



# NEWSLETTER – December 2009

*Business Working for Our Communities*

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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, January 12, 2010**  
Membership Luncheon at  
Cross Creek Ranch

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*Greg Turner*  
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*West I-10 Chamber*  
*President's Message*  
*December 17, 2009*

## Chamber members among those making Merry and Bright . . . .

For the residents at Oaks at Brookshire Healthcare Center on Saturday, December 19th. The staff served a Christmas luncheon for residents and their families, followed by an afternoon Christmas party with music and gifts for everyone. Family members and volunteers brought and served homemade desserts. According to Evelyn Bolds, the much loved Activities Director – “The whole community donated the generous gifts for the residents.”

Prior to the party, Vickie Casto was seen for several hours stuffing gift bags with stuffed animals, socks, clothing items, lap robes, lotions and beauty products, and other needed items, all purchased and donated by local businesses and organizations. Among the long list of donors and sponsors were the ladies auxiliaries of the United Methodist Church of Brookshire, Pattison United Methodist Church, and the Brookshire Baptist Church, HDH Instruments in Pattison, and Janet J. Montgomery, CFP,CWS. in Brookshire. Janet Montgomery was there as Mrs. Santa passing out gifts with Susie Hopkins, Royal Early Childhood Center Principal, and Mary Kay Representative Jackie Craver who arranged for sponsors and bought and wrapped Mary Kay gifts for some of the residents without family for the family day Christmas party. (See photo)

The year 2009 is drawing rapidly to a close. For many, it's been a rough year and the end can't come soon enough. We all look forward in anticipation to a 2010 that we hope will bring improving conditions in the economy which will buoy us in the coming year. And although there are many things that may be weighing on us, we should also be mindful during this Christmas season that God will nevertheless bestow some gifts on us—even if it takes us a little time to recognize them as such. For no matter how difficult it has been, and no matter how troubled our country may be, we will get through it. We still are

able to live better, pray more freely, and conduct business more unfettered than anyone else in the world. We Americans will always have the gift of hope for a better future.

Next month I will use my message to lay out some of the things we will do in 2010; our annual board planning meeting is early in January, and we will be exploring additional ways to enhance your chamber membership. In the meantime, don't forget the January 12 membership luncheon, and mark February 16 on your calendar for the candidates' forum. Most especially, don't forget to enjoy a happy and blessed Christmas!



Left to right: Susie Hopkins, Janet Montgomery “Mrs. Santa,” and Jackie Craver.

*Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year 2010 to all!*

### **Post these dates on your new 2010 calendar:**

**January 8** – West I-10 EDC meeting, Friday, 8:00 a.m. at Igloo, 777 Igloo Road @ I-10. Program speaker: Waller County Sheriff Glenn Smith

**January 9** – Saturday at 10:00 a.m. -Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Grand Opening of the new Rooms To Go, Rooms To Go Kids and Rooms To Go Outlet stores in Katy/Brookshire.

**January 12** – Tuesday, Membership luncheon meeting at Cross Creek Ranch/Essence House Café, Fulshear; Guest Speaker: Roger Hord, President/CEO of West Houston Association.

Merry Christmas

from the



West I-10  
Chamber of  
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## “Fast Track” Classes at Blinn College in Sealy

Blinn College-Sealy is offering “Fast Track” Classes I, January 19 - March 9, 2010 and “Fast Track Classes I, March 9-May 12. Working adults can take advantage of these 8 week courses usually taught one evening a week, which means that adults can attend college full-time by going to class just two evenings a week! Each fast-track class is blended half online/half in class. Registration for Classes begins again January 4th . Spring classes begin January 19, 2010. For classes, schedules and more information, visit the Blinn Website: www.blinn.edu or call 979-627-7997.

## Texas Children's Hospital joins West I-10 at the Silver Level



Left to right: Chamber President Greg Turner, Texas Children's Hospital Guest Speakers, Kara Borgmeyer, Financial & Special Projects Coordinator and Pete Dawson, and Ellen Phillips, Director of Development.

Attendees at the December 8th membership luncheon welcomed its newest member and were treated to an overview of the new Texas Children's West Cam-

pus under construction at Interstate 10 and Barker Cypress Road by Pete Dawson AIA, Sr. VP of Facilities Services at Texas Children's Hospital and Kara Borg-

meyer, Financial & Special Projects Coordinator. West Campus, Houston's first community hospital designed, built and staffed for children, will be among the nation's largest suburban pediatric hospitals and will serve one of the country's fastest growing child populations. The hospital has been designed to incorporate the best practices in pediatric treatment environments and to provide the special accommodations that families need in a children's medical facility. The medical campus is being built in phases, totaling 534,000 square feet, with the outpatient clinic building and the inpatient facility scheduled to open in late 2010. Texas Children's Hospital is one of the largest pediatric hospitals in the U.S. and is renowned worldwide for its expertise and breakthrough developments in clinical care and research. Texas Children's Hospital West Campus will provide easy access to the same unsurpassed standard of care for which Texas Children's Hospital is internationally recognized. The new West Campus development is made possible in large part through the generous support of corporations and families in the local community who are committed to improving the health and well-being of its children.

## Chamber welcomes new members in December

**Texas Children's Hospital**, 1919 S. Braeswood MC4-4483, Houston, TX. 77030, [www.texaschildrens.org](http://www.texaschildrens.org). WI-10 representative: Ellen Happe Phillips, Development Director, Tel: 832.824.6959, email: [ehphilli@texaschildrens.org](mailto:ehphilli@texaschildrens.org). Texas Children's Hospital was a generous Gold Sponsor of the Chamber's 2009 Annual Banquet and the Chamber looks forward to supporting Texas Children's Hospital in their endeavor to serve the community.

**Gr8 Insurance**, 27302 Boater's Crossing, Katy TX 77493 ([www.gr8instx.com](http://www.gr8instx.com)) Tel: 281-701-9988; Fax: 281-371-8188. WI-10 Representative: Michael P. Elam, -email: [grtinstx@aol.com](mailto:grtinstx@aol.com). Gr8 Insurance offers Health and Life Insurance, Medicare Supplemental, Disability, Long Term Care, and Dental insurance plans for individual, family, and groups. Michael is new to the area and looking forward to becoming involved in the chamber and community.

  
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