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Upcoming Events

- Mar 2 – Austin Legislative Trip
 - Apr 12 – Luncheon/La Quinta/Program: WC Drainage/Water/Charles Kalkomey, P.E
 - May 10 – Luncheon/Galileo’s/Program Speaker Sheryl Schroeder, Social Sec. Admin..
 - Jun 14 – Luncheon/Cross Creek/Program Speaker: St. Representative John Zerwas
 - July 12 – Luncheon/Program: YMCA/Steve Pierson
 - Sep 13 – Membership Luncheon Meeting - TBA
 - Oct 11 - Luncheon/Program: W.C. Pct 4 Commissioner Stan Kitzman
 - Nov 5 – 10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet
 - Dec 13 – Membership Luncheon Meeting - TBA
- Additionally, the scheduling of Business Mixers and other events TBA*

President’s Message

Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP



As we enter the second month of the year, the good news keeps rolling in! I’m happy to report that we keep checking things off the “to do” list which our board developed at our annual planning retreat. In particular, we’re excited about the formation of two new committees within our Chamber.

First, we now have an Education Committee. Robert and Julie Ormond of Kyle Custom Homes have stepped up to lead this effort. With their child now in the Royal ISD ECC, they have a stake in the success of the school district, and are demonstrating their commitment. We are grateful for their leadership! They are in the formative stages with the committee, so please show your willingness to assist by contacting them and volunteering.

Next, Pat Doucette has volunteered to take on the job of resurrecting our Fund-Raising Committee. Many ideas for events have been discussed, and the Chamber will focus on one to develop as a way to engage the community as well as support a good cause. Thanks, Pat!

To help you decide which of these committees you’d like to be part of, we will be adding information to the website homepage under “Announcements.” Please sign on to participate—it not only helps the Chamber and the community, it helps you develop professionally and make good friends!

A final reminder that our Austin trip is fast approaching. As of this writing, there may still be seats available, so sign up soon! Adam Traweek and Jason Holmes have been doing an outstanding job putting this event together, so please show your support for them.

One last, but certainly not least, note. We welcome a “new” Sustaining Member to the Chamber this year, the Brookshire Economic Development Corporation. Our thanks to all of the good folks at the EDC for the membership level upgrade this year! Your leadership is valued!

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Chamber welcomes new Sustaining member

Congratulations to Brookshire EDC for joining Turner Duran Architects in upgrading to Sustaining Member 2011!

Brookshire Economic
Development Corporation



TURNER DURAN
ARCHITECTS

Congratulations to **Memorial Hermann Katy** for upgrading to the Silver Level 2011!

2011 Austin Legislative Trip - March 2nd

There are a few bus seats still available. If you have not made your reservation, you are encouraged to do so today. We need to have a full bus, so we can make our area's presence known! This is a great opportunity for all of us and our community – to visit with legislators on the hot issues being debated in this 82nd legislative session - and we need to take advantage of it. From the time our bus pulls out of Igloo's parking lot early in the morning, until we return at dinner time, you will learn a lot and enjoy great fellowship. The all-inclusive price of \$75 per person will include the bus trip, continental breakfast going and snacks and beverages on return, lunch with a great lineup of speakers, a Texas Legislative Handbook and photo sessions with legislators. March 2nd is Texas Independence Day. And, just as in the past few years, it will be "Citizens' Lobby Day" – with several grass-roots organizations lobbying on the Capitol steps. – An exciting day to be at the Capitol!

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn at chamber@westi10chamber.org or 281.415.2003 – or Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Adam Traweek: Adam.Traweek@amegybank.com or 281.238.7148.

Members News

Keep Waller County Beautiful (KWCB) donated a printer and supplies to WC Animal Control Officer Don Jones for his office and presented to him at the WC Commissioners Court on February 8th. KWCB, an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, is funded by corporate and individual donations and fund raisers.



For information on KWCB, Contact Rosemary Gambino, KWCB President, by email: rgambino@consolidated.net or 832.496.8836.

Photo L-R:

WC Sheriff Glenn Smith., WC Judge Glenn Beckendorff, WC Animal Control Officer Don Jones, KWCB Directors, Robbie Peterson, Don Garrett, and Rosemary Gambino.

West I-10

Sustaining Members

West Engineering Services

Igloo Products Corp

Texas Landman, Inc.

Rooms To Go

Turner Duran Architects

Brookshire Economic
Development Corporation

Silver Members

La Quinta Inn & Suites /Brookshire

Texas Children's Hospital

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Memorial Hermann Katy

2010-2011

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Development Corp.

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District

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Brookshire

Fort Bend Family Health Center

Galileo's Mexican Grill

Eve's Garden www.evesgardetexas.com



Eve's Garden co-owner, (photo rt.) Joan Maresh Hansen – “We feel so blessed with so many recent bookings. . . “ an intimate December wedding, National Assoc of Women Bs Owners board meetings, ACT Houston field supervisors all-day staff development meetings, and a family is staying the week while visiting Brookwood as a possible place for their adult child, and a first Scrapbooking Retreat end of January.



The Oaks at Brookshire Activities Dept held a first of three Valentine's parties for the residents on Saturday, February 12th. **The Weston Lakes** Garden Club provided choral entertainment and a gift for each resident. Brad Peterson of **Bar P Ranch** accompanied Robbie Peterson, Mrs. Waller County Int'l 2011, who was there to crown the Valentine Kings and Queens. Then the music and “chicken” and Macarena dancing began with one of the residents' favorite entertainer/DJ O'Neal – with the chicken on his head.



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 Gr8 Insurance
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 Department
 Pattison United Methodist Church
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 Right Choice Credit Union
 Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve
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 Rose Hill Ranch
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 Waller County Economic
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 Weston Lakes Country Club
 Wilson Engineering Company
 Wyatt Resources, Inc.

Highway 90 Beautification Project



Royal Horticulture and Floral Design classes of Christy Jacob partnered with the West I-10 Chamber and the City of Brookshire on the Hwy 90 Beautification Project which was spearheaded by Roberta Meader of West Engineering. The purchase of the flowering shrubs and landscaping around the existing trees was made possible with a grant from the Brookshire Economic Development Corp. Special thanks go to Christy Jacob and her students for the hands-on interest and labor, to Mark Martinez and his crew at U.S. Lawns for their time and repeated deliveries and assistance in making this project a success, to Vickie Cast at Brookshire EDC, and to Roberta Meader for facilitating the project from concept to finish.



Vickie Casto, Roberta Meader, Mark Martinez



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If your business or organization would like to sponsor one of the 2011 luncheon programs, please contact the chamber at chamber@westi10chamber.org or 281.375.8100

In Case You Missed It

February 8, 2011, Membership Luncheon

Attendees were treated to a delightful and animated presentation on the opportunities of the Royal FFA by four outstanding Royal FFA students – Nina Bozeman, Perla Aguilar, Josie Gottfried, Jayci Hess in photo below with FFA Ag Advisor and teacher, Christy Jacob on the left. Their presentation began with “Roll back in time, you are in the 8th grade . . .” Their audience was hooked!



Special thanks to Rose Hill Ranch in Pattison for sponsoring the luncheon meeting. Above, L. photo -Rosemary Gambino spoke briefly on the history of Rose Hill Ranch and the Santa Gertrudis cattle, RHR offers free consulting to their junior show heifer buyers and free consulting in ranch management. Special thanks to Enterprise Bank for donation of door prizes.

Special thanks to the Royal FFA!
And, special thanks to our chamber president, Greg Turner!

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ROYAL FFA will hold their annual show March 3rd and 4th with the sale and auction on Saturday, March 5 – If you would like to be a buyer or participate in the parade, please contact the Friends of Royal FFA at 281.934.4673 or 281.794.0314.

Please join us for a Great Community Tradition!

55th Annual -Royal ISD FFA



1957 2011

Livestock and Plant Project Show, Parade, BBQ, & Auction

March 3rd, 4th, and 5th 2011

Show, Sale, Parade and Auction Schedule

Project Judging and Livestock Auction will be held at the

Royal High School Career & Technical Education Expo Center:

Thurs., March 3, 2011.... (6:00PM) Broiler, Goat, & Swine project judging.


Friday, March 4, 2011.... (6:00PM) Horticulture Plant Show; followed by Heifer and Steer Cattle Judging.

Saturday, March 5, 2011 ... (10:00AM) PARADE IN DOWNTOWN BROOKSHIRE:

Theme, "Royal FFA Salutes the Armed Forces!"

..... (11:30AM-1:00PM) Fajita Luncheon @ Royal High School Cafeteria.

..... (1:00PM) Parade Awards followed @ 1:30PM by Jr. Livestock Auction.



Thank You for your continued support of our program!

The West I-10 Chamber of Commerce encourages you to support the Royal FFA!

There will be a Joint Military Academy Day on the campus of UH-Sugar Land, 14000 University Blvd, inside the Brazos Building, on Saturday, February 19th, from 2-4 p.m. This event is open to anyone who is interested in competing for a Congressional nomination to attend the US Military Academy at West Point, NY, the US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO, the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, or the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. Students from the 8th grade through high school, and parents, guardians, and teachers are all welcome to attend. This event is being co-hosted by Representatives Paul, Olson, McCaul, Farenthal, and Jackson-Lee, as well as Senators Hutchison and Cornyn. - For more information, please contact Jackie Gloor in Congressman Paul's Victoria District Office at 361-576-1231, or by e-mail at jackie.gloor@mail.house.gov.