



Leader's Edge

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Leadership North Houston receives Aldine Y.O.U.T.H.'s Light of Hope Award



Recently accepting the Aldine Y.O.U.T.H. Light of Hope Award on behalf of Leadership North Houston and Alumni are, from left, Kim McCully, Brian Dooley, Pat Boullion, Cathy Owen, Phyllis Oustifine and Kelly Ann Norton.

Looking ahead ...



January 28

LNHA luncheon

Topic: Economic Development and Workforce for north Houston

Speaker: Dr. Richard Carpenter, chancellor of Lone Star College System (formerly NHMCCD.)

RSVP deadline: 5 p.m. by Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Of the 10 community individuals and organizations receiving Light of Hope Awards, one recipient was Leadership North Houston and a second was LNH alumni Margaret Eyster of Magoo's Print-

Shop. The second annual Light of Hope Awards program recognizes the recipients' continued encouragement and support of the Aldine Youth Organization United To

Help (Aldine Y.O.U.T.H.) Community Center. LNHA received the Light of Hope honor for numerous alumni who participated in community projects and as-
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President invites "participate in 2008"

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to 2008. I know I am.

Serving as President of the Leadership North Houston

Alumni board is an honor.

This year, I would like to invite all of you to take an active role as alumni.

First of all, please make sure your dues are paid.

The continued support of graduates allows the alumni to provide scholarships for the Leadership North Houston program.
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And the 2007 Small Business of the Year Goes to ...

... Boullion Graphics!!!

Accolades go to LNHA alumni Pat and Jill Boullion, whose business Boullion Graphics, is the 2007 Small Business of the Year.

One of nearly 200 local businesses nominated and one of 15 finalists, the Small Business Development Center at North Harris Montgomery Community College District announced at the 21st Annual Small Business Award Banquet that Boullion Graphics was the winner representing the Cy-Fair College area.

The awards are given annually to businesses that exemplify leadership in their community and industry, a positive entrepreneurial image, exemplary busi-

ness operations and integrity, service contribution to the small business community, peer recognition and business growth. Boullion Graphics was also a finalist in 2006.

This husband and wife duo founded Boullion Graphics in 1988 as a graphic design and marketing firm serving a business-to-business client.

Clients include marketing directors of large public companies, marketing and sales managers at mid-size firms, government, non-profit and education entities, and owner-operated firms.

Services include logo creation and brand identity programs,



Jill and Pat Boullion— LNH class of 2004 and 2006.

brochures, trade show graphics, advertising, direct mail, packaging, catalogs, web sites and

marketing assistance. For information, call 281.444.5749 or go to boulliongraphics.com.



LNHA award finalists

LNHA alumni named 2007 Small Business of the Year finalists were Kathleen Scott (class of 2008) with Serve Pro Spring, Margaret Eyster (class of 2005) with Magoo's PrintShop, Pat and Jill Boullion (class of 2006 and 2004) with Boullion Graphics and Gail Schubot (class of 1999) attorney at law.

Leadership North Houston Alumni Association Mission

The mission of Leadership North Houston Alumni Association is to encourage the on-going development of LNH graduates through community service participation and strong leader to leader relationships. Building on the momentum of Leadership North Houston, the Alumni Association ensures that graduates continue expanding their leadership skills and remain committed to improving their communities.

Leadership North Houston Program Sponsors

Leadership North Houston is sponsored by the African American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston, Community Chamber of Commerce, Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce, Humble Area Chamber of Commerce, Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Lone Star College System, North Houston Association, North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce.

LNHA Alumni 2007 luncheon wrap up and 2008 luncheon preview



Dr. Kenneth Mattox, Chief of Staff at Ben Taub Hospital, shared at the October luncheon gave insight into health care through his Katrina and Rita hurricane experience. From left are Phyllis Oustifine, Mattox and Angila Ervin.

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming alumni events.

Monday, Jan. 28 - 11:30 a.m. at the Greenspoint Club, 16925 Northchase: Dr. Richard Carpenter, chancellor of Lone Star College System will be the guest speaker and will speak about Workforce and Economic Development pertinent to Lone Star College and the north Houston region. Cost is \$25. RSVP by Jan. 23 to anita.c.furr@nhmccd.edu.

Watch for details of the **April 14** luncheon and **April** community project "Day of Caring" and mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 15** for this year's class graduation at Shirley Acres.

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Magoo's PrintShop also honored as 2007 Light of Hope recipient

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sisted in the spring community garage sale, while Margaret Eyster of Magoo's PrintShop was honored for generous printing donations.

Leading by example the effort toward a positive change is Aldine Y.O.U.T.H. founder and executive director Sylvia Bolling.

"Aldine Y.O.U.T.H. is celebrating our 18th

year of service to our community. As founder, I have witnessed on a daily basis the faithfulness and goodness of God to send the people and financial resources needed to keep this dream alive," she said. "Our center has made 26 educational, vocational, social, recreational and spiritual programs accessible to our community ... Your partnerships have made all

this possible"

This non-profit, grassroots organization, located at 4700 Aldine Mail Route, strives to empower positive change in youth and their families through partnerships with businesses, area agencies, schools, churches and talented volunteers.

For more information on supporting Aldine Y.O.U.T.H., call 281-449-4828.



Margaret Eyster, LNH class of 2005, received a Light of Hope award from Aldine Y.O.U.T.H.

Three alumni women take on top community leadership roles



Erin Al-Salman is now the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce President.

Three Leadership North Houston Alumni now serve in top community leadership roles.

Erin Al-Salman, LNH class of 2006, is the new president of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Gail Schubot, LNH class of 1999, is the first woman president of the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department

Board of Directors.

Jill Boullion, LNH class of 2004, is the North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, only the second woman chair in the chamber's history.

Al-Salman began working at Cy-Fair FCU as an Administrative Assistant in high school. In time, she was promoted to Business Development Co-

ordinator, then Marketing Director and finally Vice President of Marketing and Business Development. She is now the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce President taking over as Darcy Mingoia, LNH class of 2000, retires after nearly 10 years.

"My participation in Leadership

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Alumni say LNH has prepared them for their new positions

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North Houston gave me the opportunity to build relationships with many of our community leaders," Al-Salman said. "Those relationships and the talents of those leaders are invaluable in my new position. My LNH class has also been a great source of encouragement and support!"

With her own law firm, specializing in franchise law, Schubot is a lawyer by day and a fire fighter by night. She joined the fire department as a volunteer in 2000 is a state-certified firefighter and EMT basic and continues to serve as chauffeur and fire engine crew member. Now she will serve a two-year term as president on the fire department board of directors. Along with other board members, she will oversee the administrative duties of the country's largest volunteer/combinati-



Jill Boullion is now the North Houston Greenpoint Chamber of Commerce board chair.

fire department.

"I had gotten started in fire and emergency services at about the same time as attending the Leadership North Houston program," she said. "Little did I know that the leadership skills, confidence and inspiration coming out of the LNH program would contribute toward my success in this parallel career in which I have found myself engaged. I have gone from jumping off telephone polls in the



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ROPES program to repelling off of multi-story buildings. Who would have known?"

Boullion along with her husband Pat, founded Boullion Graphics in 1988 as a graphic design and marketing firm serving a business-to-business client. This former LNH board presi-

dent firmly believes the LNH experience is invaluable to those who desire to lead in any capacity as her own experiences have prepared her for this new chamber position. "My class gave me a great introduction to the many ways our community is interconnected. My alumni participation and board service has led to strong relationships with other community leaders. And the two chairs I am following are both LNH alums (Jerry Lowry class of 2001 and Bill Ginder, class of 2002.) This has allowed us to work more closely together and I believe I have benefited more from their mentorship because of this connection we share."

Attend luncheons, mixers, spring project, graduation

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your calendars to join us for our luncheons and mixers. These events provide updated information about our community, provide knowledge to improve our leadership skills and allow you to network with graduates and guests.

Third, plan to help with our community project. As leaders I know your dedication to our community and this opportunity allows all of us to make a difference as a group.

Finally, plan to attend the 13th LNH May 15 graduation and celebration reception and show your support for the newest graduating class of leaders!

I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming months. As graduates of the 12 "Best Classes" you have proven your dedication to the Leadership North Houston Program.

Let's look forward to a successful and prosperous 2008.

Lucky Class Thirteen update

The 2007-2008 Leadership North Houston Class have named themselves "Lucky Class Thirteen" and have now completed the first four sessions with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement.

In October the class toured Spring ISD and heard about the challenges and successes of public education. They also heard Lone Star College System (LSCS) Chancellor Dr. Richard Carpenter speak,

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Alumni accolades

Congratulations to Bruce Wise, CFP, MCRS, class of 2005, who will celebrate his first year anniversary next month as a Senior Vice President in the Kingwood office of James E. Bashaw & Co.

Leadership North Houston Alumni

Special Recognition for the 2007-2008 Contributors

INVESTORS

Caldwell Companies, Keith Edwards
Hawes Hill Calderon LLP, Phyllis Oustifine
Retirement Specialist, Bruce Wise, CFP, MCERS
Caldwell Companies, Bill Ginder

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Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce, Brandy Beyer
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Boullion Graphics, Jill and Pat Boullion

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Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce, Bruce Hillegeist
Colleen Gilbert
Martha Cottingham
Lone Star College System, Cheryl Brock

More on Lucky Class Thirteen

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and learned many services at University Center.

November was arts and culture with new experiences and emotions invoked as the class visited The Centrum, Museum of Fine Arts, The Wortham Center and The Holocaust Museum. Each location provided interesting and knowledgeable speakers pertaining to the visual and performing arts. The Holocaust Museum not only represents history but a whole cultural aspect that occurred for the Jewish Religion that resulted from the horrible atrocities of the era.

December covered the definition of economic development and hearing from different professionals in the field including LSCS Vice Chancellor Ray Laughter, Economic Development specialists from The Greater Houston Partnership and Conroe EDC. The class also toured a

company that Conroe EDC recruited into the community through their marketing efforts.

Each session the class practices their leadership capabilities by organizing speaker introductions and reviewing the day in groups based on leadership styles to add value to the evaluation process. The next quarter will bring Health and Human Services Day, Legislative Day, Program of Choice and Community Service in March.

Class members are Lisa Andersen, Mario Berry, Johanna Boley, Thomas Buske, Craig Day, Janel Dehnart, Tom DeScioli, Cindy Doyle, Marty Edwards, Ari Fleitman, Ami Foster, Rita Fryer, Angie Gentry, Steve Lestarjette, Melissa Lombard, Anna Martin, Leslie Martone, Michael McFrazier, Woody Mitchell, Janine Moore, Art Murillo, Lisa Niccum, Michael Ott, Randy Parr, Corinn Price, Alisha Roberts, Heather Rosplock, Milton Schopper, Kathleen Scott, Angela Sheffield, Jane Strong, Abdul Tamimi, Kristene Walker and Eric Wildman.