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A Word from President... George Prucha

Greetings to all:

It appears that the economy is not going to get much better until after the presidential election, that is, if it is going to get better at all. Obama is holding all decisions on shallow water drilling until after the election which means Houston could suffer another kick in the teeth.

No matter how it turns out, we are going to need a strong association. There is safety in numbers. In order for STNGA to remain strong, it needs the support of its members, so stay involved. The board is in the middle of a membership drive right now and it could use some help.

There are a couple of members that have set up a fund to help fund this drive and what I would like to offer you is for every new member you refer you would get a \$50 rebate on your membership dues for 2012. If you get somebody that dropped out a couple years ago, I'll put that on the table-\$50 off. So let's circle the wagons and get to work.

George Prucha

Fall Farm Tour Recap

This year the Fall Farm Tour was graciously hosted in West Columbia by the Shackelfords at Brazos Citrus Nursery. This event was sponsored by Everris. The weather was perfect and the turnout was great! All in attendance were treated to a walking tour of the production greenhouses and a live budding and grafting demonstration. The amount of work that goes into a single plant and the attention to detail are nothing short of amazing. Everris provided a great catered BBQ meal and almost every attendee walked away with a door prize provided by Brazos Citrus or Everris. A great big thank you to David and George for having us, to Robbie for the sponsorship and Russ Taylor for helping to organize this great event. Be sure to check the website in the next few days for pictures of the event.

December Annual Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 @ 6PM \$20/person

Steamboat House

8045 N. Sam Houston Pkwy W. Houston TX 77064

RSVP no later than Friday December 9, 2011 @ 5PM

Sponsored by KBW and Natural Industries

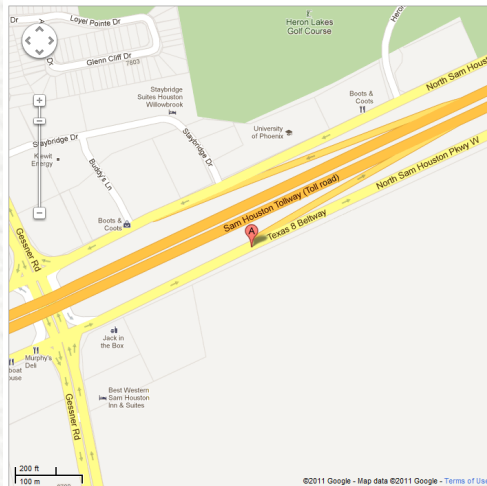
Dinner Choice of:

12oz Rib-eye (medium) served with choice of Baked Potato OR Herb-Garlic Mashed Potatoes and a Dinner Salad

Spicy Peach Chicken Breast with Grilled Quail served over Wild Rice with Sautéed Vegetables and a Dinner Salad

8oz Grilled Salmon Filet with Mango Salsa and 4 Grilled Shrimp served over Wild Rice with Sautéed Asparagus and a Dinner Salad.

*All entrees include homemade bread and tea.



★ DESSERT Choices Included ★

Steamboat House Bread Pudding: Made with a base of butter-croissants, raisins and nuts; then covered with bourbon & vanilla-sauce. (Voted #1 by many guests)

New York Cheesecake: A traditional New York cheesecake with fresh berries and berry sauce.

Chocolate Turtle Cake: Very moist Triple Layer Dark Chocolate cake layered with chocolate mousse topped with caramel and pecans.

Key Lime Pie: Our number one dessert served with lime sauce and a thin slice of fresh lime.

Newsletter Advertising:

Full Page Color Ad Space (8.5"x11"): \$300/one month

Half Page Color Ad Space (8.5"x5.5" OR 4.25"x11"): \$200/one month

Quarter Page Color Ad Space (4.25"x5.5"): \$100/one month

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* Ad must be copy-ready in electronic format

* Paid in full before publication

* Submitted by the 20th of the month prior to publication

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Steamboat House

The Great Texas Steak House

Steamboat House is also a great Texas history museum. The name “***Steamboat House***” is the name of Sam Houston’s last home in Huntsville, Texas. It is where Sam Houston lived the last months of his life, where he died, and where his funeral was held in July of 1863. Sam’s home, ***Steamboat House***, has been restored and is in a small state park across the street from the main entrance to Sam Houston State University. Sam Houston’s ***Steamboat House*** was the inspiration for the ***Steamboat House*** restaurant and its architecture.



When you drive by the restaurant or drive into the parking lot you have to know that the ***Steamboat House*** restaurant is a very special place. Located in our front parking lot is a white cement statue of Sam Houston standing on a limestone base. Our statue of General Houston is a miniature of the famous statue of Sam Houston on the side of I45 just south of Huntsville, Texas. Both statues are the work of artist/sculptor, David Adickes. The statue in Huntsville is 67 feet without the base, while ours is about 23 feet with the base.



Displayed throughout the restaurant, including the main dining room, bar and hallways are historic oil paintings of Sam Houston and George Washington, an impressive collection of the historic replica flags involved with Texas’ heritage, and maps, pictures and documents relating to our great state’s unique place in history.

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Upcoming Events/Notices...

Our Program Committee Will be Working Hard to Bring Numerous Opportunities to You Through the Year. Stay Tuned in Upcoming Newsletters for the Latest Information!

- **Now—We need your help recruiting new members! You were recently mailed a new member packet. Please use it and help spread the word about membership in our association!**
 - **Annual Meeting—Tuesday, December 13th, 2011, at Steamboat House. Social at 6:00PM and dinner at 6:30PM. See Page 2/3 for details. Email reminders will follow.**
 - **STNGA Tradeshow—January 26th—27th 2012. Lone Star Convention Center, Conroe TX**
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