



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

Mickey Blake announced that we have a **SOCIAL** coming up on the 19th, 5:30-7:30P at Little Napoli, 6445 Westheimer

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.

Mike Friedberg announced that his son Andrew won 47% of the vote in Bellaire City Council election and is in the run-off next month.

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 leading with **5 guests with a total of 5 points**. **Mickey Blake** has 2, **Pat Devine** 2 & **Henry Wise** is trailing with 1 point.

November 10th, 2009



Member Spotlight

This weeks member spotlight is on **Pat Devine** of **Devine Concepts Advertising**.

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Member since 2006

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
PAT DEVINE THIS YEARS WINNER OF THE LEAH LEWIS AWARD

GUESTS

Phil Langford past member.

Jonathan Allen of **Alarm Monitoring Services**, and guest of **Gaylon Pemberton**.

Scott Darlow of **MJI Enterprises** guest of **Scott McGrath** (Has applied for Membership).

SPEAKER



The Speakers this week were a group of our previous Leah Lewis award winners: **Mike Catalano**; **Martha Dodd**; **Michael Friedberg**; **Jeff Peskin**; **Dave Sawicki**; and **Jay Warren**. They discussed what winning the award and being a member of HER meant to them.

Michael Friedberg spoke first and said that the sense of "Camaraderie, Close Ties, and Friendships he has developed over the years make him really look forward to Tuesday Mornings.

Dave Sawicki, was up next and he said he did not attend solely for the "Leads", but also for the "Friends" and "Tips"

Martha Dodd said she originally came out the store to meet a new world of Business People, and she likes the fact that she gets a good insight into the Houston Business Climate.

Mike Catalano felt that he is very fortunate to have "Partners" and "Confidants" and mentioned that he was very impressed when he saw how the Members of HER helped Leah to get to and from the meetings.

Jeff Peskin said that at the age of 14, he used to occasionally attend HER meetings as a guest of his Dad, who was originally a member. He enjoys "being here" as well as being able to "give back" and said he would like to give more outside leads.

Jay Warren is a multiple winner, and when he joined he was naïve and "grew up" with the group. Leah Lewis took him under wing, and was his mentor. He also said that a major benefit of being in HER was that it was like having a Board of Directors.

Mickey Blake said she knew she had found a "home" when she was booted at her 1st meeting when she had no leads to report. She has made some "special" friends in the group.

The last to speak was **Pat Devine**, recipient of this years winner of the Leah Lewis award - Congrats Pat!!! Pat said he was struck by the "Spirit" of the group and that the people are "nuts". He has made some "Good Friends" since joining, and says it feels like "Happy Hour" at the meetings.



The Weekly Funny

A married couple is driving along a highway doing a steady 55 miles per hour. The wife is behind the wheel. Her husband suddenly looks across at her and speaks in a clear voice. "I know we've been married for twenty years, but I want a divorce."

The wife says nothing,
Keeps looking at the road ahead but slowly increases her speed to 60 mph. The husband speaks again. "I don't want you to try and talk me out of it," He says, "because I've been having an affair with your best friend, And she's a far better lover than you are."

Again the wife stays quiet, But grips the steering wheel more tightly and slowly increases the speed to 65 He pushes his luck. "I want the house," he says insistently.

Up to 70. "I want the car, too," he continues.

75 mph. "And," he says, "I'll have the bank accounts, all the credit cards and the boat!"

The car slowly starts veering towards a massive concrete bridge. This makes him nervous, so he asks her, "Isn't there anything you want?"

The wife at last replies in a quiet and controlled voice.
"No, I've got everything I need," she says.
"Oh, really," he inquires, "so what have you got?"

Just before they slam into the wall at 80 mph. The wife turns to him and smiles. "The airbag."

Missing Members

This week we were missing:
Steve Block
Merrill Chance
Jay Meir
Joe Cherry



The Goodwill Raffle

This week the raffle was won by **Jeff Peskin**. The prize: \$25.00 worth of "Scratch Offs" was donated by **Jay Warren**. We collected **\$58**.

Board Members

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Next Weeks Speaker

Bob Frank, Attorney at Law