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Upcoming Events

May 10 – Luncheon/Galileo's/Program: Social Sec. Admin. Edward Jones/Sponsor
Jun 14 – Luncheon/Cross Creek/Program Speaker: St. Representative John Zerwas
July 12 – Luncheon/Program: YMCA/Steve Pierson
Sep 13 – Annual BOD Election/Membership Luncheon/Program: Private Land Rights
Oct 11 - Luncheon/Program: W.C. Pct 4 Commissioner Stan Kitzman
Nov 12 – 10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet/Brookwood/Dr. Robert Ivany
Dec 13 – Christmas Membership Luncheon Meeting
Additionally, the scheduling of Business Mixers and other events TBA

President's Message



Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP

In case you haven't checked our website lately, or heard from other sources, please start planning to attend this year's Appreciation Awards Banquet. Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, November 12. There are some very special reasons for you to make your plans now.

First, it is the 10th annual occurrence of our Chamber's signature event—our "diamond anniversary!" Second, it will be held once again at the new, expanded Brookwood Community,

which will be outfitted to the hilt in Christmas holiday decorations. And to top it all off, we have an absolutely outstanding keynote speaker, Robert Ivany.

Bob Ivany may be called by many names. He may be referred to as *Doctor* Robert Ivany, PhD and president of Houston's own University of St. Thomas. Or, he may be called *General* Ivany, retired four-star general and former head of the U.S. Army War College. Or, he may be simply be called "Bob," because he is a truly humble man without pretensions. Whatever he is called, he will deliver an outstanding talk to us regarding leadership, a topic that few are more qualified than he to address. We are very fortunate that he has committed to visit with us.

One more thing to include on your calendars - Royal ISD will bestow its annual teacher appreciation awards on Friday, June 3. Our Education Committee chairman, Robert Ormond, will be there to present the award winners with plaques from our Chamber recognizing the achievements of these fine teachers, of whom we are so proud! Please consult the website for more details.

Finally, have a happy Easter celebrating our Savior's resurrection.

Chamber Welcomes New Member

Ken Carter, P.O. Box 61125, Houston, TX 77080, 936.524-1235, email: KenCarterPhotos@aol.com; Ken joined as an Individual Member April 2011.

Ambassador
Stephen Alaniz/Enterprise Bank

Economic Development
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Membership
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Programs & Events
Rosemary Gambino/Rose Hill Ranch

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West I-10

In Case You Missed It

The April 12th West I-10 Chamber member luncheon was well attended by 47 members and guests to hear Charles Kalkomey's presentation on Waller County's drainage and water issues – the big issue presently is lack of rain- and enjoy the superb cuisine catered by Galileo's



Adrian Alaniz/Galileo's (above L); Charles Kalkomey (above R) of Jones & Carter, Inc.; Below R: Anthony Francis/LJA, Greg Murray/Enterprise Bank, Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, Doyle Callender/Amegy Bank, Brad Peterson/Bar P Ranch who is running for Mayor of Brookshire and didn't let an emergency appendectomy less than 24 hours prior prevent him from attending; Lori Skadowski/Texas Landman, and new member Ken Carter.



Great thanks to Charles Kalkomey, Galileo's Mexican Grill/Pattison, La Quinta, Sponsor Ellen Phillips/Texas Children's Hospital and Business Spotlight speaker, Greg Murray/Enterprise Bank for the great program – And, to Texas Landman, Brookshire EDC, and Enterprise Bank for donating door prizes. Special thanks to Lori Skadowski for bringing in and introducing our new member for April.

The next membership luncheon will be at **Galileo's** Mexican Grill in Pattison on **May 10th**. The Social Security Administration will be the program. **Edward Jones** will be the Meeting Sponsor.

If your business or organization would like to sponsor the June, July, Sept, October or December luncheon and have 2-3 minutes on the program to promote your organization, please let Kathryn know asap so that you take advantage of recognition on all the advanced promotion. chamber@westi10chamber.org.

Sustaining Members

West Engineering Services

Igloo Products Corp

Texas Landman, Inc.

Rooms To Go

Turner Duran Architects

Brookshire Economic
Development Corporation

Silver Members

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CenterPoint Energy

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Consolidated Communications,

Darleen St. Jean, CPA

Days Inn, Brookshire

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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

Galileo's Mexican Grill

Gateway Realty

Members News - and events

Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital



has been named one of the Nation's Top 100 Hospitals in an annual ranking by Thompson Reuters, a leading provider of healthcare information and solutions. Six Memorial Hermann hospitals were among those named in the Thompson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals listing for 2011. The Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals study evaluates performance in 10 key areas. Those include mortality;

medical complications; patient safety; average patient stay; expenses; profitability; patient satisfaction; adherence to clinical standards of care; post-discharge mortality and readmission rates for acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), heart failure and pneumonia.

Blinn College in Sealy will be offering Excel II for those who want to increase their knowledge of database software. Wednesday night 6-9PM for 4 weeks beginning April 20th. The cost is \$79. Call 979-627-7997 to enroll. The cost is \$79.

First United Methodist Church – Cooper & 7th St in Brookshire – Saturday, April 16th -*SpringFest 2011* – annual FUNdraiser which helps provide scholarships for graduating Royal ISD seniors, \$\$ to food pantry, Brookshire-Pattison Area Christian Alliance for school supplies for Royal students and other mission/outreach projects. A fun-filled day of music/entertainment, games for kids, country store and silent auction throughout the day. Delicious BBQ take-out meals 11AM-2PM, \$10/adult and \$5/kid. BBQ sandwiches available for \$5. Sit-down dinner 5-7PM with a live auction beginning at 6:00PM. You can also order a whole brisket to take home with you for \$45 and a quart of our delicious BBQ sauce for \$5. For pre-sale information, call Linda German at 979-826.9888 or Cindy Stasney at 979.826.6739.

Keep Waller County Beautiful (KWCB) will be hosting the first annual *Don't Mess with Waller County "Trash-Off" Litter Cleanup Event* on Saturday, April 16th from 8am to 12 noon. Businesses, churches, schools, civic groups, and volunteers are invited to participate by showing up ready to volunteer at the Waller County Recycling Center, 32159 Morton Road, Brookshire, TX at 8:00am. The program for the Don't Mess with Waller County Trash-Off 2011 begins at the Recycling Center. There will be a free breakfast of juice and pastries, sponsored by the West I-10 Chamber and dispersal of supplies (trash bags, gloves, safety vests, etc.) before heading out at 9:00 a.m. for the actual cleanup of each surrounding area. At 11:30 a.m., all groups should be completed with their area and return to the Recycling Center. At this time a light lunch will be provided courtesy of Severn-Trent. There will also be prizes for a "Litter Loot" and awards presented during the lunch.

Free Large Trash Disposal!

If you are unable to participate in the volunteer litter pick up portion of this event, you can still participate in the Trash Off by taking advantage of two large roll-off containers at the WC Recycling Center provided by Republic Services, Inc. during the Trash Off event April 16 -8-12 noon only for free disposal of large trash – landscaping debris, construction debris, furniture, general appliances, *NO tires, chemicals, hazardous waste, tree stumps, drums/barrels, paint, refrigerators or A/C units (unless Freon is removed and stickered) will be*

Gr8 Insurance
 Grundfos, CBS Inc
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 HDH Instruments, LP
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 Houston West RV Park
 Igloo Products Corp
 La Quinta Inn & Suites
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 JNS Consulting Engineers
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 Department
 Pattison United Methodist Church
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 Repka's Grocery & Kitchen
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 Development Partners
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 Wilson Engineering Company
 Wyatt Resources, Inc.

accepted. Please tell you friends and neighbors of this great opportunity!
 For more information call KWCB - Robbie Peterson at 713 -545-0955 or Julie Ormond
 281-733-8943.

KWCB wishes to thank the sponsors of this event: **Republic Services, Inc, West I-10 Chamber of Commerce, and Severn Trent Services, Inc.**

Memento of Austin Trip from Rep. John Zerwas



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



*TO MY FRIENDS FROM WALLER COUNTY,
 I THANK YOU FOR ISSUING A PART OF
 THE 82ND LEGISLATIVE SESSION.
 YOUR LEADERSHIP & FRIENDSHIP IS
 MOST APPRECIATED!*

John

Send us your news
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The end.

