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From the Editor...

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man." -- **Benjamin Franklin**

ANOTHER BEGINNING - AGAIN.

Welcome to another year of TCH. Since 1915 dedicated men and women have served the club and the entire transportation industry. And each year began the same way as this year - with a January 1, with the hope and opportunity of a new year.

Don't believe everything that you read out there. We are facing issues very similar to those of generations before. The good news is: they overcame it. And so will we.

The future is bright. The answers lie within each of us. Whatever we work at, however we spend our time, we are able to make a difference in ourselves and our world. Reaching out to help others, reconnecting with friends from the past, and treating ourselves right by spending carefully and living healthy are all ways to make a better tomorrow. We can't just expect it to happen, we must be part of what makes it come about.

Thank you for reading this newsletter and for being part of the Transportation Club of Houston. We value your involvement.. Cool.

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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The next TCH event is the **JANUARY 20 LUNCHEON**, a joint event with the **National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA)** at Brady's Landing. Speaker **HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT** will discuss the role of logistics in the Hurricane Ike recovery. Expect door prizes, valuable industry information and networking. The fun begins at 11:30 at Brady's Landing , 8505 Cypress Street in Houston.

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Look online for the latest information !

THE TCH SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT & AWARDS DINNER is on for Thursday, March 26 at 1 pm at Longwood. Entry includes a box lunch and evening awards dinner with door prizes. Sponsors, volunteers, and players are needed. Contact the club office to help! *Sponsors as of press date:*

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TCH Event Recap

2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY was held Friday, December 12 at the 1940's Air Terminal Museum at Hobby Airport. Attendees brought food and unwrapped toy as donations, which were distributed by TCH Chaplain Father Patout. The gift exchange, door prizes, food, music, and mingling were a great addition to the Christmas spirit. Thanks to these sponsors for their generosity

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THE TCH FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

was reset to Thursday, November 20 at Longwood Golf Club. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners and thank you to the sponsors!

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GOLF WINNERS included Bill Acosta, Glen McVey, Jerry Choate, Arnold Ponce, James Nash, and John Keves. CONGRATULATIONS to all!

Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference

HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT held the first annual Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference on January 11, 12, & 13 at the Westin Galleria.

The conference brought together industry members from around the world. Fantastic speakers, panels, and attendees made this a very worthwhile event. Judge Emmett has plans to expand upon this success for the next conference.

TCH website "MEMBERS ONLY" section

Check out the TCH web page section for the MEMBERS ONLY section. The entry point is at the bottom right corner of the home page ("Members Only"), where you will find discounts from vendors that will help you and your business.

MORE VENDORS ARE WELCOME!

TCH presented awards at NDTA luncheon

On Friday, December 12, TCI President Denny Tam presented 3 awards (see article below) to the Transportation Club of Houston at the 2008 HTPA Holiday Luncheon. Immediate Past TCH President Danny Schnautz accepted the awards for the club. A photo of all recipients is online at www.transclubhou.org.

TCH wins at TCI

TCH continued its winning tradition with awards at the September TCI conference in Moncton, Canada.

<http://transportationclubinternational.com/awards.html>

Web page: 1st place in our class

Newsletter: 2nd place in our class

NTW Award: 1st place - Joint Houston All-Clubs

Effort from the following clubs:

- Energy Traffic Association
- Houston Air Cargo Association
- Houston Customhouse Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association
- Houston Transportation Professionals Association
- International Transportation Management Association
- National Association of Railway Business Women
- National Defense Transportation Association, Houston Chapter
- Organization of Women in International Trade
- Propeller Club of the United States - Port of Houston
- Sabine District Transportation Club
- The Transportation Club of Houston

Sister club **SABINE DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION CLUB (SDTC)** in Beaumont won first place in its class in the club newsletter competition! This is a repeat win for the club- Congratulations again!

Congratulations to all of the winners nationwide. Each award represents countless volunteer hours of work by devoted individuals.

San Jacinto College Spring Schedule

Call Phillip Cohen, 281 458 4050 et. 7454, lead instructor, International Business & Logistics Program, **San Jacinto College**, North Campus, for information on the Spring 2009 class schedule.

The listing of upcoming classes was in the last issue of The Wheel. (All Wheel issues are online at www.transclubhou.org)

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JUDGE EMMETT HONORARY CHAIR of NTW Houston 2009

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett has accepted the invitation to be the Honorary Chair of NTW Houston 2009.

NTW 2009 is slated for May 10 - 16. YOU can continue help our industry by taking the message of transportation to the public. The Chair for this year is Jolie Cosman of Century Freight Corporation / Outgoing President of ITMA.

TCH is moving forward with a repeat of the 5th grade poster contest for NTW 2009, and is planning an educational seminar for that week also.

We at TCH appreciate the joint efforts from the Houston area clubs for NTW Houston 2008 and look forward to more teamwork throughout the year and into a great city-wide effort for NTW **Houston 2009**. Contact the club office to help.

NTW HOUSTON 2009 KICKOFF MEETING

The kickoff meeting for NTW Houston 2009 was held at the offices of Marathon Oil / Energy Traffic Association at the invitation of Ralph Lopez, ETA President, on Thursday, December 11. In attendance was

- Ralph Lopez, (Marathon Oil) President of ETA
- Jolie Cosman, (Century Freight) President of ITMA
- Denny Tam, (DJ Rail Services) President of TCI
- Shristi Shrestha, (Art Institute of Houston) Vice President of TCH
- Gail Seaman, (BNSF RR) President of National Association of Railway Business Women, Houston Chapter
- Deanna Teel, Houston Community College
- Breanna Morgan, (Bring Logistics) President of Houston Air Cargo Association
- Danny Schnautz, (Clark Freight Lines) Immediate Past President of TCH; & Director of NDTA - Houston Chapter

The meeting was a great start for NTW Houston 2009. Involvement from industry, academia, and government are all needed to make this a success.

A big thanks to County Judge Ed Emmett for his engaging as honorary chair of NTW Houston 2009.

WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

TCH Past President [Joy Lloyd](#) had major surgery on Monday, January 12. More information will be made available as it is known.

TCH Past President [Joe Celestine](#) has decided it is time to retire. There will be a retirement party at

9:30 am this Thursday January 22nd at the Fedex National Terminal at 550 Canino Rd.

Joe had a triple bypass in October and is recovering on schedule but that convinced him it was time to slow down. Joe is well known after 35 years in transportation including 19 years with Watkins Motor Line and the last two years with Fedex National.

If you can't attend and would like to wish him well, his home phone is 713 680 1819.

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Plans

"Life asks us to make measurable progress in reasonable time. That's why they make those fourth grade chairs so small - so you won't fit in them at age twenty-five!" - *Jim Rohn*

"...Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. *Proverbs 16:3*

TCH Mission Statement

"To serve its membership as a premier organization to cultivate relations among professionals in the transportation, distribution, and logistics industries. To achieve this mission, the Transportation Club of Houston endeavors to stimulate public and commercial interest in understanding the transportation industry."

Be a Sponsor!

TCH has many sponsorship opportunities - to bring business-earning exposure for your company, and for you. You can sponsor this newsletter, a 'mail-out' meeting reminder card, a golf outing, a luncheon, a seminar, or the web page (note the new banner ads). Look on the web page or email the club office or President for information.

-Upcoming luncheon sponsors-

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Chaplain Conference in Houston June 2009

TCH Chaplain Father Rivers Patout has announced that Houston is hosting a global chaplain conference in Houston in June of this year.

Sponsors are needed to make this event a success. Watch the TCH web page for more information, and contact the club office if you would like to help.

Transportation Clubs International Membership

The Transportation Club of Houston is a proud member of The Transportation Clubs International. The 2009 TCI conference is in Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 17 - 20. See you there!

TCH Officers Are:

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New Members for January

- Tom Seiter Eastman Logistics
- Welcome to the club!*

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Member Leads

If you have a contact who is a prospective member of TCH, send the name and contact number to the club office for us to follow up!

TCH ITINERARY FOR 2008-2009

2008:

- 9-9 September Luncheon w/ Larry Snellings
- 10-10 TCH Port Tour on the MV Sam Houston
- 11-20 Fall Golf Outing and Awards Dinner

- 12-12 TCH Christmas Party at 1940's Air Terminal Museum

2009:

- 1-20 Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Joint w/ NDTA & Judge Emmett
- 2-3 Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Charlie Jenkins, POHA
- 3-3 Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Elizabeth Wetzel, University of Houston
- 3-26 Spring Golf Outing, 1 pm
- 4-7 Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Bill Webb, Blue Flame Project
- 5-10 thru 16 NTW 2009
- 5-? Education Seminar at NTW Houston 2009
- 6-9 Luncheon at Brady's Landing, Installations, Speaker Marvin Wells
- 10-22 Fall Golf Outing, 1:30 pm
- TBA social and networking events
- TBA many other happy times and opportunities

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