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EPAH Returns to Junior League for October Meeting

Please join us as EPAH returns to The Junior League of Houston on Tuesday, October 16 for our monthly dinner meeting. The theme is *Local Houston Politics* and includes speakers Houston Council Member and EPAH member **Annise Parker** and Community Activist Grant Martin, Campaign Manager for **People For A Fair Houston**, plus a surprise guest or two....

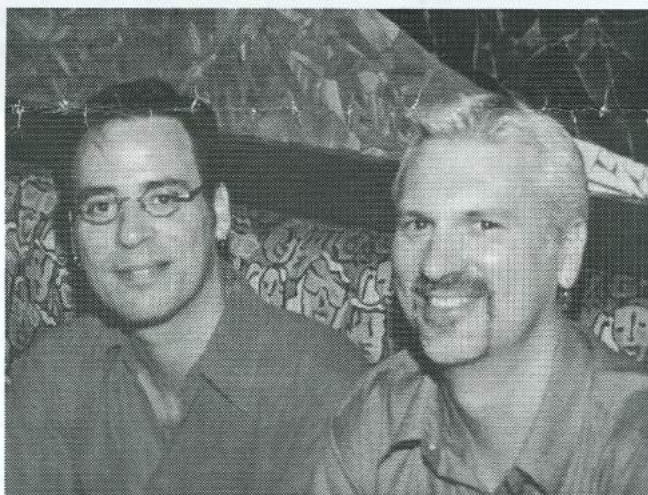
Program chairman Ben Whittle encourages everyone to wear red, white, or blue for **A Patriotic Celebration**. The "more daring" people may wear military uniforms. When making reservations, please indicate your favorite branch of the armed forces. (Marines, Air Force, Navy or Army). *See more details on page 2.*



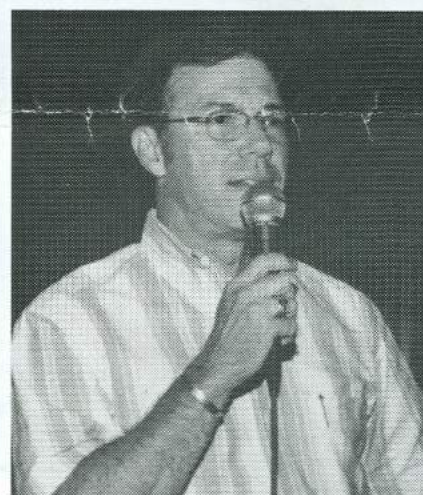
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Member Carlos Reyes and partner Steven Chrissenberry enjoy dinner at Urbana restaurant last month.



Ken Malone speaks to EPAH about his trip to the World AIDS Conference at the U.N.

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Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting

Oct. 2, 2001, The Assistance Fund, 1116 Jackson Blvd.

Officers: Vice President, Renae Scott; Treasurer, Chris Cefalu; Secretary, Dan DiDonato. **Board of Trustees:** John Coulter, Ernie Edge, Rob Hugos, Linda Landry, Todd Slaughter. **Committee Chairs:** John Coulter (Prof. Dev.), Ernie Edge (Social). **Guests:** Randy Stanger.

Call To Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Vice President Renae Scott. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Participation at Meeting by Non-Trustee EPAH Members. Todd Slaughter moved to allow the participation of non-trustee EPAH members at the meeting. Seconded by Ernie Edge. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Board Meetings. Linda Landry moved and Ernie Edge seconded the approval of the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting held on September 4, 2001. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. None. Chris Cefalu passed out the checking account signature card. Information and signatures were provided by the three officers present.

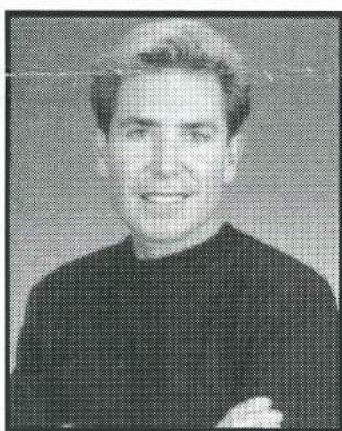
Committee Reports. (see attached reports). Membership Committee given by Rob Hugos Community Affairs Committee given by John Coulter. Program Committee report given by Ben Whittle. Activities Committee given by Dan DiDonato (for Cindy Cuellar). Directory Committee. No Report. Social Committee report given by Ernie Edge and David Rhodes. Professional Development report given by Chair John Coulter. Election Committee report. No report.

New Business. Rob Hugos recommended that the Registered Agent for EPAH should be the President and change with each President elected to office. Rob said that he would bring the appropriate papers to the next Board meeting for Rocky Atwood to sign.

The purchase of the speaker/sound system was discussed. It was agreed that Dan will purchase the recommended Peavey Portable Speaker system (from Evan's Music) for the cost of \$549.00 (plus tax). It was also agreed by their respective chairs that the cost would be split evenly between the Social and Community Affairs Committees. No motion is necessary.

Adjournment. John Coulter moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Todd Slaughter. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan DiDonato, Secretary



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Local Houston Politics Including Council Person
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Reservation phone deadline: Monday, October 16 at 9:00 am. When calling the reservation number, please select option 1 to make your reservation. Clearly state and spell your name and the names of your guests. If you need a special entrée (vegetarian or low sodium), please indicate so when making your reservation. Checks are accepted for the amount of your meal(s) only. **Also, only EPAH members can make dinner reservations. If you are not a member and need someone to make a reservation for you, please contact Membership Chair Renae Scott at (713) 618-1878.** Members will be billed for meetings for which they have made a reservation and not attended.

Happy Birthday! Renewals

October Renewals

October, 2001 Renewals

*Membership payment must be received
by October 31, 2001*

Robert Bliss
Robert Carp
Steve Cowart
David Dexel
Ernest Edge, Jr.
Everett Lowe, Jr.
Didier Piot, M. D.
John Robinson
Thomas Schwartz
Trey Yates

October

10/01	Jerry Daman
10/01	Rantz Wagner
10/10	Don Hauboldt
10/12	Mike Shiflet
10/13	Stewart Zuckerbrod, MD
10/16	John Robinson
10/19	Tom Fricke
10/22	James Rosenfeld
10/23	Everett Lowe, Jr.
10/23	Ben Pearson, DDS
10/29	Charles Armstrong
10/31	Randy Stanger

November

11/01	Robert Jackson
11/05	Bruce Hill
11/07	Patrick O'Neil
11/10	Herb Ritchie
11/12	Dan DiDonato
11/12	James Jemelka
11/17	Roger Matice
11/18	Richard Hill
11/21	Johnny Peden
11/23	James Tholen
11/24	Renae Scott
11/27	Cindy Cuellar
11/29	Phil Helfrich



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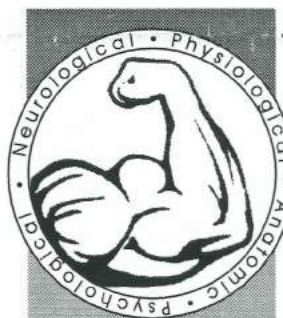
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Membership Committee

Co-Chairs: Renae Scott, Rob Hugos

The Membership Committee met in the home of Barry Bertin, enjoying a brief cocktail and social time before Rob Hugos, co-chair, called the meeting to order announcing that there was a last minute change in the order of business. Upon collecting the prospective member's paperwork, along with supporting documentation and check, the committee met with our candidate, Joe Russell, along with his primary sponsor, Milton Birdwell, to personally complete the committee's evaluation of the candidate's qualifications. The committee then adjourned for cocktails and a tasty meal provided by our host, Barry Bertin, who very graciously accommodated the committee's change in its order of business. After enjoying our host's wonderful hospitality, the committee reconvened and took up a number of issues for consideration.

Cindy Cuellar moved, and Terry Hamman seconded, the approval of Joe Russell as a member of EPAH; motion passed unanimously. The applicant's paperwork and check was later entrusted by Rob Hugos to Linda Landry, for delivery to the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Jack Jackson moved, and Linda Landry seconded, the adoption of a new committee procedure whereby the co-chairs will maintain a checklist for each meeting and each committee member will check off his or her attendance, with three absences resulting in automatic removal from the committee unless excused by one of the co-chairs in advance; motion passed with one vote against. Cindy Cuellar immediately requested and obtained from Rob Hugos an excused absence from the next committee meeting to be held November 8, 2001.

Discussion ensued regarding who will host the next membership committee meeting on November 8, 2001, with the decision to be made by co-chairs Renae Scott and/or Rob Hugos with follow-up to all committee members.

Rob Hugos moved, and Tom Mays, seconded, that the committee only have meetings when there is either an applicant's paperwork to be approved by the committee or an applicant's personal evaluation for membership is to be conducted by the committee. After much discussion, the committee developed a consensus that it should meet every month to do additional and ongoing membership related matters, such as maintaining lists of potential candidates who will receive a copy of the EPAHgramme and be invited to social events and such as assigning specific committee members to follow-up on membership renewals. Barry Bertin also suggested the committee should plan one rush party, in February or March. Rob Hugos and Tom Mays therefore withdrew the motion, and second, respectively.

Rob Hugos presented the idea to reimburse hosts for up to \$175 per meeting. The committee agreed that the co-chairs should attempt to include funding for one rush party and for committee host reimbursement as part of the co-chairs participation in developing a budget for 2002.

The committee agreed to request from the Treasurer a list of members whose membership will expire that month, provided at the time of the monthly board meeting as has been done in the past. The committee will then use this information to follow-up on membership renewals at its meeting two days after the board meeting.

Membership Committee Continued

The committee agreed unanimously that the meeting times and order will not be changed in the future from the traditionally established schedule. While the committee, its members and most of all our host, all graciously attempted to accommodate a change in the order of business, the committee decided the resulting inconveniences were too great to consider doing again.

Ben Whittle moved, and Linda Landry seconded, to adjourn the meeting and to again express our abundant thanks to Barry Bertin who worked diligently to accommodate the committee's last minute change in schedule; motion passed unanimously.

Activities Committee

Co-Chairs: Cindy Cuellar, Terry Hamman

Fish Fry (All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Shrimp) and Bus Trip to Lake Conroe (home of Jim Bartley) on October 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$35. Bus will be picking us up at Houston Ballet parking lot at 1921 W. Bell. RSVP to Cindy Cuellar at 713-623-2998 by October 18. On November 9 at 8 p.m. we will be going to Theatre New West to see **Boy Meets Boy**. RSVP to Cindy Cuellar at 713-623-2998 by November 1. Plus, let's not forget our ongoing activities like Canasta which meets every fourth Thursday of the month and Bridge which meets the first and third Wednesday of the month. So - as you can see, there's lots going on! Please come join us in planning some of the activities at our next meeting in conjunction with Program and Social on November 15, at 7 p.m. Please call Cindy Cuellar at 713-623-2998 or Terry Hamman at 713-868-6238 for any further information.

Remember: **Canasta** is very 4th Thursday of the month. Contact-Ken McLeod-713-981-0412; Bridge-1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Contact-Betty Tonnessen-713-988-9766.

Next Committee meeting for Activities/Program/Social is Nov. 15 @ 7 p.m. 713-623-2998 or 713-868-6238. *Hope to see you!*

Social Committee Report

Co-Chairs: Ernie Edge and David Rhodes

The October Social will be at the Mackey Gallery on Friday, October 19. Members and guests are welcome. Open bar and cocktails will be served. Flyers will be mailed to members shortly.

The Holiday Party will be EITHER: Sunday, December 9, or Sunday, December 16, and will be from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. It will be held at the home of EPAH Member Glen Smith. This will be the last big blow-out of the year. Lots of fun for all. More details will follow.

Ernie Edge and David Rhodes
Social Committee Co-Chairs



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Professional Development

Chair: John Coulter

Empower 2001 **Combining Commerce with Community** is this coming weekend (Oct. 13 and 14) at the George R. Brown Convention Center and EPAH will be there! Our booth is #210, which is up front and to the left as you enter the convention hall. The hours for Empower 2001 are from 6-9pm on Saturday and from 11am-5pm on Sunday. Be sure to stop by and say hello while at Empower. Also, don't forget to bring your business cards to the next dinner meeting so you can add yours to the growing collection at the check in table. Get your card in the hands of some members this month! And...don't forget... let me hear from you if you've recently gotten a new job or promotion and would like to make other EPAH members aware of it.

Also, "PROFILE EPAH" speakers are needed for our monthly dinner meetings!!! Contact John Coulter at (281) 575-7716 or johnnyc0112@yahoo.com to reserve your spot, or if you would like to join this committee.

Plans for the Military Ball, scheduled for Sunday, November 11, are being developed as this edition of the EPAHgramme goes to press. Further details will be sent by regular mail and e-mail.

Community News

The Houston Women's Festival is pleased to announce the line-up for our 7th Annual event, which will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2001 at Garden in the Heights.

On the Courtyard Stage, in order of appearance we have: **Elizabeth White, Jennifer Marks and Edie Carey, Ruthie Foster, Cafe Mocha, Sean Wiggins, Ann Reed, Susan Gibson, Patrice Pike and Cowboy's Nightmare.**

We are also pleased to announce that a new Café Stage, located in the Marketplace, will enhance this year's event. Artists who will be featured on this stage include Jeanne Kauffman, Yvonne Perea, Sarah Golden and Miss Money.

Again this year, the visual and performing art show in the Main Hall will exhibit the work of emerging and established artists, and the marketplace will feature a variety of unique and interesting vendors.

Please check out our newly redesigned web site at: www.hwfestival.org and please join us on Saturday, October 27 (1 p.m. to midnight) for this celebration of music, art and community. As always, the festival is open to all.

This message is from the Athena Art Project, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that supports the artistic endeavors of women, primarily by producing the annual Houston Women's Festival. If you would like to be removed from this list, simply reply with the word remove in the subject line. Thank you very much.

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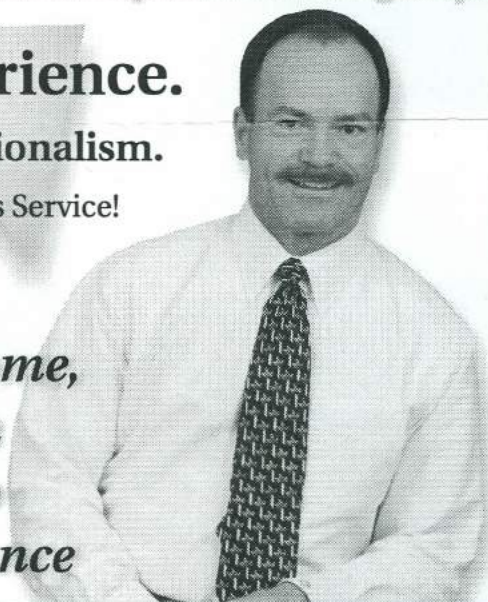
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October - November

CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCT 14 EMPOWER 2001 Geo. Brown Conv. Center 11am-5pm	15	16 October Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM <i>(See Page 2)</i>	17 Bridge Group Betty Tonnessen 713-988-9766	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Canasta <i>(Every 4th Thurs.)</i> For Info, Contact Ken McLeod 713-981-0412	26	27
28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	NOV 1	2	3
4	5	6 Board of Trustees Meeting The Assistance Fund 1116 Jackson Blvd. 6:30 PM <i>Deadline for Newsletter</i>	7 Bridge Group Betty Tonnessen 713-988-9766	8 Membership Committee Meeting (713) 618-1878 Rob Hugos Renae Scott	9	10
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