

**ASIS**  
**HOUSTON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**2/17/10**

The luncheon meeting was held at the Hess Club with Chapter Chairman Tom Hamilton presiding. We had 60 paid attendees and 5 guests for this month's luncheon.

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM.

**Tom Hamilton**

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance in Butch Roberson's absence. Remember Chris Dempster's family - loss his mother-in-law & HPD officer shot in the line of duty

Guests to introduce themselves from around the room

**Announcements:**

- Web site won Honorable Mention this year
- Newsletter won Newsletter of the Year for 2009
- Houston did not win the Chapter of the Year Award - Atlanta Chapter won

**Committee reports:**

- Seminar Committee - Randy Simpson – Date of this year's Security Seminar is tentatively June 3rd. Further information will be forthcoming.
- Membership Committee - Greg Autry – Again Greg challenged every member to bring in another member and if we did we would beat last year's new member numbers
- Treasurer's Report – Tom Hamilton - On the table and we are doing very well. Combined bank balance is just over \$13,000.00
- Social/Special Events Committee – Darin Dillon – Welcomed ideas for social events for 2010 just email them to Darrin
- We will have an executive committee meeting next week
- Golf Committee will now be headed up by Mike Mallon for 2010

## **Safety Committee - Chuck Andrews Presentation**

*Deputy Gerald Barnes is being nominated for Houston ASIS Public Safety Officer of the Month.*

*On December 8th 2009, Deputy Barnes was off duty, working an extra job at Greenway Plaza. At approximately 12:30 PM a high rise window stage that is used to clean and repair windows broke loose from one of the anchors that held it against 11 Greenway Plaza. On it were 3 glass replacement workers. The stage was ripped from the anchor by high winds that came up suddenly, catching the workers off guard. All they could do was hold on as the stage platform pin wheeled in the wind, twisting the cables that held the platform and sending it crashing into the building numerous times. This caused shards of glass to fall 10 stories to the ground.*

*Upon witnessing this, with no regard for his personal safety, Deputy Barnes ran across the open area between buildings to the anchor point directly below the stage and grabbed onto the rope. One other unidentified individual came to assist him and they successfully stopped the stage from continuing to spin. Had Deputy Barnes not have acted immediately, the 3 workers who were tied into safety lines could have been thrown from the platform and been crushed against the building by the pin wheeling stage. Additionally, Houston Fire Department Technical Rescue Team stated that if the workers were thrown from the stage and not rescued within 15 minutes severe and irreversible physical injuries would have occurred. The 3 workers were rescued by HFD with only minor injuries. Deputy Barnes is to be commended for his quick and unselfish actions.*

**Speaker introduced by Tom Hamilton, Dr. Richard H Wainerdi Ph.D.**

*Dr. Wainerdi introduced his staff with special recognition to Fernando Bertrand, Chief of Police and Security Services of the Texas Medical Center.*

*About the Texas Medical Center:*

*It was founded 65 years ago. Hermann hospital was the only hospital there. Dr. Bertner encouraged the sale of land near the hospital, 130 + acres, to build a medical center. MD Anderson was built and it was the largest cancer center in the country. A medical school was needed next and then Baylor College of Medicine was built. The medical center needed a children's hospital, hence the largest children's hospital was built, Texas Children's Hospital. After the Construction is complete over the next several years, the Texas Medical Center will be the 7<sup>th</sup> largest downtown in the United States.*

*Considering the size of TMC, they are blessed with one of the lowest crime rates in the country.*

*They have their own police department, in house security and contract security on their premises. From time to time they do get a bomb threat, therefore, their world is not foul proof to random crime.*

*Of all money spent in the United States: cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, violence, obesity, promiscuity etc. only one third of the money goes to health in the United States.*

*Therefore, the message is, Mother said it best herself "behave yourself". It starts locally. Support healthcare in America. It is an issue of availability. They are in the process of adding two more institutions. More institutions are on the move and going out to other areas like Katy, Sugar Land, I-10 West & the Woodlands all to serve you.*

Tom awarded Dr. Wainerdi with a plaque of appreciation.

Tom asked if anyone had any new business to discuss. With no other business, the meeting was concluded at 12:45PM.