



# THE WHEEL

## The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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### *From the Editor...*

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Most industries believe that they are at the bottom of the respect category. It seems that we each feel 'picked on' in one way or another. The difference, we sometimes believe, is that WE REALLY have legitimate gripes, while others are merely complaining without justification.

Since you are reading this, you probably realize the incredibly essential nature of transportation. You realize that every day every aspect of American's lives ride on the wheels of our industry.

What am I leading up to? NTW. National Transportation Week is our chance to get our word out to the public that we do what we do, and we are good at it. That what we do matters.

Look at the events planned for NTW (at [www.ntwhouston.org](http://www.ntwhouston.org)) and spread the word. Let us all share the word that our industry is one that touches every life around the world. *Cool.*

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## **TCH**

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### ***Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!***

The next TCH event is the **APRIL 7 LUNCHEON**, which is our annual PAST PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON. We are honored each year to have as our guests the Past Presidents of TCH. The featured speaker is transportation leader and motivational speaker **BILL WEBB**, of the Blue Flame Project [www.theblueflameproject.com](http://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. Expect a great meal, door prizes, valuable industry information and networking. Brady's is doing some remodeling and the restaurant is looking better at each visit. The fun begins at 11:30 at Brady's Landing, 8505 Cypress Street in Houston.

*Lunch sponsors as of press time:*

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*Door prize sponsors as of press time:*

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Look online for the latest information!

The **MAY LUNCHEON** will be an all-club luncheon at Brady's Landing for NTW. Read on for more information, or visit our webpage at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org).

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### ***TCH Event Recap***

**MARCH 2009 LUNCHEON** was Elizabeth Wetzel, Managing Director for the Center for Transportation and Logistics Policy of the University of Houston. Ms. Wetzel spoke about the programs available at the college and the trend toward providing transportation-related classes at high schools in Houston. The event at Brady's Landing was well attended, including many transportation students.

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**THE TCH SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT & AWARDS DINNER** was held on Thursday, March 26 at Longwood. Players experienced the most common facet of life in transportation; unpredictability. As the rain settled in to stay, the players left the course and diverted to the clubhouse for food and prizes. There were door prizes, golf prizes, and ribbing of winners. Much more information is online the club web page. The Fall Golf is already set for October 22!

### **FIRST PLACE WINNERS:**

Steve Milligan (Kansas City Southern),

Brad Baker (ChevronPhillips),

Dan Corley (Westlake Chemical),

Bill Halfacre (Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad).

### **DOOR PRIZE SPONSORS:**

Chris Kellner with Clark Freight Lines

Both Dennis Bone with Integra Logistics

Jim Murphy with Schneider

Thanks also to our Spring golf sponsors!

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BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORS:

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**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!

Luncheon sponsors as of press date are:

Gold: \$500

Silver: \$250

Bronze: \$100

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Copper: \$50

Danny & Celessa Schnautz

Student Sponsorship: \$165

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More information is online at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org).

**Joy Lloyd Scholarship Announced**

The TCH Education Committee has voted, and Joy Lloyd has accepted, that the club will issue a scholarship in Joy's name each year.

Joy continues her years-long success of driving education and helping students. The Transportation Club of Houston is honored to be part of Joy's work to make the transportation industry a better place with a brighter future!

**1940's Air Terminal Renovation Progresses**

Visit our friends at the 1940's Air Terminal, where remodeling is nearly finished. TCH is a lifetime member at the museum and looks forward to more events there. [www.1940airterminal.org](http://www.1940airterminal.org).

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**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 again for this year is Danny Schnautz of Clark Freight Lines / Past President of TCH.

TCH is moving forward with a repeat of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade poster contest for NTW 2009, chaired by TCH Director Larry Snellings, and has set an hazmat workshop 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 Events Planned**

Wednesday, 5-6	WTC Night at the Astros
Monday, 5-11	HACA Golf & Dinner
Tuesday, 5-12	SDTC Golf & Dinner
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:**

5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Contest	TCH
NTW Raffle	SDTC
More information is at <a href="http://www.transclubhou.org">www.transclubhou.org</a> or <a href="http://www.ntwhouston.org">www.ntwhouston.org</a> (thanks to Denny Tam, Donovan Smith, & our friends at HTPA!)	

**TCH 2009/2010 Officers & Directors Ballot**

Ballots will be mailed soon for the 2009/2010 Officer & Director Election. Nominees are:

**OFFICERS:**

- President **Shristi Shrestha**, Art Institute of Houston
- Vice-President **Chris Popjoy**, KCS RR
- Treasurer **Robert Morgan**, Port of Houston
- Secretary **Larry Snellings**, dangerousgoods.com

**DIRECTORS (pick four):**

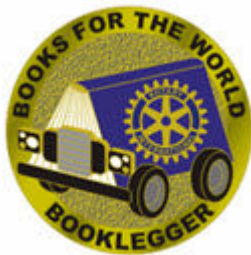
- Gary Stading**, University of Houston
- Peter Van Etten**, Dixie Crating
- David Hargrave**, BNSF RR
- Yvonne Navarre**, Merfish Supply/Mustang Trucking
- Angie Molenaar**, New Orleans Cold Storage

Thank you to the nominating committee who assembled this list of wonderful candidates.

**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](http://www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org)



**San Jacinto College Conference April 9**

San Jacinto College North Campus is holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:mary.cherry@sjcd.edu) or 281-998-6150 ext 7221.

**Welfare Committee Report**

TCH Past President **Joy Lloyd** continues recovery and received the news last week that she is in remission! Look for her at the April luncheon.

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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 banner ads). Look on the web page or email the club office or editor for information.

*-Upcoming luncheon sponsors-*

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- Dangerousgoods.com April**
- CLARK FREIGHT LINES June**

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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 March**

Keith Lincoln Bertling Logistics  
Cindy Reaves Linden Bulk Transportation  
*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  
Lory Tauber Don - VP Marketing  
Anita Bene - Secretary  
Katie Dejonge - Treasurer & Executive Director  
Danny Schnautz -VP Mid Central US  
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**Honesty**

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." *Thomas Jefferson*

"You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." *Deuteronomy 25:15*

**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, 1:30 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  
5-14 All-Club Luncheon at Brady's Landing for NTW  
6-9 Luncheon at Brady's Landing, Installations,  
10-22 Fall Golf Outing, 1:30 pm

**Member Leads**

If you have a contact who is a prospective member of TCH, let the club office know!

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