

HOUSTON EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE

H.E.R. is a 28 year old business group where entrepreneurs meet, greet, and have fun. We meet at the Marriott hotel every Tuesday morning at 6:45-8:30am. The Marriott is located at 1750 West Loop South.

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and exchange business,
To educate members about the Houston business climate, and,
To motivate members to reach their personal and professional goals



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Polly Sylvester thanked all for a great turnout to the fund raiser for her grandson which took place at Santorini's Restaurant in Katy. They ran out of food. Unfortunately he is still not doing well. Our prayers are with him.

John Huang will be having his Food Drive November 20th, 8:30am - 1:00pm. Proceeds to the West Houston Assistance Ministry. Please bring food on Tuesday if you can't get out there on the 20th.

Greg Burkett announced our annual EOY Dinner will again be held at the Daily Review, Saturday, December 12th, 2009.

REMEMBER our **Membership Contest**. Through December 8th, anyone bringing a viable guest will receive 1 point for each visit and 5 points if that person is signed, sealed delivered and becomes a member on or before the end of Dec 8th. Winning prize is a whopping \$500.00 Bucks, 2nd prize is \$250. **Scott McGrath** is now leading with 4 guests with a total of 4 points. **Mickey Blake** has 2, & **Henry Wise** trailing with 1

October 20th, 2009



Member Spotlight

This weeks member spotlight is on **Joe Cherry** of **First Data Merchant Direct**

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Member since 2008

GUESTS

Andrew Vecellio son of **Mike Vecellio** .
Jonathan Allen of **Alarm Monitoring Services**, and guest of **Gaylon Pemberton**.

SPEAKER



The Speaker this week was **Lynn Houston** of **Continental Airlines**

Lynn gave us an update on the state of the Airline industry with regard to the current economic climate. They have seen a significant drop off in business travel this past year, but have seen an improvement this last quarter.

Continental has cut capacity by at least 5%, and have had layoffs, and have been actively cutting costs wherever they can. They have also added "winglets" to their planes and have added more planes to keep their fleet "young" and more "fuel efficient".

In order to increase business they have increased emphasis on "Leisure Travel", as well as a "Strategic" focus on International travel, and they have seen a 10% increase over and above the industry average in this area. They have introduced a number of new International flights including flights to Fiji, Rio, & Frankfurt, as well as 7 daily flights to mainland Hawaii.

Lynn is very excited about their joining the "Star Alliance", which has enabled Continental to almost double their alliances from 1170 to 19100. They have also added new "Flat bed First Class Seating" to some of their planes, as well as Audio/Video on demand and a new service for "Wireless PDA On-Line Check in".

The Weekly Funny

A man met a beautiful blonde lady and decided he wanted to marry her right away.

She said, "But we don't know anything about each other."

He said, "That's all right, we'll learn about each other as we go along."

So she consented, they were married, and off they went on a honeymoon at a very nice resort.

One morning they were lying by the pool when he got up off of his towel, climbed up to the 10 meter board and did a two and a half tuck, followed by three rotations in the pike position, at which point he straightened out and cut the water like a knife. After a few more demonstrations, he came back and lay down on the towel.

She said, "That was incredible!"

He said, "I used to be an Olympic diving champion. You see, I told you we'd learn more about each other as we went along."

So she got up, jumped in the pool, and started doing laps.

After seventy-five laps she climbed out of the pool, lay down on her towel, and was hardly out of breath.

He said, "That was incredible! Were you an Olympic endurance swimmer?"

"No," she said, "I was a prostitute in Lake Conroe, but I worked both sides of the Lake."

Missing Members

This week we were missing:
Dave Baltzer
Steve Block
Merrill Chance
Jay Warren
Mart Anne Templin
Pat Devine, Ted Faleski,
Mike Friedberg, Marcia Wilson, Henry Wise



The Goodwill Raffle

This week the raffle was won by **Mike Vecellio**. The prize: \$20.00 worth of "Scratch Offs" was donated by **Gary Langford**. We collected \$66.

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Next Weeks Speaker

Instead of a featured speaker, we're going to have several past winners of the Leah Lewis award tell us what it means to them.