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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 8, 2010
 7:30 a.m., EDC Meeting at
 Rooms To Go
 11:30 a.m. Membership
 Luncheon at LaQuinta

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West I-10 Chamber
 President's Message May 12, 2010

In case you were not able to make our monthly membership meeting on May 11, you missed out on a terrific program. Heather Hirsch, a delightful young stu-

dent from Texas A&M and a spokesperson for the Texas Beef Leaders of Tomorrow, gave us an education about beef that you wouldn't forget! Heather displayed not only knowledge, but passion for the beef industry. She is hoping to advance to law school after her senior year as an Aggie, with the ultimate aim of becoming an advocate for the beef industry. Our thanks to Rosemary Gambino for bringing Heather to us—see what interesting programs you'll get at the West I-10 Chamber?

Beginning next month, you will have the option of going "online" in order to pay for the monthly luncheons. Our board approved using PayPal for transactions involving events and membership dues, and Paul McConnell has been hard at work to get us all set up in time

for June's meeting. Slowly but surely, we are upgrading our capabilities to better serve you.

As we begin to experience the first waves heat that indicate the onset of summer, it means that Memorial Day is just around the corner. It will be nice to enjoy the additional day off, of course, but more important, we should all remember the meaning of the day. In my career, I have had the honor and privilege of designing the Texas Korean war Veterans Memorial on the Capitol grounds in Austin. It is a truly stirring experience for me to think of the brave Texas heroes whose names are engraved in that granite monument. Let us not forget them or their fellow countrymen, whose sacrifice has made it possible for us to enjoy the blessings of freedom.

May 11 membership luncheon at Galileo's



Above: Beef Leader of Tomorrow, guest speaker, Heather Hirsch and Doyle Callendar/Amegy Bank. Above Right: Marla Van Overbeke, Phil Van Overbeke, Paul McConnell, and Greg Turner. Members and guests dined on exquisite prime rib prepared by Galileo's in honor of the program on the beef industry - and what a treat it was! The cuisine and service at Galileo's was amazing!



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Right: Ted Krenek, Jim Meader, Comm. Glenn Beckendorff and Brandon Zerwas. Below Right: Pat Coucette, Harvey Laas, Rosemary Gambino and Heather Hirsch.

Special thanks to Career & Recovery, Amegy Bank, Eve's Garden and First United Methodist Church for supplying the door prizes.

June 8th Membership Luncheon Program: “Bicycling in Waller County- Building Relationships”

The guest speaker at the June monthly luncheon/meeting will be Mark LaBlanc of BikeHouston. Mark serves on the board of BikeHouston whose mission is to promote safe bicycling and to improve the quality of life in the Houston area through securing equitable access to regional facilities lands and roads, educating the public about rights and responsibilities of bicyclists and promoting public awareness of the personal and community benefits of cycling.

Mark LeBlanc is founder and president of the WellFit Group. His specialties are Workplace Assessment, Jobsite Analysis, Corporate Culture Assessment, HRA Review, Team Building Activities, Leadership Coaching, Wellness seminars, Stress Reduction Techniques, Health Coaching, Wellness Area/ Center Design and Review, Employee Green Transportation Implementation. He is certified in Jobsite Analysis and has been certified by the American College of Sports Medicine and the National Strength Coaches Association as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and is also one of only 2000 Certified Cycling Safety Instructors that are licensed by the League of American Bicyclists, the only cycling advocacy and safety group recognized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to conduct Corporate and Commu-

nity Cycling Safety seminars.

In April, Mark rode in the 26th annual BP MS 150, the largest non-profit event of its kind in North America with 13,000 cyclists, 3,000 volunteers and countless supporters and spectators. The funds they raise go toward research aimed at treating and eventually curing MS. They also provide education, information, direct financial aid and scholarships to individuals and families living with MS. In 2009 the BP MS150 raised \$17.3 million to assist 20,000 Texans with MS. Each individual 2010 rider is required to raise \$400 Mark has achieved over \$1,500. The June 8 luncheon will be held at La Quinta Inn & Suites in Brookshire. 11:30-1pm, \$15/Member/Guest and \$25/Non-Member. For reservations call 281.375.8100 or email chamber@westi10chamber.org



Mark LeBlanc

West I 10 Welcomes New Member

Sander Outdoors, LLC – 4152 Sterling Road, Pattison, TX 77423, Tel: 832.731.7631, email: jeff@sanderoutdoors.com; www.sanderoutdoors.com; Owners: Jeff and Anissa McGowan. Sander Outdoors is 30 acres of Nursery and Tree Farm and offers Landscape, Hardscape, Xeriscape, Irrigation, and Maintenance Service. Due to the downpour on May 15th, the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting has been rescheduled



to Saturday, May 22nd 10am-2pm. Please come join us for this event.

Upcoming Events

West 1-10 Governmental Affairs Committee meeting May 20th

The Governmental Affairs Committee, chaired by Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank, will have its kick-off meeting Thursday, May 20th, 8:00am at West Engineering Services, 907 Bains Street in Brookshire.

West I-10 Ribbon-Cutting Saturday, May 22th

Sander Outdoors Nursery and Tree Farm, 4152 Sterling Road (behind HDH in Pattison)

Grand Opening events begin at 10:00am with ribbon cutting at 11am.

West I-10 Economic Development meeting on June 8th

The June EDC meeting will be a Rooms To Go at I-10 and Igloo Road, Tuesday, June 8 at 7:30. The GM of the facility, Andrew

Day, and store managers, Antonio Rucker and Janice Meadows, will be representing RTG and facilitating a tour and morning's events.

Note that the meeting date has been changed to the second Tuesday due to the first Tuesday falling the day after Memorial Day.

The Brookwood Community is Soaring!

There is major construction going on at Brookwood doubling the size of the Café and the gift center. The enlargement of the parking area has been completed and business as usual in the gift and nursery centers and the Café which is open for lunch seven days of the week. Due for completion in October, the enlarged Café will have seating for 250 diners, band stand and dance floor. The West I-10 Annual Awards Banquet will be held there on Saturday, November 6, 2010 – so reserve that date now – let's fill it up!


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