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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 13, 2010
 Membership Luncheon at
 La Quinta/Brookshire
 Sen. Glenn Hegar, Guest
 Speaker

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Greg Turner
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 West I-10 Chamber

President's Message
 March 12, 2010

In my January letter, I stressed the vital role of our committees in advancing our Chamber. This month I'll share a lot of great news regarding recent developments in this area.

We have three new committee chairs who have already gotten things off to

a quick start. At the monthly membership luncheon on March 9 we introduced Steve Alaniz of Enterprise Bank. Steve is in the process of creating our "Ambassadors" committee, which in the broad sense is charged with membership involvement and retention. He's already formulated a mission statement, and has set out to energize our ribbon cuttings, new member welcoming, and other ambassadorial efforts. You'll be seeing a lot more of him in the coming months, and those just joining our chamber can look forward to a friendly visit to receive their membership plaques and other important information.

In the next couple of months you'll also meet Heather Rutledge and Adam Traweek. Heather is Right Choice Credit Union's area representative and our new fund-raising committee chair. She has come up with the terrific idea of holding a golf tournament, which we are aiming to schedule in the fall with the intent of

helping the bank account! Adam, with Amegy Bank, is taking the reins of the governmental affairs committee. Expect to see position papers and issue updates, as well as a general election forum in the fall.

As president of the Chamber, I can't express enough thanks to these young members who are stepping up to help us progress. Their dedication and good work are an inspiration. Please be sure to thank them when you see them!

One last note. Our candidates forum in February was a resounding success. Thanks much to the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department, and to Marla Van Overbeke with Eve's Garden for their hospitality. We are grateful to all participants in the political process who took the time to visit with us and participate. Turnout, both on the part of candidates as well as interested attendees, was excellent.

Special thanks to CBWC!

March 9 luncheon attendees enjoyed a passionate presentation on the Citizens for a Better Waller County by CBWC Directors, Rosemary Gambino, President, and Robbie Peterson, Vice-President. The accomplishments of this small grass-roots organization and its twelve directors and supporters have been big. The Citizens for a Better Waller County had a major role in the opposition to and demise of the dreaded Trans Texas Corridor which threatened to destroy so much of Waller County. With that battle under control, the CBWC took on the project of acquiring

a recycling center for Waller County. The recycling center at 32159 Morton Road is the result of months of research, study, planning, and coordination with the county commissioners, HGAC, and civic organizations and leaders and volunteers. The citizens of Waller County are appreciative and look forward to future updates from the CBWC on the TTC, Sub-Regional Planning Commission, Animal Control Program, W.C Recycling Center, Keep Waller County Beautiful, and the additional ongoing issues important to Waller County – property values and eminent domain, Zip Codes and Emergency Services. For additional info: www.Waller-CountyCitizens.org.

Web Watch

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Chamber welcomes new members!

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Chamber knows!

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Chamber Representative: Roshanak Haghshenas, DDS, email: rhaghshe@yahoo.com. After moving with her husband to the U.S. in 1995 from Iran where she was a registered nurse, Dr. Haghshenas attended the University of Houston, graduating summa cum laude with bachelor degrees in biology and chemistry. She then went on to fulfill her life-long dream of becoming a dentist. In 2005, she graduated in the Top Ten of her class from the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston. Dr. "H" opened her own practice in Katy



Left to right: Jon Strange, Larry Hayes/Right Choice CU, and Larry McManus

Waller County Judge.

Right Choice Credit Union hosted the March 5th WI-10 EDC meeting at its Brookshire branch.

The program presentation by Larry McManus, of the Economic Development & Tourism Division, Office of the Governor,

Mills in 2007, and now in her sixth year of practicing dentistry, has just opened the additional new offices in Brookshire to better serve her patients from this area. At present, she and her husband, an engineer with Shell Oil, and their 13 year old son reside east of Katy. In addition to her active career and strong commitment to continuing education in today's dental techniques, Dr. H finds time to be involved with family, social, and athletic activities and is looking forward to becoming actively involved in the WI10 Chamber.

Dorothy Bottos, has re-joined the Chamber to stay in touch with the people in the lower part of Waller County. Dorothy is the Democratic candidate for

provided detailed information of the different divisions within the agency including how it works with regional offices and the local EDC's in bringing new business to Texas and a summary of state incentives and programs. Companies are choosing Texas because of our competitive business incentives and highly skilled workforce, to our rich cultural heritage and low cost of living. Texas ranks first in the nation for its renewable energy resources, petroleum refining and chemical products production, and is a global leader in the closely related petrochemical industry. The next WI-10 EDC meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2010; program TBA.

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