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Upcoming Events

Jan 11 - Membership Luncheon Meeting – “State of the Chamber” at Galileo’s/Pattison

Feb 8 - Membership Luncheon Meeting

Mar 2 – Austin Legislative Trip

Apr 12 – Membership Luncheon Meeting

May 10 - Membership Luncheon Meeting

July 12 – Membership Luncheon Meeting

Sep 13 – Membership Luncheon Meeting

Oct 11 - Membership Luncheon Meeting

Nov 5 – 10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet

Dec 13 – Membership Luncheon Meeting

Additionally, the scheduling of Business Mixers and other events will be announced on January 11.

President's Message



Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP

Your chamber's board of directors got a jump on 2011 by holding its annual planning meeting in December. We assessed all of the activities from the year that is about to close, and batted around ideas for improvements in the coming year. We were ably assisted by some of our terrific committee leaders as well. Our intent is to continually “average up” the quality of what is done for our members.

Among the most positive accomplishments of 2010 were the ability to conduct transactions online to pay dues and attend luncheons (thanks, Paul McConnell!), the increased attendance at luncheons on account of the great programs (gracias, Pat Doucette and Rosemary Gambino!), and the terrific food at our annual banquet (great menu selections—and everything else related to the banquet—Roberta Meader and Kathryn!).

On our “wish list” for the coming year are a major fund-raiser (some exciting news will be announced soon in this regard), activities to connect with and support our area public school district, and stepped-up efforts to enlist and engage new members. One area of emphasis will be for the board to develop better “charge” and “job description” documents to help guide committee members.

In all, it was an enjoyable and productive afternoon. We will be working throughout the year to implement as many of the good ideas as we can. We are always interested in bettering the chamber experience for our members.

Don't forget to participate in some of our “kickoff” events for the new year. We'll get started in 2011 with a “State of the Chamber” membership luncheon in January. Also early in the year we're planning another legislative trip to Austin. Stay tuned for more details—and thanks for your support!

Wishing all of you a very merry Christmas, and a happy new year!

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our future***

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Chamber welcomes new member

Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve – 4430 Guyer Road, Simonton TX 77476/P.O. Box 531. Tel: 713.854.5876

www.Rio-Brazos.com

Connie Parker, VP Event Coordinator



Rio Brazos is a clay target shooting resort. Offers sporting clays for members and sporting clay venue for charity and corporate events. A beautiful outdoor pavilion is the centerpiece of the venue, large enough to accommodate up to 500 people. Half day upland bird hunts are available October thru March with professional guides and dogs along with bird cleaning included. Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve is a perfect venue for company and group events and entertainment of guests. For more information, visit www.Rio-Brazos.com. Or, contact Connie Parker at connie@shootpromotions.com.

2011 Austin Legislative Trip - March 2nd

The date of the West I-10 2011 Austin Legislative Trip has been set – March 2, 2011! Mark your calendars. The Governmental Affairs Committee, headed by Adam Traweck of Amegy Bank and Jason Holmes of Wyatt Resources, is busy on the plans for visiting the capitol and lining up great speakers for the 2011 bus trip to Austin. We will be seeking sponsors in order to keep the ticket price at \$75 per person and affordable for everyone. The ticket price will include the bus trip, lunch, and snacks and beverages on the bus trip. Sponsor levels: Senate Level at \$500 and House Level at \$250. The bus will accommodate 40 and tickets will be sold in advance. More information to follow as plans develop – In the meantime, if you did not have the opportunity to be a part of the 2009 Austin trip and want to know how much fun and informative it was – talk to anyone in the photos who did . . .

<http://www.westi10chamber.org/news/newsletter3-19-09.pdf>

In Case You Missed It

The December 14th Membership luncheon featured guest speaker, Waller County Commissioner and Waller County Judge-Elect Glenn Beckendorff – who shared his humor and cheered his audience with his encouraging and positive ideas for the future of Waller County and businesses within.

Thanks to Glenn and to all the extraordinary attendees who made it such an extraordinary meeting, including Galileo's Mexican Grill/Pattison for the wonderful food and service, to La Quinta for the host venue, and to the door prize donors: Enterprise Bank and Brookshire Municipal Water District.



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Galileo's Mexican Grill



In anticipation - all in good spirits: Bob Copus, Karl Skadowski, Waller County Commissioner-Elect Stan Kitzman, Rosemary Gambino, Doyle Callender, Arnold England



"Working together for our future" - Thank you Greg and Pat for the great meetings!

Plan to attend the January 11th "State of the Chamber" meeting which will be held at Galileo's Mexican Grill in Pattison. The plans and events for the new year will be announced at that time. As we strive to continue to improve the chamber, we hope that members will share their ideas of working together for our future.

If your business/organization would like to sponsor the January meeting, please contact Kathryn at 281-415-2003, or email chamber@westiochamber.org

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Members News

Texas Children's Hospital is excited to announce that the outpatient clinic building at the new **Texas Children's Hospital West Campus** (I-10 & Barker Cypress) began opening in phases on December 1st, with the pediatric emergency center and hospital services opening in spring, 2011. West Campus is Houston's first community hospital designed, built and equipped just for children and offers a broad range of pediatric specialty clinics to patient families in the Greater West Houston area.

Bar P Ranch's Robbie Peterson has been a long time advocate of rescue, adoption, fostering, and spay and neuter programs for pets. When considering a platform to promote as Mrs. Waller County and as a candidate for Mrs. Texas International 2011, it was an easy choice! "Here in Waller County, we have a very young Animal Control Program, and we are working hard to help it grow so that we can eventually offer low cost spay, neuter and adoption services. I find that many people I talk to take for granted that all communities have these services, and often don't realize how many areas are still in dire need of help. We will never get ahead of the overpopulation problems that exist everywhere without education about the importance of spay and neuter throughout every community. I also feel that education about different breeds, information to help families choose the right breed for their lifestyle, can play a major role in reducing the number of pets that end up being surrendered to shelters. Not understanding traits of certain breeds and their needs for exercise or working breed characteristics catches up with people who buy or adopt the adorable puppy, that one day grows into a very big and needy dog."



Robbie Peterson, Mrs. Waller County International 2011

Robbie is available to address any school, civic, community or other organization that is interested in hearing more. If you would be interested, have questions, or would like more information, contact Robbie at 713.545.0955. For appearances or bookings: Robbie@BarPRanch.com

In the spirit of Christmas giving

On December 16th, the **RISD** Pre K was treated to a Christmas party at the Pattison Area Voluntary Fire Department. The party, complete with Santa and gifts for 163 children, games, treats and refreshments for all the Pre K students, teachers and bus drivers, was all courtesy of **WEST Engineering Services** – as it has been its tradition for the last ten years. Each year, Janet Montgomery, as Mrs. Claus, reads the story, "The Night Before Christmas" and Santa (Mike Walsh) passes out individual gifts which have been purchased and hand-wrapped by the "Committee" at WEST. This year the students (163) were divided into three groups. WEST set up and gave the party three times –

*Wishing all our members,
friends and neighbors
A blessed and very
Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year!*



Above: Precious faces are our future. (one of the three groups of the RISD Pre K)



Have a safe Holiday!

Above: Mrs. Claus a/k/a Janet Montgomery Below: Ruby Ormond and Kaylee Meader

