April 23, Brady’s Landing and the Houston Ship Channel Tour

If you are one of the thousands of Houstonians who lived here all their lives but never saw the harbor from water level, than this is the event for you. A 90 minute unforgettable tour of one of the world’s busiest ports on a free public tour boat, The M/V Sam Houston, takes you from the Turning Basin under the 610 bridge to the Washburn Tunnel and back. Each year, an average of 7,700 ship calls are made at the Port of Houston, carrying everything from petroleum and consumer goods to steel and automobiles. More than 150,000 barge transits also come through the port carrying liquid cargo ships and taking containerized cargo to smaller ports along the Gulf Coast. You’ll encounter many international cargo vessels, the wharves and industries close-up from the comfort of AC lounge seating or in case of cooler temps, a heated interior. Due to increased security measures you will have to sign up so we can send the list of attendees to the Port Authority a week before the cruise.

Boarding time for the bus is 10:00 AM at OCB. The tour will start at the famed Brady’s Landing restaurant for a splendid buffet luncheon in a beautiful room overlooking the Ship Channel! Lunch will cost $21 and this is a pre-paid event so mail your checks of $21 per person to Barbara Kelly, 15714 Barbarossa, Houston, TX 77083. At 1:30 PM the bus will bring us to the dock to board the boat for a 2:30PM departure. Please remember to bring a valid ID such as a driver’s license in order to board the vessel.

RSVP to:
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There is a limited amount of space available!

A big thank you to all of you who attended the Valentine luncheon at Saltgrass on Feb. 12. It was a sellout, and I think that everyone enjoyed the conversation, the food and the door prizes. Many thanks to Angie Scoggins, Linda Gilbert and Tena Lummus for the decorations and the prizes. Our trip for April to the Houston Ship Channel and Brady’s Landing is sold out. That is wonderful news and an indication that our members are interested in participating in our organization and continuing contact with former colleagues and friends. We have some fun events coming up in June and July so watch for the announcements in the Evergreen and get your reservations in early.

And speaking of members, if any of you know of someone at UTHouston who is retiring, please contact them and encourage them to join UTHRO then send their name to one of the officers for contact. That is the way to build our organization.

We plan to meet soon with UTHouston President Colasurdo to discuss with him our desire to be officially affiliated with the Health Science Center, as we feel that this would be beneficial for us, and to let him know more about us and what we might do to assist him. We will keep you informed of the progress.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events. Until then, enjoy life!
Remembering

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of the most respected men in dentistry, dental education and dental research, Dr. Barnett M. Levy, on March 7, 2014 at the age of 97. He was a longtime faculty member at the UT Dental Branch in Houston and Director of the Dental Science Institute (DSI). His early career included time spent at Washington University School of Dentistry in St. Louis and Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery, coming in 1957 to The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston. His focus at the DSI: people were living longer and plagued by chronic and debilitating ailments, including dental caries and periodontal disease. His answer to treating and preventing those diseases lay in a group approach in which the talents, capabilities, imaginations and interests of each investigator were coordinated toward a common research goal. Thus was the activity of the DSI. He was also a faculty member at the UT Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. He left Houston in 1982 but continued his academic career at the Salk Institute and the University of California, San Francisco where he started a Geriatric Oral Health Center, then on to Universidad Autonoma de Mexico, returning to Columbia University in New York where he was still lecturing into his 90th year. Dr. Levy served the NIH and almost every dental research organization in leadership positions. He edited the Journal of Dental Research for many years and received awards from numerous organizations and institutions. He was co-author of a classic textbook in oral pathology and published over 150 peer reviewed articles on oral pathology and fundamental studies of periodontal pathogenesis.

But of all of the accolades and accomplishments, of all of the titles, the one that suits Barnett Levy the best is that of Mentor, the classic role as advisor, guide and teacher. He was a very humble man, and his philosophy of teaching lies in a quote from him: “Most of my students went on to make a much greater contribution to dental science than I could have or did. That, I think, is what teaching is all about. Teachers bend so the student or young colleague can stand on their shoulders. Then the teacher straightens up so the student can reach the bottom rung of their ladder to success.” His cadre of faculty scientists, staff and graduate students at the Dental Science Institute (DSI) was a testimony to that philosophy.

Dr. Levy was also an artist and adventurer. Christmases at the DSI brought individual, hand-crafted gifts for each person – woodcarving, lapidary, jewelry, painted stationery. He created a stained glass window for a small synagogue in Houston and a mosaic on a tombstone for a homeless man whom he befriended. Late in life, he took up hang gliding, mastered the Appalachian Trail and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. Along the way, he acquired a gold earring which he promised to remove if it embarrassed his former students but warned that doing so would make him old.

On a personal note, Dr. Levy was one of my early mentors and the most important one in my academic career. Would that we all have the opportunity to look back on a life’s successful work and say, as he did: “Whatever I am -- whatever I became -- I owe to my mentor and to my students.”

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On a personal note, Bill considered the faculty and staff in the Biochemistry Dept. as his “other” family. He and Kay hosted an Annual Christmas Party for them and their spouses at their home in First Colony. Shortly after he retired they moved to a new home in Lakeway near Austin in order to be closer to their granddaughters. Jackie and I cherish the times we spent with Bill and Kay, especially in 1989 when we attended the IADR meeting in Dublin, Ireland.

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Dr. Ezzat I. Abouleish passed away suddenly on Febr. 20th Abouleish was a Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology and Obstetrics at the Medical School. His compassion for his fellow man and woman was evident. His ready smile and sense of humor made working with him fun. He made obstetric anesthesia safe for the laboring woman. My personal experience dealt more with his second love: Islamic calligraphy and painting. My crew made many digital images of his work and he exhibited his work in an show at the fifth floor gallery. Ezzat truly made this world more beautiful, fun, and happy.

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James Hightower was way too young to be an UTHRO member but he was definitely someone known throughout the UTH Health community because of his assignment, a member of the Capital Assets Management Team where he would visit each department at least once a year to make sure we could account for all State Equipment.

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Houston Puppy Raisers—outing in Jan to Ship Channel. Carol is in the backrow, sixth from the left. See article on page 3.
UTHRO MEMBER RAISES GUIDE DOGS
Hi... I am Carol Rone, the Area Coordinator & a Puppy Raiser for Southeastern Guide Dogs Inc (SEGDI) in the Houston area. Since 2002 I have been raising & training pups/dogs to be candidates for guiding the visually impaired. Puppy raisers teach 40+ commands, expose pups/dogs to everyday life, and teach them about traffic and life in a big city. As a raiser we take the pup/dog everywhere with us so this specially bred pup can learn how to become a guide. While working at UT – HCP we bring my pup/dog to work with me. We have these pups/dogs for 1 year & teach good house manners, let them experience every mode of transportation, and teach certain commands at certain ages as they grow and as they gain confidence. We even take them to a fire station to experience what they might see & smell if they are in an emergency situation.

Yes, we have many challenges as we work & teach our pups about their world but once you see a visually impaired person walk with the dog you raised, it is all worth it for you have given independence to a stranger, to give that person mobility, independence and dignity. Since 1982 the cost to students is $0!!! Students spend approx. 30 days on campus learning to trust their new guide & after this period of time the dog is theirs.............all free!!

SEGDI latest project is a “Paws for Patriots” program. Dogs who are not suited for guide dog work are career changed to the Paws for Patriots or selected for either bomb, arson, search & rescue or drug dogs with other agencies. The “Paws for Patriots” places dogs with veterans who have PTSD, as service dog or as therapy dogs in VA Hospitals for helping veterans learn to walk on their new legs.

Again, all services are free to veterans!!

Dog #9 I raised, a black and tan lab named Boris, was just placed with a veteran as a service dog for Matt who has PTSD.

Last week 2 dogs were being placed in VA hospitals in the Washington DC area. These dogs will assist the chaplains and therapy departments.

The Houston Puppy Raisers meet at HEB’s Central Market at Westheimer & Weslayan the first part of the month & at The Sugar Land Veterinary Specialists the last part of each month. Everyone is welcome to join us to see guide dogs in training. Please RSVP as space is limited.

If you want to help Carol, you can support SEGDI, a 501©3 which takes no state or federal funds and is 100% supported by private donations. E-mail Carol – guidepuppy@sbcglobal.net or on the web - www.guidedogs.org

Take Note: June 28th—Liberty Opry

Tribute to the King—Elvis Presley

The UTHRO event committee has organized another exciting outing—Dinner and Show at the Liberty Opry for Saturday June 28. The bus will leave OCB at 3:00PM for the ride to Liberty where we will first have dinner at Tony’s BBQ in a private dining room so we’ll have a chance to eat and meet. For a peek at their menu and the price, visit http://www.tonys-bbq.com

After dinner we will be bused to the Theatre on the Square - the Opry, housed in what used to be a movie theatre. Shows start at 7:00PM and last about three hours. Tickets are priced at $12/pp. In order to be able to get those tickets mailed to us we will have to ask you to make your reservation and pre-payment before June 9. Send your checks to Barbara Kelly, 15714 Barbarossa, Houston, TX 77083

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From my own personal experience several years ago, just the house band is worth the price, never mind the still very popular sounds and songbook of Elvis. The performer that night is Vince King, the multi-award winning "Elvis Tribute Artist (ETA)" who lives in Houston, TX. His voice, mannerisms, and charisma make him a natural Elvis impersonator for the past decade. His performance usually traces the career of Elvis starting with the raw edged rock and roll fifties, followed by the light hearted movie years and finally the 1968 comeback with the jumpsuits in Vegas during the seventies.

UTHRO likes to welcome
Ann Ince,
Who retired from the Medical School.

Oh yeah and one more thing...

Have you renewed your UTHRO membership?
If not won’t you do it now?
It’s just $10, but priceless to stay in touch.
Mail your check to Barbara Kelly
15714 Barbarossa, Houston, TX 77083
We’re counting on you to stay connected!
The University of Texas Houston Retiree Organization
1851 Crosspoint, Suite 1.204
Houston, TX 77054

To update your address or phone number
please contact us at 281-933-3634

The 2014 STAR Award Nominees
Each year, UTHealth celebrates employee leadership and longevity at the STAR Awards. Our employees are UTHealth’s greatest asset and we gather at this event to honor your commitment and dedication to the university – check it out and congratulate your co-workers who are celebrating an anniversary this year.

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