

## NHA to Honor Annual Awards Recipients at March Luncheon

The North Houston Association will honor business and community leaders at its Annual Awards Luncheon on March 4.

Anthony Chan, Ph.D., chief economist and managing director, Banc One Investment Advisors Corporation, will give an economic development forecast for 1999 and beyond.

Chan's presentation will examine the domestic and international events that shape the overall economy. The focus of his talk will be current events and their economic implications. Within this context, a number of topics will be discussed.

Chan will discuss global economic developments and their impact on the overall U.S. domestic economy. He will comment on both the positive and negative aspects of the global financial market meltdown and its ultimate effect.

He will also discuss the current and future path of foreign exchange rates and compare foreign growth and inflation rates to U.S. growth and inflation rates.

In examining the domestic economy, Chan will review labor market developments and their relationship to the overall economy; he will also examine the supply and demand forces of interest rates and present his interest rate forecast for the next 12 months.

Within this framework, the impact on credit demands and interest-sensitive sectors of the economy will also be discussed. Chan's presentation will also look at monetary and fiscal government policies and will provide a forecast for the future direction of these policies.

Chan will also cover current devel-



*Banc One's Chief Economist and Managing Director, Anthony Chan, Ph.D., will address the Association at its March luncheon.*

opments in equity and fixed income markets and will discuss the primary forces affecting these markets. Time will be allotted specifically for a question and answer session.

Also at the luncheon, NHA will present its annual awards to outstanding leaders in north Houston.

Roger Galatas, senior advisor to executive management of real estate companies with a focus on master-planned communities, will be honored for his longtime service to north Houston.

He previously served as president and chief executive officer of The Woodlands Operating Company, L.P., and directed all the company's real estate activities related to the 26,000-acre community of The Woodlands.

Galatas also has been directly involved in the creation of several unique elements within the community, including a 13,000 seat performing arts pavil-

ion, an acute care hospital and a private college preparatory school where former President Bush delivered the school's first commencement address.

Galatas is actively engaged at the national level in efforts to achieve a balance between important environmental objectives and economic growth. He serves as chair of the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Environmental Forum and a trustee and officer of ULI. He is also on the Real Estate Advisory Committee of the Trust for Public Land.

He is a board member of the Grand Parkway Association, a transportation agency of the Texas Department of Transportation.

The North Star award is given to an individual who has made a long-term impact on the quality of life in north Houston. Past recipients include Jimmie Schindewolf, P.E., city of Houston, former Congressman Jack Fields, Chancellor John Pickelman, Ph.D., North Harris Montgomery Community College District, and W.W. Thorne.

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## From the President...

Dear NHA Members:

I'm writing to you from Austin, where I'm serving north Houston in the 1999 Legislative Session. Many say it will be a quiet session, but I plan to liven up the floor with a number of issues that affect north Houston.

You already know I am concerned about north Houston's water supply; I will continue to work to build consensus among legislators for support of a water bill that makes sense for north Harris County. I am also working on reformation of annexation procedures that will ensure fairness to both suburban and urban interests, and am recommending a change in the selection of the Metropolitan Transit Authority's board of directors.

I am vice-chairman of the Senate's Intergovernmental Relations Committee this session; I also serve on the Finance and Health Services Committees. If you would like to track the state legislature during the session, you can do so by logging onto the Internet at: [www.senate.state.tx.us](http://www.senate.state.tx.us).

If you have any questions or comments on issues that affect our area, feel free to contact me at my local legislative office (281-583-1011) or my Austin office (512-463-0107).

*Senator Jon Lindsay*

## 1998 NHA Annual Awards Recipients

### North Star

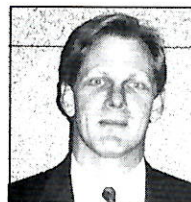


*Roger Galatas  
The Woodlands Operating Company, L.P.*

### Compass



*David G. Daleiden  
Weingarten Realty Investors*



*Ed Shackelford, P.E.  
Harris County Precinct Four*

## Awards

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is bestowed on an individual or company that has made a significant contribution to the success of the North Houston Association and its committees. Past recipients include Jon Strange, P.E., JNS Consulting Engineers, Inc., Jack Drake, Greater Greenspoint District, Jim Royer, Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., and Mark Froehlich, Pate Engineers.

This year, the NHA Board of Directors felt there were two individuals deserving of this award: David G. Daleiden, director of market research, Weingarten Realty Investors, and Ed Shackelford, precinct engineer, Harris County Precinct Four.

Daleiden chaired the Aerial Land Use Map subcommittee in 1997 and 1998. Because of his dedication to the map's production and his painstaking attention to detail, NHA has updated its most-requested economic development tool.

Daleiden also headed up the map project in 1994 and 1989.

Ed Shackelford, P.E., is the Board's choice for the second Compass Award this year.

Shackelford serves on NHA's Transportation and Environment Committees, working to keep members updated on county programs and projects. He also advises the Association on steps it can take to assist Harris County on issues that affect north Houston.

In addition to serving on these committees, Shackelford takes time to assist the Association on a number of its projects, including NHA's annual fundraiser and the Aerial Land Use Map.

Shackelford has been serving on the Association's committees since 1991.

He has worked as the precinct engineer for Harris County Precinct Four since 1991 and is active in the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Committee. ■



## NHA Board Elects New Chairman

The North Houston Association's (NHA) board of directors has elected Dennis W. Petersen, president of Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. (LAN), to serve as its 1999 chairman of the board.

"I would like to see NHA return to its roots," said Petersen. "NHA's strength has always been its diversity and size of member organizations. My goal is to refocus on that philosophy by recruiting and actively involving all business sectors of our membership. This mix of large and medium-sized companies, in a variety of industries, is the key to continued success of the organization."

Since joining LAN in 1980, Petersen has provided specialized engineering, consulting, program management and strategic planning for a myriad of clients in all levels of government and in the environmental, aerospace, petroleum, electronics, defense, transportation and manufacturing industries.

In addition to his new role with the North Houston Association, Petersen serves on the Greater Houston Partnership's (GHP) government rela-

tions advisory committee, Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation's board of directors and executive committee, University of Hous-



Petersen

ton - Clear Lake's development and advisory board, University of Houston Engineering School advisory board, and the Consulting Engineers Council of Texas. In 1998, Petersen was appointed by Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown to serve on the Mayor's Transition Team and act as co-chair of the public works and engineering subcommittee.

Petersen has been a member of the Board since 1997, and has been active on the association's economic develop-

ment committee.

Petersen replaces James R. Royer, president of Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., on the association's board. Royer resigned in January, due to his election as vice chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership's board of directors.

"I have seen the Association grow and accomplish much during the past several years, particularly since Jon Lindsay was named President," said Royer. "I will continue to support the activities and programs of the North Houston Association because I believe the organization is key to the continued success and development of north Houston."

Royer will become chairman of the GHP in the year 2000, and says he is resigning as chairman of NHA so there will be no perceived conflict of interest with the economic development mission of the GHP.

Royer served as Chairman of the NHA Board since 1997. Turner Collie & Braden, Inc. has been a member of the Association since 1984. Royer will continue his North Houston Association Board term which expires in September 2000. ■

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## Antero Development Joins NHA's Membership

Antero Development, LLC started the new year right by joining the ranks of NHA membership in January.

Antero Development, LLC is based in Spring, Texas and is the developer of the Londonderry Community located in north Harris County, just off Kuykendahl Road.

This community offers new single-family homes from the \$110's to the \$160's on large wooded lots. A new section is underway and is comprised entirely of large cul-de-sac lots. This beau-

tiful wooded community benefits from the "exemplary" schools of the Klein ISD and is conveniently located near services in The Woodlands and Tomball.

Antero Development is also planning to develop a new golf course community located on approximately 575 acres of land just south of The Woodlands, on the west side of Kuykendahl Road. Sitting atop the watershed, this heavily wooded property opens across from the beautiful Saddlebrook Ranch.

The natural beauty of this property and rolling terrain provide for the making of a unique golf course community.

Antero Development is located at 25122 Barmby Drive in Spring; Jay Maish is the company's President.

The majority of NHA's new members are a result of referrals. If you know of a company that can benefit from NHA's business issues and resources, environment or transportation services, please contact NHA Executive Director Catherine Wray at 281-875-0660. ■



## **NHA Committees Set Goals for 1999, New Committee Formed**

The North Houston Association's Board of Directors has approved the Association's 1999 goals for the Business Issues and Resources, Environment and Transportation Committees as well as the Transportation Management Organization (TMO). The Board has also formed a new committee: Workforce Development.

"Since this year is one where the Texas legislature will be in session, North Houston Association staff will be continually monitoring legislation on all issues that effect north Houston through Senator Lindsay's office," said Catherine Wray, executive director. "Addressing proposed legislation is a goal for all committees."

The Economic Development Committee has already achieved one of its goals - changing the committee's name to more accurately reflect its activities. The committee will also incorporate regionalism issues.

The new Business Issues and Resources Committee's goals include hosting a minimum of two site consultant visits during the year, developing

an economic development forum/program, and monitoring and advocating for economic development legislation.

NHA's Environment Committee will monitor the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's Implementation of Texas Water Quality Certification Rules, comment on proposed Harris County Development Regulations revisions, provide comment on legislation related to water supply and quality, and monitor and comment on legislation on environmental issues, including wetlands and landfills.

The Association's Transportation Committee will have its plate full with plans to update the NHA Mobility Update, monitor the progress of airport connectors projects, advocate for the Association's priority transportation projects, assist Harris and Montgomery Counties in realizing their objectives regarding the road projects approved in the 1997 Bond Referendum, monitor and assist the progress of negotiations relating to the Grand Parkway, and communicate information on transportation issues to its membership, public agen-

cies and area chambers of commerce.

The Transportation Management Organization will continue to work on its scope of work as outlined in its contract with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC).

Some of its goals include creating a marketing packet that describes the TMO's services, producing an information packet for companies to use as a guideline for implementing a telecommuting program within their organization, conducting transportation fairs and sponsoring public outreach to promote TMO services and bring awareness of congestion and air quality issues, including a section on congestion mitigation in the Association's Mobility Update and promoting and providing ride matching services for carpool and vanpool formation in cooperation with Metro and H-GAC.

The North Houston Association's newest committee, the Workforce Development Committee, has been formed, and is beginning to meet.

NHA's Board of Directors decided to create the committee at its 1998 retreat, due to the importance of workforce to the growth of the area.

The committee held its first meeting on December 2. At the meeting, two areas of interest were identified: skills identification and skill bank.

The purpose of skills identification is to identify skills needed by businesses now and skills needed in the future.

The idea behind skills bank is the use of an Internet site for matching individuals' skills to jobs. This could be used by school counselors and may include trend data.

NHA members can find details on these goals in the Association's Annual Report to Membership, which will be distributed to all NHA primary contacts and committee members this month. The document will also include a narrative of accomplishments in 1998. ■

### **1999 NHA Committee Structure**

#### **Business Issues and Resources Committee**

Chairman: Position Open

Vice Chairman: Position Open

Board Liaison: James Curry, Hines Interests Limited Partnership

Staff: Pat Wisniewski, Projects Coordinator, NHA

#### **Environment Committee**

Chairman: David Millikan, HNTB Corporation

Vice Chairman: Position Open

Board Liaison: Position Open

Staff: Pat Wisniewski, Projects Coordinator, NHA

#### **Transportation Committee**

Chairman: Glenn Graham, PBS&J Corporation

Vice Chairman: Chris Cotter, Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc.

Board Liaison: Roy Hearnberger, Carter & Burgess

Staff: Catherine Wray, Executive Director, NHA

#### **Workforce Development Committee**

Chairman: Ray Laughter, North Harris Montgomery Community College District

Vice Chairman: Position Open

Board Liaison: John Pickelman, Ph.D., N. Harris Mont. Community College District

Staff: Pat Wisniewski, Projects Coordinator, NHA



## Business Issues and Resources Committee

The North Harris Montgomery Community College District (NHMCCD) has compiled updated demographics (1998 - 2003) for NHA's service area, and is in the process of making them available on disk for the Association.

The committee is also evaluating current economic development information (including demographics) to determine if it meets the needs of north Houston. The committee will also discuss what material, if any, needs to be produced to compliment current material.

The committee is in the process of scheduling two site consultant visits for 1999. Details will be published in the *NHA Vision* as it becomes available.

At the committee's March 15th meeting, Board and committee member Martin Basaldua, Ph.D., will present the final report of the Texas Strategic Economic Development Planning Commission.

Basaldua is a member of the Commission, which was created by Governor George Bush and the Texas legislature. The Commission's purpose is to develop a comprehensive long-range plan for economic development in Texas and make recommendations for improving the business climate in the state.

The meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the Greenspoint Conference Center. R.S.V.P.s are required (281-875-0660).

## Environment Committee

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) staff has extended its ad hoc committee formed to address issues relating to its Regulatory Guidance Document for Implementation of Texas Water Quality Certification Rules.

The committee will continue to seek comment from the regulated community and revise the Guidance Document accordingly. NHA will continue to stay involved with and report on this issue.

## Transportation Committee

The Mobility Update Subcommittee is gearing up to complete the revised document. The 1999 Mobility Update is scheduled to be available mid-year.

Six of the nine of the top priority projects identified in the NHA Airport Connectors Document are moving forward. See related article on this page for details.

## Workforce Development Committee

The Workforce Development Committee has set up two subcommittees: skills identification and skill bank. Details of these subcommittees' goals are outlined in the story on page four.

Because the committee is just beginning to meet, there are no set meeting dates. For information on future meetings, watch the *Friday Facts* or contact Pat Wisniewski in the NHA office (281-875-0660). ■

## Six NHA Airport Connectors Projects Underway

Six of NHA's nine airport connectors projects are underway, less than three years after being identified by the Association as a priority.

"This is quite an accomplishment

by the Association, due to the projects' importance to the future growth of north Houston and the entire Houston area," said Catherine Wray, executive director. "Each of these projects are critical to

airport access, something that has a significant impact on the economic development of the area.

Details of each project are listed below, along with current status. ■

RANK	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING
1	Beltway 8/U.S. 59 Interchange	Complete mainlanes over U.S. 59 and construct direct connector (EB-NB).	Funded, construction to begin 12/99.
2	Hardy Toll Road Airport Connector	Construct direct connector from Hardy Toll Road to J.F.K. Boulevard.	Funded, under construction; completion 1st Qtr. 2000.
3	Beltway 8/Hardy Toll Road Connector	Construct direct connector from Beltway 8 to Hardy Toll Road (EB-NB).	Funded, in design; construction to begin 1st Qtr. 2000. Tentative completion early 2nd Qtr. 2001.
4	I-45/Beltway 8 Connector	Construct one direct connector from Interstate 45 to Beltway 8 (SB-EB).	Funded, construction to begin 12/99.
5	Maury Street Extension	Construct direct connector from existing Hardy Toll Road to downtown.	In design; currently negotiating with Union Pacific Railroad.
6	Aldine Westfield widening from Beltway 8 to F.M. 1960	Replace 2-lane asphalt road with 2-lane concrete boulevard pavement including left turn lanes, improve signalization and ultimate boulevard at Greens Road.	Funded, construction to Begin 3rd. Qtr. 1999. Project is being constructed in phases; final phase should be complete in 2001.

## Upcoming Events

### NHA Committee Meetings

#### Board of Directors

Dates: Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4  
Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
Place: The Greenspoint Club  
R.S.V.P.: 281-875-0660 (regrets only)

#### Business Issues and Resources

Date: Mar. 15  
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Place: Greenspoint Conference Center  
R.S.V.P.: 281-875-0660

#### Environment

Dates: Mar. 11, April 8, May 13  
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Place: Greenspoint Conference Center  
R.S.V.P.: 281-875-0660

#### Transportation

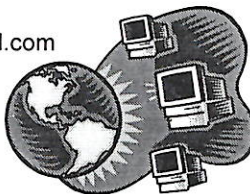
Dates: Feb. 24, Mar. 24, Apr. 28  
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Place: Greenspoint Conference Center  
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