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Upcoming Events

Feb 8 - Luncheon/Galileo's/Program: Christy Jacob, Royal FFA Advisor/Ag Science Teacher

Mar 2 - Austin Legislative Trip

Apr 12 - Luncheon/La Quinta/Program: WC Drainage/Water/Charles Kalkomey, P.E

May 10 - Luncheon/Galileo's/Program Speaker Sheryl Schroeder, Social Sec. Admin..

Jun 14 - Luncheon/Cross Creek/Program Speaker: St. Representative John Zerwas

July 12 - Luncheon/Program: YMCA/Steve Pierson

Sep 13 - Membership Luncheon Meeting - TBA

Oct 11 - Membership Luncheon Meeting - TBA

Nov 5 - 10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet

Dec 13 - Membership Luncheon Meeting - TBA

Additionally, the scheduling of Business Mixers and other events TBA

President's Message

Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP



On January 11 I had the privilege of updating our membership regarding the "state of the Chamber." It had been almost two years since we had conducted a similar program, and preparing for the presentation impressed upon me just how much progress we've made. (If you missed the luncheon, you can see the slide show if you wish by going to our website.)

Examples of our progress include our new logo and website,

as well as PayPal. And, we now have four "Sustaining Level" members and five Silver Level" members. Remember---as you renew your memberships this month, please consider upgrading, as my company is doing. It helps put the Chamber on firm financial ground, enabling more and better services and activities.

Among the other recent changes, we've also updated our bylaws, to bring them more in line with "best practices" for chambers our size. One of the key provisions is that we now have "term limits" in place for board members. A key objective of doing this is to encourage fresh faces and "new blood" to take active leadership roles. Everyone who is serving on the board, and who has in the past, has done a wonderful job, for which we are grateful. But a successful organization benefits from a successful "churn" at the top, so please consider submitting your name in nomination for our board when elections approach next September!

As I mentioned, the progress our Chamber has made has been impressive. For this, we must all be extremely thankful to our committee leaders for their hard work and dedication. All of you make this organization a success, and thanking everyone individually would use up all the ink available. Please know that your efforts are important and appreciated.

One last note. Robbie Peterson is representing the area as Mrs. Waller County in the upcoming state contest. E-mail her at Robbie@BARPRanch.com to learn how you can show your support! Go Robbie!

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Stephen Alaniz/Enterprise Bank

Economic Development
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Membership
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Rosemary Gambino/Rose Hill Ranch

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Agency

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future***

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Chamber welcomes new Sustaining member



Other 2011 membership renewals as of January 15th: Texas Children's Hospital – Silver Level, CenterPoint Energy – Business Member, Gr8 Insurance – Business Member, Joe Garcia – Individual Member.

Members renewing by January 31st will be entered in a drawing for a luncheon sponsorship – a value of \$150.

2011 Austin Legislative Trip - March 2nd

Remember to save the date to join fellow members and friends to visit the capitol and the 2011 legislators!! The 82nd legislative session may be the most important legislative session of our lifetime, when those with power will make decisions that affect Texas and our future. The date of the West I-10 2011 Austin Legislative Trip is Wednesday, March 2, 2011 and reservation notices will be going out soon! The ticket price will include the bus trip continental breakfast going and snacks and beverages on return, lunch, and Texas Legislative Handbook and photo sessions with legislators. We are still seeking sponsors in order to keep the ticket price at \$75 per person and affordable for everyone. Sponsor levels: Senate Level at \$500 and House Level at \$250. If your organization would consider a sponsorship, please contact Adam Traweek, 281.238.7148 or chamber@westi10chamber.org.

Members News

RISD – Please make plans to attend the **Friends of Royal FFA Chili Supper & Auction** on Monday, January 17th at the Pattison Area Volunteer fire Department in Pattison, TX. The Chili Supper will be served 4:30-7:00 p.m. The Auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets: \$7.00 for Adults; \$3.00 for Children (6 years & under). “To Go” Chili will be available starting at 4:00 p.m. The proceeds from this function will go to the students who participate in the annual FFA show, auction and sale March 3rd, 4th, and 5th. For more information: 281.934.4673

Texas Children's Hospital's 2011 Kids' Fun Run will kick off the weekend events to the Houston Marathon Weekend on Saturday, January 29th, and is scheduled each January as the kickoff event to the Houston Marathon weekend. Designed for children of all abilities including those with special needs, the goal of the Kids' Fun Run is to promote physical activity and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Texas Children's Hospital is committed to helping prevent childhood obesity by providing community wellness – a community of healthy children. www.funrun.texaschildrens.org.

Right Choice Credit Union has recently entered into a partnership with First

West I-10

Sustaining Members

West Engineering Services

Igloo Products Corp

Texas Landman, Inc.

Rooms To Go

Silver Members

La Quinta Inn & Suites /Brookshire

Texas Children's Hospital

Turner Duran Architects

Janet J. Montgomery, CFP, CWS

Amegy Bank

2009-2010

Active Members

Allen Boone Humphries Robinson

Allen Samuels Katy Dodge

Amegy Bank

Aradyne Industries, Inc.

Arens Services

Bar P Ranch

Blinn College – Sealy Campus

Brookshire Economic

Development Corp.

Brookshire Municipal Water

District

Brookshire Steel

The Brookwood Community

Buller Productions

Career & Recovery Resources,

CenterPoint Energy

Cielito Ranch

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Edward Jones

Emily Hillsman, CPA

Enterprise Bank

Environmental Infrastructure

Planning

Eve's Garden

First United Methodist Church

Brookshire

Fort Bend Family Health Center

Service Credit Union that will position RCCU to provide more services and more branch locations. Technically, First Service is merging into Right Choice. The results of this partnership will be a \$300 million institution, capitalized well above regulatory requirements for a well-capitalized credit union and positioned to withstand future economic storms. The partnership will provide nine additional branch offices, many with Saturday hours. RCCU's David Bleazard will continue as President/CEO of the combined institution and says "I want to assure you that we will never forget, nor lose sight of our members who helped us attain the strength and stability that made this union possible." The existing Board of Directors, executives and employees will remain unchanged. The RCCU branch offices will gradually transition to **First Service Credit Union** during the coming months. The existing Board of Directors, executives and employees will remain unchanged. Larry D. Hayes, VP, Business Development, will again be active in the chamber's events. For more details, visit

www.rightchoicecu.org/partnership.asp

Galileo's Mexican Grill in Pattison invites you to Super Happy Hour, 2-8 pm on Super Sunday, February 6th – Super Bowl XLV

In Case You Missed It

January 11, 2011, Membership Luncheon

Greg Turner, chamber president, presented the "State of the Chamber" at the January 11th membership luncheon at Galileo's in Pattison. A copy of the presentation is posted on our website home page www.westi10chamber.org. Special thanks to all the attendees and participants, to Galileo's for the delicious "Alambre" – and to Greg Murray/Enterprise Bank for donating the door prizes.



Business Spotlight speakers: Rosemary Gambino/Rose Hill Ranch shared spotlight with Robbie Peterson, Mrs. Waller County International (L photo), and Ellen Phillips, Texas Children's Hospital (Rt.photo)



Galileo's Mexican Grill
 Gateway Realty
 Gr8 Insurance
 Grundfos, CBS Inc
 Hasta La Pasta Italian Grill
 HDH Instruments, LP
 Houston Executive Airport
 Houston West RV Park
 Igloo Products Corp
 La Quinta Inn & Suites
 J&J Packing Company
 JNS Consulting Engineers
 Janet J. Montgomery, CFP,CWS
 Joe Garcia
 Johnson Radcliffe Petrov & Bobbit
 Katy Area EDC
 Katy Heritage Society
 Keep Waller County Beautiful
 Key Insurance Agency
 Kyle Custom Homes LLC
 LJA Engineering & Surveying
 La Quinta Inn & Suites, Brookshire
 Matthew K. Vahalik, P.C.
 Memorial Hermann Katy
 Oliver S. Kitzman, Sr.
 Stan Kitzman.
 Orlando's Pizza
 Orizon Industries, Inc.
 Pattison Area Voluntary Fire
 Department
 Pattison United Methodist Church
 Ray's Gourmet Country
 Repka's Grocery & Kitchen
 Right Choice Credit Union
 Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve
 Rooms To Go
 Roosevelt Alexander
 Rose Hill Ranch
 Royal I.S.D.
 San Jacinto Girl Scouts
 Saturn Machine, Inc.
 Shanco Equipment Specialists
 Southwest Properties
 State Rep. John Zerwas MD
 Stewart Title, Fulshear
 Tackle Construction Co. Inc.
 Ted Krenek, JP, WC Pct 4
 Texas Children's Hospital
 Texas Landman, Inc.
 The Oaks at Brookshire
 Thomas Instrument
 Turner Duran Architects
 TXU Energy
 Waller County Economic
 Development Partners
 West Engineering Services
 Weston Lakes Country Club
 Wilson Engineering Company
 Wyatt Resources, Inc.



Above: Mike Elam/Gr8 Insurance, David Woodham Consolidated Communications, and Joe Garcia..
 Left: Lori & Karl Skadowski/Texas Landman, and Stephan Alaniz/Enterprise Bank. Karl is Membership Committee Chairman and Stephen chairs the Ambassadors Committee.



In photo above right: Julie and Robert Ormond/Kyle Custom Homes, Robbie Peterson/Bar P Ranch, and Rosemary Gambino/Rose Hill Ranch

The Chamber welcomed Steve Pierson, the newly elected president of the Katy Heritage Society. Steve will be replacing Carol Adams as representative to the Chamber.



In Photo: Roosevelt Alexander with Steve Pierson in discussion of the Katy Heritage Society.

January 1, 2011 Swearing in of Waller County Elected Officials

It was standing room only for the largest attendance to witness the swearing-in ceremonies for the Waller County Elected officials. Many West I-10 Chamber members were in the crowd to witness our friends take the oath of office.



(Photo Right) Judge Beckendorff with son, Jason, and wife, Melinda, at his side.

Working together for our future.



Above: Judge Ted Krenek was administered the oath for his third term as Waller County Pct 4 JP by Waller County Judge Glenn Beckendorff. -- Directors of Keep Waller County Beautiful, Robbie Peterson, Rosemary Gambino, Kathryn McAdams, and Don Garrett, were proud to stand with Judge Beckendorff.

Below: The proud family of our new Pct 4 Waller County Commissioner Stan Kitzman (Photos courtesy of Jo Anne Wood)



Congratulations to all the elected officials and Thank You for your service!

If your business or organization would like to sponsor one of the 2011 luncheon programs, please contact the chamber at chamber@westi10chamber.org or 281.375.8100