

NHA Golf Tournament Breaks Attendance, Fundraising Records

The 1997 North Houston Association Golf Tournament sold out one week prior to the day of the event and broke NHA fundraising records.

"Now that the tournament is in its third year, area businesses are contacting NHA for information on the event," said Marlisa Stanley, executive director. "Word is spreading that the tournament is not only fun and for a good cause, but area business leaders get to spend some time getting to know local public officials."

This year, the tournament had its first Gold Underwriter, Compaq Computer Corporation.

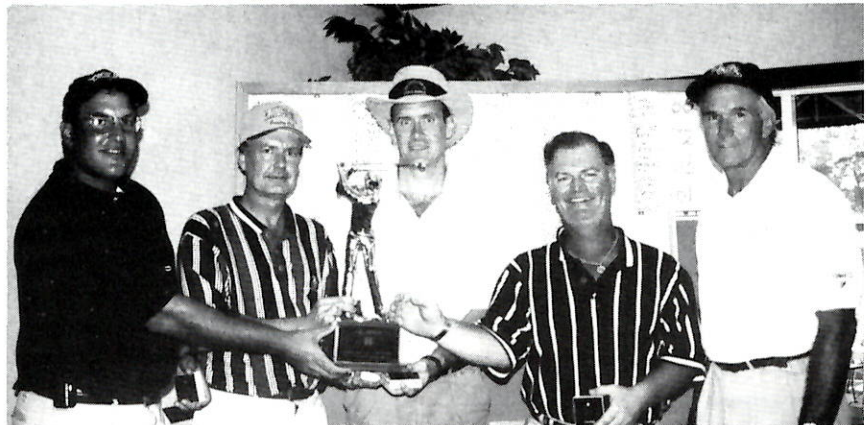
"Compaq has been involved with NHA for a number of years and we fully support the activities of the association. This is our way of giving back to the community," said Robert Moore, manager of office services for Compaq and NHA vice chairman.

Columbia Northwest Medical Center served as the Bronze Underwriter and a number of NHA members sponsored the event in a variety of ways (see list of major sponsors on page two).

Once again, Harris County Precinct Four Commissioner Jerry Eversole and Montgomery County Judge Alan Sadler were honorary chairmen of the event.

"NHA's service area covers both north Harris and southern Montgomery Counties, and we thought our honorary chairmen should reflect this fact," said Bobby Adams, JNS Consulting Engineers vice president and golf committee co-chairman.

"In addition to our honorary chairmen and our generous sponsors, much credit belongs to the golf committee,"



The 1997 NHA Golf Tournament winning team accepts their trophy from Commissioner Jerry Eversole (far right). Team members were (from left to right) Shay Shafie, LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc., Alex Sutton, The Woodlands Operating Company, L.P., John Perry, LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc., and Milton Konstantin, Harris County.

said Virgil Swift, executive vice president of Swift Energy Company and committee co-chairman. "Committee members worked hard to make this year's tournament even better than the previous two."

A total of 144 golfers attended the tournament, which was held at Willow Creek Golf Club, a CCA managed golf course. Net revenue raised to support NHA projects and programs was just more than \$22,500.

The winning team was LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc. Second place went to the North Harris Montgomery Community College District team and third was captured by last year's winner, Turner Construction Company.

The tournament wasn't all fun and games; official NHA business was conducted as well.

The association held its annual business meeting during the dinner that followed the tournament and voted to

add three new individuals to NHA's board of directors.

The new board members are Roy Hearnberger, P.E., senior vice president of Carter & Burgess, Karen Hoylman, president of the South Montgomery County Woodlands Chamber of Commerce and Dennis Petersen, president of Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam. ■

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From the President...

Dear NHA Members:

Even though I'm between legislative sessions, work hasn't slowed down much. A lot of work is taking place in the Senate and House Interim Committees. Twenty committees have been set up in the Senate alone; I have been appointed to four of them, which are: Annexation, Gangs and Juvenile Justice, Health and Human Services, and Natural Resources. If you would like a copy of all the Senate Committee charges, contact the NHA office.

As president of NHA, one of my goals is to increase membership. The association has a stronger voice when it represents a large number of companies dedicated to the well being of north Houston. This is something that should be of interest to all members.

To assist in recruitment efforts, NHA now has a full color brochure that summarizes the association's program of work. It was designed in house, which was quite a savings to our budget. Copies have been mailed out to every member, and if you would like additional supplies to tell others about NHA, contact the association office.

Senator Jon Lindsay

Mayoral Runoff Candidates to Speak at Annual Awards Luncheon

On November 17, the North Houston Association will honor north Houston community leaders at its Annual Awards Luncheon.

The luncheon will be held at the Wyndham-Greenspoint Hotel and will feature the city of Houston mayoral runoff candidates as guest speakers.

The association's North Star Award is being presented to Jimmie Schindewolf, P.E., chief of staff to Mayor Lanier and director of the city of Houston's Public Works & Engineering Department.

Over a number of years, Schindewolf has greatly impacted north Houston's infrastructure, which is essential to the area's growth.

NHA's North Star Award is given in recognition of an individual or company's long-term contribution to the quality of life in north Houston.

Jon N. Strange, P.E., president of JNS Consulting Engineers, Inc., is receiving the association's Compass Award, which is presented to an NHA

member for their contributions to the association.

Strange is currently the chairman of NHA's Mobility Update Subcommittee, has worked extensively on the April Airport Mobility Panel Discussion and served as the first co-chairman of the association's golf tournament.

The Environmental Impact Award will be given to Star Enterprise for all of the company's efforts to promote ridesharing among its employees. Star has a large number of employees that vanpool and carpool, thus helping reduce emissions in north Houston.

The Environmental Impact Award is given to a company that has made positive efforts regarding congestion-mitigation.

NHA will also honor outgoing board member Virgil Swift of Swift Energy Company and will present an award to Texas Department of Transportation's James Hebert for his creative beautification efforts in north Houston. To RSVP, contact the NHA office. ■

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1998 Committee Goals

All NHA committees will begin to discuss goals for the coming year at their November meetings. If you are not involved in a committee but would like to comment, send your suggestions to the NHA office.

Grand Parkway Committee

The Grand Parkway Committee, a committee that has representatives from both Environment and Transportation Committees, has been formed and is finalizing its goals and objectives.

The committee was created following a meeting initiated by Congressman Brady where the future of the Grand Parkway as it relates to I-69 was discussed.

The final product of the committee will be a position paper on the Grand Parkway and the committee will follow the project's progress.

Economic Development Committee

The major project for the Economic Development Committee is updating the NHA Aerial Land Use Map.

In June, all NHA member contacts received a copy of the map, along with a letter requesting updated information be forwarded to the association.

The committee expects the map to be available for purchase by the first quarter of 1998.

In September, NHA participated in the North Houston Economic Development Alliance's Third Annual Conference, hosted by the North Harris Montgomery Community College District's Center for Business and Economic Development.

All committee members and board members were invited to the conference, which included sessions on business retention, tax and financial incentives, and tourism. Two chambers of commerce gave community presentations to economic development experts in order to discover what their community needs to deliver a top notch presentation to a site consultant.

Environment Committee

NHA's Environment Committee recently learned about the effects of Senate Bill 1 when Mike Personett of Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., spoke at a recent

committee meeting.

According to NHA President Senator Lindsay, water supply and subsidence issues will be in the spotlight in the 1999 legislative session. These issues are already being addressed in Senate Interim Committees.

Transportation Committee

At the last NHA quarterly luncheon, the newly-appointed Texas Transportation Commission Member Robert Nichols spoke on his new role.

Following the luncheon, a number of NHA members met privately with Nichols. At the meeting, association staff made a presentation to Nichols on the current economic growth of north Houston and future projections.

Nichols is familiar with the Houston area, but said he greatly enjoyed learning about north Houston's economic development and transportation situation.

The Airport Connectors Subcommittee has now prioritized mobility projects identified at the April Panel Discussion. NHA continues to follow these projects. At a recent luncheon on transportation, Don Andrews, assistant director of planning for the city of Houston's Department of Aviation, served as guest speaker and referred to the panel discussion several times during his talk. "We resolved a lot of those (airport access) issues at the NHA panel discussion," he said when discussing the Hardy Toll Road Airport Connector.

The Transportation Committee is also beginning to revise the association's Mobility Update. The Mobility Update Subcommittee, chaired by Jon Strange, JNS Consulting Engineers, Inc., has now received input from north Houston chambers of commerce, regarding their "wish list" of projects to improve mobility in their areas.

NHA's membership will be polled on their suggestions of mobility projects in the near future. ■



Michael Murr, manager of site services at Compaq Computer Corporation, (left) and Montgomery County Judge Alan Sadler, tournament honorary chairman, conduct some business on the golf course while waiting for their chance to tee off.

Upcoming Events

Land Use Maps 50% Off!

The North Houston Association's Aerial Land Use Maps are now available at 50% off regular price. Member prices: large map \$5; small map \$2.50; non-member prices: large map \$12.50; small map \$5. Call the NHA office (281/875-0660) to order.

NHA Committee Meetings

Transportation

In November, Larry Nettles, with Vinson & Elkins, will speak on transportation funding as it relates to air quality. The Transportation Committee meets monthly at 11:30 a.m. Contact the NHA office for specific dates.

Environment

The Environment Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on November 6, December 11 and January 8 in the first floor conference room of Two Greenspoint Plaza.

Economic Development

Call the NHA office (281/875-0660) for more information on meeting dates.

Grand Parkway

The Grand Parkway Committee will meet November 12, December 10 and January 14 at 7:30 a.m. Contact the NHA office for information on location, as they vary depending on subject matter.

NHA Searching for TMO Projects Coordinator

In order to accomplish the activities of NHA's Transportation Management Organization (TMO), the association is searching for a TMO Projects Coordinator. This person will coordinate the implementation of TMO projects outlined in the association's CM/AQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) contract. For a complete job description, contact the NHA office.

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