

MARCH 24TH MEETING:

Bill King, Houston Mayoral Candidate



A lifelong resident of the Houston area, Bill King grew up the son of a union pipefitter and worked his way through the University of Houston, earning both his bachelor's degree and law degree there. In so doing, he became the first in his family to graduate from college.

Bill King has enjoyed a wide and varied -- and ultimately successful -- career in business. He served as president of Southwest Airport Services, a fixed-base operator located at Ellington Air Force Base, from 1999 until the sale of the company in February of this year. In 2009, the Coast Guard recognized Southwest for the support their employees provided during the search and rescue efforts after Hurricane Ike made landfall along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Bill has also practiced law for nearly 40 years. His practice included stints at Bracewell & Guiliani and as the managing partner of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, a law firm representing local governmental entities nationwide. While heading that firm, Bill gained unique insights into how the City of Houston and other local entities operate, particularly their finances. During his tenure at Linebarger, moreover, the firm was awarded the U.S. Conference of Mayors Outstanding Public-Private Partnership Award for the work it did in establishing a land bank of abandoned lots in the City of Houston. Bill also initiated the first procedures in Harris County to prevent individuals over the age of 65 from being foreclosed when they fell behind on their taxes.

Bill has served his community in a variety of ways. In 2012, Bill co-chaired the HISD bond campaign to rebuild its dilapidated high schools throughout the city. The measure won nearly 70 percent voter approval. Prior to that, his efforts to revamp the region's hurricane preparedness plans earned him several gubernatorial appointments and other recognition. Bill has earned a reputation as an outspoken advocate for balancing the city budget, investment in infrastructure, and common sense solutions to Houston's toughest problems.

MARCH 24TH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION:

Ron Rand, President and CEO, The Rand Group

"When IT isn't IT...When it's Business: Rationalizing IT to the Business Plan"



Ron Rand is President & CEO at professional services firm Rand Group. He and the firm focus on providing its clients with the oil & gas, manufacturing, distribution, construction and professional services sectors with software selection and implementation, management consulting, application development, marketing and sales services.

A trained and professional CPA, Ron is a dedicated leader who built Rand Group over the last twelve years into a technology focused professional services firm that doesn't just deliver software, but also delivers measurable results for its clients. His proficiency in compliance and quality assurance, coupled with his strong technical background and professional drive, has helped him lead this charge, growing Rand Group by 40% year over year and expanding into four new markets since inception.

Beyond his professional dedication, Ron is committed to the Texas business community. He is an active participant and supporter of the Houston Humane Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Houston, public television station Houston PBS (KUHT), Houston Public Radio (KUHF), Houston Symphony, Alley Theater and the Houston Zoo. He is also a past President of the International Association of Microsoft Certified Partners Houston Chapter and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Texas Society of CPAs, and Microsoft Partner Advisory Council.

Ron's presentation will focus on how to fuse your IT strategy with your business strategy in order to keep your company on the track to financial success, while answering a number of the most important IT questions facing organizations today. CFOs and other finance executives will learn how to control the ever escalating IT costs and maximize ROI from IT teams, as well as how to align your IT mission, spend and activities with those that most effectively service your business as a whole.

Monthly Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, March 24th, 2015

LOCATION:

Houston Country Club

1 Potomac Drive
Houston, TX 77057

AGENDA:

Professional Development Session (4:30pm)

Social hour (5:30pm)

Dinner (6:30pm)

MEETING SPONSORS:



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A letter from the president



Greetings,

We had a record turnout for our February meeting, where we had a intriguing dinner presentation from Dax Sanders, VP Corporate Development for Kinder Morgan who discussed the background and management's thought process behind the well-publicized recent merger of a number of Kinder Morgan entities. During the professional development session Jim D'Addario of Oracle presented on best practices for modern finance executives. We were joined at dinner by the twelve annual FEI Houston Foundation Scholarship award winners along with many Deans and Professors from their various local Universities. Earlier in the day we celebrated our annual "Academic Honors Day", where all of those students along with many Chapter and Foundation leaders were hosted by Shell Oil in their Learning Center for a presentation by senior Shell executives. Thanks go to Vance Tillman and his AHD committee for all their hard work in making it a successful day and to Phil Denning for his assistance in arranging for Shell to host the day's events.

Our annual Social Wine Dinner for members and spouses was held on Valentine's Day and was another sold-out success. Fun was had by all and the food and wine were not to be missed. Special thanks go to Jim Davis and his team for planning and coordinating this wonderful event. I also want to recognize and thank our Platinum, Gold and Emerald sponsors for the evening – KPMG, USI Southwest and Siegfried Group, respectively. We could not host this event without their support.

With spring approaching, make sure and circle Tuesday, April 21st on your calendars for the annual FEI Houston Golf Tournament to be held once again at Blackhorse. A fun time is had by all and the good news is that you don't have to be a great (or even very good!) golfer to enjoy the event. More details will follow, but make plans now to join us.

We will be hosting our next "New and Prospective Member Reception" event on Tuesday, March 31st. So, if you are new to the Chapter, put it on your calendar. Details for the event can be found below in the Newsletter. This is a great way to meet and visit with other newer members along with your Chapter leaders. Thanks to Doeren Mayhew for sponsoring this event.

I hope you make plans to attend the March 24th meeting. Bill King, Candidate for Mayor of Houston will be our dinner speaker. Bill has spent much time studying the City's finances and will share with us his observations and concerns regarding them. Platinum sponsor The Rand Group will provide our Professional Development session. Sincere thanks go to The Rand Group and to our Gold social hour sponsor, Whitley Penn for our March meeting. Without the generous support of our sponsors, who contribute money, time, in-kind donations and ideas to our chapter, we could not accomplish what we do every year. Please give our valuable sponsors preference when considering business services that they happen to offer.

I look forward to seeing each of you at upcoming meetings and social events. Please let me know what we as a Chapter can do for you.

Regards,

Chris A. Matlock
President, FEI Houston Chapter

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Marcus Vajdos
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New and Prospective Member Social

March 31, 2015

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Willie G's
1605 Post Oak Blvd.
Houston, TX 77056

Come meet other new members and network.
Refreshments and Hors d'Oeuvres will be served.

Event Sponsor:



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Golf Tournament

April 21, 2015

Blackhorse Golf Club

11:00am – Check in and Lunch

12:30 pm - Shotgun Start

5:00 pm - Reception

Sign up online at feihouston.org

More details to come!

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Upcoming Events 2014 - 2015 Season Meetings

March 24, 2015 - Monthly Meeting

March 31, 2015 - New and Prospective Member Social

April 14, 2015 - Monthly Meeting

April 21, 2015 - Annual Golf Tournament

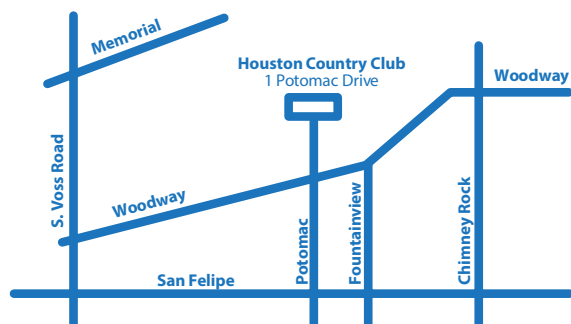
May 19, 2015 - Monthly Meeting

June 16, 2015 - Summer Breakfast Series 1

July 21, 2015 - Summer Breakfast Series 2

August 18, 2015 - Summer Breakfast Series 3

Meeting Information



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Register online at <http://www.feihouston.org>

Mail to: P.O. Box 32, Bellaire, TX 77402 or Fax to: 713.839.1453

One form per registrant please, photocopy as necessary. **Reservations Required** by 3:00 pm 2 business days before the meeting. Reservations may be canceled without cost as late as noon the day before the meeting. **"No-shows" will be billed \$50.**

Meeting Cost: No charge for Chapter Members and 1st time prospective members. Guests -\$90/person (guests & prospective members must be accompanied by member)

Attendee Name

Organization

Street Address

City / State / Zip

Phone

Fax

E-mail

Please select one: ☐ Chapter member ☐ 1st time prospective member

☐ Spouse (name) : _____

Payment method: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Amex

Credit Card #

Expiration date (Month/Year)

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