



Newsletter – April 2009

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Upcoming Events

Friday, May 8, 2009
EDC Meeting at Igloo

Tuesday, May 12, 2009
Membership Meeting / Luncheon

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President's Message

Greg Turner
Turner Partners Architecture, LLP

West I-10 Chamber
President's Message April 20, 2009

In case you missed the last member-

West I-10 Welcomes 2009 New Members

BAR P RANCH INC. (1/09), 1345 FM 359 North, Brookshire, TX 77423
Brad and Robbie Peterson, Email: Robbie@barpranch.com , Tel: 713-545-0955.

Bar P Ranch offers and provides many services – raising and selling champion horses to bottle raising fawns. “We use Nubian goat milk, Target Probiotics, and hours and hours every day of individualized care for your fawns.” Robbiefork Ranch, in conjunction with BAR P Ranch, offers lay-overs with accommodations for horses and their humans - 6 12x12 stalls, a lit and covered arena, a 50’ round pen, and several other turn out traps, electrical and water hook ups - Nice dogs and kids welcome. The Petersons are agents for

ship luncheon, you should know that our new website is nearing its “launch” date. Final touches are being applied, and soon we will have a very attractive, functional, and user-friendly website. Although it will have many great features, we will always be receptive to ideas regarding how it can be improved. Special thanks to Kathryn McAdams Wilson and Vince Yokom on Instrux for all of their hard work in getting this done.

Along with the website, we will also be launching a new logo. We unveiled four different prototypes at the April membership luncheon, and one in particular received an enthusiastic response. Al-

though it will incorporate some of the color scheme and other attributes of our current logo, it will also provide a fresh, new look for our growing chamber.

When you get a chance, please go by the Chamber “office” located at The Cotton Gin. There you will see the resolution passed by the Texas Senate honoring the work of our chamber. It is very impressive, and we have Sen. Glenn Hegar and his staff to thank for arranging such an honor.

Thanks as always to Commissioner Glenn Beckendorff for filling us in on April 14 regarding the proposed County Assistance District. We appreciate his dedication and hard work.

4855 FM 359 North, Brookshire, TX 77423, Tel: 281-831-6804, Email: robertormond94@yahoo.com - Kyle Custom Homes, a premier homebuilder in the Houston area, is locally owned and operated by Robert and Julie Ormond. KCH is a quality builder with long-standing relationships with trusted suppliers and subcontractors who stand behind their work. KCH, fully licensed by the Texas Residential Construction Commission and fully insured, also provides home remodeling and home additions. Robert and Julie have called Fort Bend and Waller Counties home for more than 13 years and have a strong sense of community and a commitment to making the communities a better place for everyone. Julie is on the board of directors for Citizens for a Better Waller County. Robert has donated hours and expertise on construction plans for the recycling facility project for Waller County.

AMEGY BANK of TEXAS (3/09), Business Partner, 3400 Avenue H, Rosenberg, TX 77471, Mark Magee, Tel:281-238-7006. Amegy Bank of Texas specializes in commercial and small business banking as well as private financial management and trust services for family and individuals, in addition to retail and mortgage banking services and offers a wide range of sophisticated products and services at very competitive pricing. Also representing Amegy Bank is Doyle Callender of the Katy Branch.

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Brad and Robbie reside in Brookshire and are both extremely active in the community and Waller County. Robbie is a board member of Citizens for a Better Waller County. Brad is a candidate for the Brookshire City Council.

TEXAS LANDMAN, INC. (2/09) - 1534 Winding Canyon, Katy, TX 77493, Tel: 281-395-1382 - Karl & Lori Skadowski - Email: Karl@txlandman.com - Texas Landman, Inc. is a Real Estate company that specializes in Prime Country Properties in Waller, Fort Bend and Austin Counties. Before becoming a successful real estate broker, Karl spent 23 years as a successful technical recruiter and before that, eight years a project engineer. He has over 37 years experience negotiating contracts successfully. Karl is a proven team player – since joining the Chamber, he has been a most supportive and active Chamber member, attending every membership meeting, EDC meeting, and all ribbon cuttings. Karl and his wife Lori, also a real estate broker, reside in Katy.

KYLE CUSTOM HOMES, LLC (2/09), Robert & Julie Ormond,

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LA QUINTA INN & SUITES (3/09) “SILVER MEMBER” - 701 FM 1489, Brookshire, TX 77423, Mahesh Wadhwa and Ankur Wadhwa, Tel: 281.375.8888. Email; lq6245gm@laquinta.com. La Quinta Inn & Suites in Brookshire had its official grand opening March 18th. General Manager Ankur Wadhwa, along with his friendly staff, provide the best in hospitality and high-quality lodging at affordable prices - including every comfort and amenity a guest would desire—beautifully designed and furnished rooms and suites - each with 32” flat screen cable TV, refrigerator, microwave, high-speed internet access, and more – to the fitness room, business center, outdoor pool and spa. Local businesses and organizations may also take advantage of the spacious meeting room on the first floor of the hotel. Tel: 281.375.8888.

CITY OF FULSHEAR (3/09), P.O. Box 279, Fulshear, TX 77441, Tel: 281-346-1796. The City of Fulshear is located in northwest Fort Bend County, Texas, at the crossroads of FM 359 and FM 1093. The city limits

stretch across approximately 8.2 square miles of beautiful landscape. The City of Fulshear is the fastest growing city in the West I-10 service area. Primarily a farm and ranch community with a growing commercial district, Fulshear offers residents a relaxed country lifestyle and the convenience of being just seven miles from major shopping, dining and entertainment venues. Representative to the Chamber, James W. “Jamie” Roberts was elected City of Fulshear’s Mayor for the fourth time in Fort Bend County’s General Election May 13, 2006. Jamie was elected and served as the first Mayor of Fulshear after he spearheaded the incorporation of the City in 1977. Mayor Roberts continued serving Fulshear for seven and a half years until 1984.

News from Members

Blinn College – Sealy Campus. Jeri Thornton-Dulaney, Director, is the new representative to the Chamber.

Member, First Country Credit Union has merged with Right Choice Credit Union and will operate as **Right Choice Credit Union**. Heather Rutledge, Director of Business Development, is the new representative to the Chamber.

Eve’s Garden Ribbon Cutting



By Lori Ann Lilley
Managing Editor

Members of the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Eve’s Garden last month.

Eve’s Garden is a bed and breakfast facility located in Brookshire. Members of the community, city officials and members of the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce met for food, fun and fel-

lowship.

Also at the ribbon cutting, owners Marla Van Overbeke and Joan Maresh gave tours of the facility. Everyone agreed their beautiful gardens and refurbished home is a lovely place to hold events. Eve’s Garden even has a small chapel on the property for weddings and the bed and breakfast would be a wonderful place for a weekend retreat.

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West I-10 Chamber holds meeting



By Lori Ann Lilley
Managing Editor

Members of the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce met for their regularly scheduled meeting at the Texas Traditions Restaurant in Fulshear. Chamber President, Greg Turner, called the meeting to order. After each person present introduced themselves, lunch was

served to the crowd.

While lunch was served, members were able to speak among themselves and get to know one another better. After lunch, Turner presented West Engineering and Igloo products with certificates for their sustaining memberships.

West Engineering owner, Michael Montgomery, his wife Janet and Jim

Vaughn were present to accept the certificates.

The speaker for the meeting was Waller County Precinct 4 Commissioner Glenn Beckendorff. He gave the group an update on Waller County and announced that Commissioner's Court had approved the Animal Control Ordinance just that morning. He also spoke

about the controversial issue of the recycling center that will be located at the Morton Road site. He also spoke about creating a County Assistance District. This would enable Waller County to adopt a local sales tax for areas that are not in a city's ETJ. The money could only be used in the area that it is collected in.

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