

NHA Golf Tournament Declared a Success

The Second Annual North Houston Association's golf tournament exceeded all expectations.

"Our goal was to net \$13,000 in this year's tournament, and we surpassed our goal by \$4,000," said Marlisa Stanley, executive director. "This nearly doubles the amount of funds raised in 1995."

The 1996 tournament raised more than \$17,000 to benefit the programs and projects of the North Houston Association (NHA).

"All the credit goes to our sponsors and committee members for taking an active part in this year's event," said Stanley.

The winner of the tournament was Turner Construction Company. Second place went to JNS Consulting Engineers, Inc. Tied for third place was LJA Land Development, Engineering & Surveying and Star Enterprise.

Harris County Commissioner Jerry Eversole and Montgomery County Judge Alan Sadler were the tournament's honorary cochairmen and took an active role on the course and in the program.



Golf tournament Honorary Chairmen Montgomery County Judge Alan Sadler (left) and Harris County Commissioner Jerry Eversole (third from left) congratulate the tournament's winning team, Turner Construction Company.

Other public officials present on the course included Senator Elect and NHA President Jon Lindsay, Harris County Judge Robert Eckels and City of Houston Council Members Orlando Sanchez and Martha Wong.

The tournament also had its first silver underwriter, Compaq Computer Corporation. Compaq generously donated funds to assist in underwriting the basic tournament costs. (For a com-

plete list of sponsors, please see accompanying graphic on page 2.)

In addition to generating revenue for the association's programs, the tournament proved to be a good opportunity for NHA members to get to know one another and north Houston's public officials.



This new Ford Mustang was ready to be driven home by the lucky winner of the "Hole In One" contest, sponsored by North Houston Association member Lone Star Ford.

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From the President...

Dear NHA Members:

During my first several months as president of the North Houston Association, I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know many of you, primarily through the association's committees. Each of the association's committees are hard at work on a number of important issues, some of which will be addressed during the 1997 Legislative Session, which begins in January.

I would like to encourage you to become involved in NHA's committees. As with any membership-based organization, you get the greatest benefit from your membership in the association by being active in the organization.

Speaking of involvement, I was glad to see all of you at our annual golf tournament in September. I would like to especially thank Compaq Computer Corporation for stepping up as the first silver underwriter of the tournament. The tournament was a great success, and it seemed a good time was had by all. Thank you for supporting all of NHA's efforts, and feel free to contact me with any program ideas. It is, after all, your organization.

Jon Lindsay

NHA Elects New Officers, Board Members

The North Houston Association's membership elected new officers and board members at its annual membership meeting, held on September 16, at Willow Creek Golf Club.

Jim Royer, president of Turner, Collier & Braden, Inc., is the new chairman of the North Houston Association. Robert T. Moore, manager of facility planning, engineering & regulatory operations for Compaq Computer Corporation, is vice-chairman and Nene Foxhall, vice president of state & civic affairs at Continental Airlines, Inc., is the new secretary/treasurer.

"I am honored to accept the position as chairman of the North Houston Association. I look forward to working with NHA's staff and members on issues that affect north Houston," said Royer.

Also at the annual membership meeting, NHA's Executive Director Marlisa Stanley thanked outgoing chairman Gary Montgomery for all his work and effort he has put forth for the association in the last two years.

"Gary has made a tremendous positive impact on the association while

serving as its chairman. He was always available to serve as a guide and resource whenever needed," said Stanley.

Montgomery will continue to serve on the association's committees and its board of directors.

In addition to the election of new officers, two new board members were approved at the annual meeting.

Mike Byers, president of the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce, will serve on the board for a one-year term in a new position created specifically for a north Houston chamber of commerce staff member.

"This new position allows the association to maintain a link to issues north Houston chambers of commerce are facing," said Stanley.

Steven Krueger, senior vice president at Bank One, joined the board as well. He will serve a three-year term.

All changes to the board and its officers were unanimously approved at the North Houston Association's annual membership meeting.

The positions became effective October 1, 1996. ■

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Economic Development Committee

Reprints of the small North Houston Association Aerial Land Use Maps are complete and available for purchase through the NHA office. The small maps were so popular that the association was sold out of them earlier in the year. The committee will consider updating the map early in 1997.

The economic development committee is currently researching the feasibility of enlisting a labor market study for the north Houston region.

Many member companies have noted that when relocation prospects contact them about moving to Houston, a large hindrance is the city's high wage rates. There is not currently a study that breaks out north Houston's wage rates apart from the city's.

The committee is working with the Greater Houston Partnership and CDS Research, as well as several member companies, to determine the cost versus benefit of such a study.

Environment Committee

Senator Elect and NHA President Jon Lindsay led a discussion on water supply at the October Environment Committee meeting.

At the meeting, he distributed the first draft of legislation proposing the creation of a new water authority. The committee will have a series of subcommittee meetings in October and November to review the details of the legislation.

The committee and the Board of Directors will then give their final comments to Senator Elect Lindsay for consideration.

This is an ideal opportunity for association members to communicate directly with their future Senator about an issue vital to all of north Houston. To receive information on this issue, contact Marlisa Stanley at the NHA office (875-0660).

The Environment Committee also gave comment to the recently-published city of Houston design manual.

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee's Airport Connectors Subcommittee is currently holding meetings with various agencies to discuss the completion of projects that will improve mobility in the Houston Intercontinental Airport area.

The subcommittee members will be meeting with representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation, the city of Houston, Harris County, Metropolitan Transit Authority, Harris County Toll Road Authority and the city of Humble.

After gathering information from the agencies, the subcommittee will work with the city of Houston's Aviation Department to compile a document that graphically displays the projects.

NHA will use the document to coordinate with the appropriate agencies to move projects forward that will improve mobility in the airport area.

Watch your next newsletter for more information on a NHA program dedicated to discussing the projects. ■



Volunteers Dana Taube, Hermes Reed Architects, and Mary Hammer-Menzel, explain registration procedures to one of NHA's newest Board Members, Mike Byers, president of the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce.

Annual Awards Nominations

The North Houston Association is now accepting nominations for its annual awards.

Members can nominate individuals in two categories. The North Star Award is given in recognition for outstanding community service. The nominee can be considered on a community-wide basis of the north Houston region and should be someone who has made an impact on the quality of life in north Houston.

The second category is the Compass Award. It is awarded in recognition for meritorious service within the North Houston Association either in committee work or for providing outstanding leadership on special projects.

Send all nominations to the North Houston Association by mail or fax (875-0663). ■

Upcoming Events

Welcome, New Member!

WSBC Civil Engineers, Inc. is the newest member of the North Houston Association.

WSBC is a Texas corporation established to provide comprehensive services in all major branches of civil engineering.

WSBC offers a full range of civil engineering services beginning with project evaluation and cost estimates through design, contract award, supervision of construction and project start-up.

The firm has completed a number of transportation, water/waterwaste and civil/site design/engineering projects in the greater Houston metropolitan area. Several roadway right-of-way mapping, alignment studies, and final design projects located in the north Houston area have been completed by WSBC.

Welcome to the association's membership!

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NHA Committee Meetings

Transportation

The Transportation Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on October 23, November 13 and December 18 in the first floor conference room at Two Greenspoint Plaza.

Environment

The Environment Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on November 14 and December 5 at Swift Energy Company.

Economic Development

Call the NHA office (875-0660) for more information.

Environment/Transportation Subcommittees

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