furniture  
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corporation

### ***Gold Level***

Aldine Improvement District  
American Bureau of Shipping  
Fitness Connection

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### ***Silver Level***

Aldine ISD  
Baker Hughes  
The Barbosa Group, Inc.  
Boring Specialties, Inc.  
CA One Services, Inc.  
Caldwell Watson Real Estate Group Center-  
Point Energy  
Continental Airlines  
CRI International, Inc.  
DeMontrond Automotive Group  
Exxon/Mobil Production  
FMC Technologies, Inc.  
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GrantPrideco, Inc.  
Greater Greenspoint District  
Greenspoint Mall  
Hines  
Hotel Sofitel Houston  
Houston Community College—Northeast  
Houston First Insurance Associates  
Hydril  
Landmark Chevrolet  
Lone Star Ford  
Montgomery & Associates

Moran-Gulf Shipping Agencies  
North Forest ISD  
North Harris College  
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Northside Lexus  
O'Donnell, Ferebee & McGonigal PC  
Office Systems of Texas  
OMNIBANK  
Partners Bank of Texas  
Peacock Building Services  
Ross & Baruzzini  
Same Day Signs  
SETEC Protection Service  
Shell Oil Products USA  
Smith International, Inc  
Southwest Bank of Texas  
Sterling Bank  
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*North Houston Greenspoint*

*Chamber of Commerce*

*exists to promote an environment*

*that stimulates business development*

*and enhances the quality of life in North Houston.*

[ We're on the Web!  
www.nhgcc.org ]

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## Name Badges

Name badges are now available for all chamber members!

Badges are \$ 15 and have a magnetic backing.

If you would like to have a North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce name badge,

Please complete the attached form and mail it with a check payable to NHGCC  
or email or fax it with a credit card number.

Please print clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment  Check enclosed  Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

CC # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_