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From the Editor...

What Road Will You Travel in 2009?

When you woke up this morning, did you think about the wide array of results that your choices could bring?

Individual accountability seems far from the consciousness of most Americans these days. In the midst of hardship, the "American Spirit" has always been about hitching up one's pants in the face of adversity and pressing on. The best way to succeed is to plan and then help create that success. And that success is created not in one grand motion, but by individual actions and choices, ones that are seemingly minor, but add up to determine your entire future.

Do not put off, avoid, or justify away what you know should be done. Take the path that results in long term gain, even at the expense of short-term comfort. And don't wait for "someone else" to do the heavy lifting for you.

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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"Our lives are a sum total of the choices we have made."
Wayne Dyer

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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The next TCH event is the **MARCH 3 LUNCHEON**, with the Managing Director for the University of Houston's Center for Logistics and Transportation Policy's **ELIZABETH WETZEL** as speaker. Expect door prizes, valuable industry information and networking. The fun begins at 11:30 at Brady's Landing , 8505 Cypress Street in Houston.

Door prize sponsors as of press time:
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--- OTHER PRIZES WELCOME ---

Look online for the latest information!

Then, be planning for the **April 7 LUNCHEON**, with the transportation leader and motivational speaker **BILL WEBB**, of the Blue Flame Project www.theblueflameproject.com. Bill has a long history in transportation including previously being TMTA President. Bill is a return speaker and always delivers an excellent program.

THE TCH SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT & AWARDS DINNER is on for Thursday, March 26 at 1:30 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! Much more information is online the club web page.

Sponsors as of press date:

PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSORS: \$500

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TCH Event Recap

JANUARY 2009 LUNCHEON was held at Brady's Landing and was a great success. Over 100 attendees heard from Harris County Judge Ed Emmett on a variety of worthwhile issues affecting our businesses and our personal lives. This was another joint luncheon with NDTA (National Defense Transportation Association). Door prize sponsors included:

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FEBRUARY 2009 LUNCHEON was also held at Brady's Landing on a clear, beautiful Houston day. Over 60 attendees learned about the present and

future of the Port of Houston from the Director of Planning and Environment Charlie Jenkins. Going above and beyond for this luncheon, Mr. Jenkins once again displayed his legendary high caliber by speaking under difficult circumstances. The question and answer time was wonderfully informative, and entertaining as well.

At least seven students and four education leaders present, and one of the students was a door prize winner! Photos of all luncheons are online.

Thanks to **lunch sponsor Clark Freight Lines**, who also donated Aeros tickets for a door prize.

TCH Educational Workshop May 14

The TCH Education Committee is holding a **HAZ MAT WORKSHOP** on Thursday, May 14, at Brady's Landing. The event provides certification for workers handling haz mat. The fee is \$265.00 and includes breakfast and entrance into the NTW All-Club luncheon.

SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

Gold: \$500

Silver: \$250

Bronze: \$100

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- Ed Schinnie
- Gary Stading
- Leo Stupur

Copper: \$50

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Student Sponsorship: \$165

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TCH Past President Selected for TCI Regional VP

TCH Immediate Past President Danny Schnautz, of Clark Freight Lines, has been selected for the US Mid-Central Regional Vice President. Danny's responsibilities are for clubs from Michigan and Wisconsin down through Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico, 18 clubs in all.

www.transportationclubsinternational.com/regionalvps.html

1940's Air Terminal Renovation Progresses

Remodeling is making great progress at the Hobby Airport terminal, which is being restored. TCH has held events there throughout the construction and soon will be welcomed by a completed facility, restored to its prime. For more information, go to www.1940airterminal.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 / Past President of ITMA.

TCH is moving forward with a repeat of the 5th grade poster contest for NTW 2009, chaired by TCH Director Larry Snellings, and has set 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 Events Planned

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| Monday, 5-11 | HACA Golf Tournament |
| Tuesday, 5-12 | open |
| Wednesday, 5-13 | open |
| Thursday, 5-14 | TCH Haz Mat Workshop
NDTA All-Club Luncheon
Texas Cuba Alliance Conf. |
| Friday, 5-15 | open |
| Saturday, 5-16 | ITMA Volleyball Tournament |

Ongoing:

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| 5th Grade Poster Contest | TCH |
| NTW Raffle | NARBW |
| More information is at www.transclubhou.org . | |

"The Times they are A-changing"

by Dale W. Crawford, President 1990-91

Ed note: This is another in a series of articles on CLUB HISTORY from TCH Past President Dale Crawford.

*"If your time to you
Is worth saving
Then you better start swimming
Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changing"*

The Transportation Club of Houston must have taken to heart the words from this old Bob Dylan song of the '60's. The organizing officers did not have female membership in mind; it was strictly a man's club. In 1915 women weren't involved in transportation other than secretarial positions, switch board operators, etc. The requirements for membership, District Agent, Traffic Manager, Regional Managers, Chief Clerks, etc., were positions that were not occupied by women in that era.

The first woman to appear in the minutes of the Club was a lady named Rose Holston. Little is known about Ms. Holston, there is no mention of her employer or occupation. The minutes of the June 9, 1931 meeting tells us that she was Co-Chairperson, and with three other women organized a "Ladies Day." Ms. Holston appears again in 1933 as Publicity Committee Chairperson. We also know that in 1932 there had been four (4) women Honorary Members. I say "had been" because the minutes say these four (4) women and six (6) men were dropped from the honorary roll. Overall, the minutes are silent as to the participation of women, but we know none were Presidents until the late '80's.

Women were making themselves heard in the professional fields. More and more women were becoming managers, presidents, supervisors and business owners. In 1987-88 Nancy P. McWaters became the first woman President of the Club. This was a huge change for the Club. It didn't come easily, as might be expected when institutions undergo changes. There were some that didn't want women in the Club at all, and certainly not as President. Nancy was a great President and served

the Club well. She broke the barrier, and opened the way for other women. Since Nancy, six (6) other women have lead the Club. Nancy Hahn, Jeannie Hooke, Joy Lloyd, Rebecca Taylor, Summer Camp and Deborah Butler have worn the Presidential mantle well. Today, the four (4) TCH currently serving officers- President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer are women.

I suspect Rose Holston had not the faintest idea of what she started. It would probably be a safe assumption that she only wanted to do a good job as Co-chair, and Publicity Chair. A lot of good things begin that way.

Bob Dylan would be proud, the times did change, and so did TCH!

Thanks, Dale! Preserving club history is important and our club's 94-years contains many yet-unrecalled facets. Input is welcome from all members! - Editor

Rotary Books For the World

The TCH board voted in February to provide publicity for a very worthy charity which distributes discarded textbooks throughout the world.

Rotary International has over eight years of success and growth in this project. Transportation partners are needed for trucking, rail service, ocean transport, warehousing, and shipping container donations. Current partners include BNSF, MSC Lines, Maersk, Exel Logistics, Flexi-Van Leasing, and Clark Freight Lines. Full information is available at www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org



San Jacinto College Conference April 9

San Jacinto College North Campus is holding their 3rd annual **International Business and**

Logistics Conference on Thursday, April 9. The keynote speaker is Mr. John Heimsath, President of ACM Logistics & Consulting. Also, Mr. J Garrett Cornelison with Baker Hostetler will speak about new imp/exp rules and regulations and more.

The fee is \$50 per person; discounts are available. The location is 5800 Uvalde. For more information, contact Mary Cherry at mary.cherry@sjcd.edu or 281-998-6150 ext 7221.

Welfare Committee Report

TCH Past President **Joy Lloyd** continues recovery. Look here for more info as it is available.

TCH Past President **Joe Celestine's** retirement party was a great success. TCH Past Presidents Jack McCoy, Dale Crawford, Al Powell, Danny Schnautz, and Bob Clark attended, as well as Executive Secretary Russell Powell. Joe was presented with items from TCH including cards, a set of TCH mugs, a TCH golf shirt, and TCH pencils and rulers, and more. The party was held on January 22nd at the Fedex National Terminal at 550 Canino Rd. Joe's wife Mary was there as well.

Joe was TCH President from 1999 to 2000 and was particularly instrumental during the previous administration as well. TCH owes Joe a debt of gratitude and we wish him well.

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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

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-Upcoming luncheon sponsors-

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Chaplain Conference in Houston June 9-11, 2009

TCH Chaplain Father Rivers Patout has announced that Houston is hosting a global chaplain conference at the Hobby Hilton in June.

Sponsors & volunteers are needed. For more information call Father Patout at 713-672-0511

New Members for January

Justin Riley JB Hunt
Gary Stading University of Houston
Welcome to the club!

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!

TCI Officers Are:

Dennis Tam, President
Mac Leonard, Chairman of the Board
Lynn Donovan - VP Business
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Anita Bene - Secretary
Katie Dejonge - Treasurer & Executive Director
Danny Schnautz -VP Mid Central US
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Integrity

"Promises should not be lightly given unless we want them to be lightly received." *Denis Waitley*

"The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out." *Proverbs 10:9*

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 Wetzell, University of Houston
- 3-26 Spring Golf Outing, 1:30 pm
- 4-7 Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Bill Webb, Blue Flame Project >Past President's Day<
- 5-10 thru 16 NTW 2009
- 5-14 Education Workshop 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

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!

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