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Upcoming Events

- July 20 – Governmental Affairs Committee/Guest Speaker: Bill Fry/Severn Trent
 Aug 18 –Ribbon Cutting –10AM - New Art Gallery at Brookwood Community
 Sep 13 – Annual BOD Election/Membership Luncheon/Program: Private Land Rights
 Sep 20 - Texas Children's Hospital West Campus Tour & Bs Mixer
 Oct 11 - Luncheon/Program: W.C. Pct 4 Commissioner Stan Kitzman
 Nov 12 –10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet/Brookwood/Dr. Robert Ivany
 Dec 13 – Christmas Membership Luncheon Meeting at Cross Creek Ranch with State Rep John Zerwas MD and WC Judge Glenn Beckendorff; Stewart Title Fulshear/Sponsor
- Remember to Save the dates!**

President's Message



Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP

We're now in the "dog days" of summer. Heat and humidity rule, and this year we have the added matter of dealing with drought. For all of those whose livelihood is adversely affected by the extreme weather, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

As many of you know, the Texas legislature wrestled with many issues in the session just completed. Among these was redistricting of Texas House seats, brought on by rapid population growth in the state and in our area. As a result, this means that all

of Waller County will be moved into the new House District 3. If you look at a map of the new districts, you will notice that the shape of House District 3 looks like a deranged ink blot. It stretches from near Kingwood, curls up around to near Conroe, then back down through southwestern Montgomery County before gobbling up Waller County.

Unfortunately, redistricting means that Waller County will lose John Zerwas. It has been a privilege to have been served by such an outstanding public servant, and we will miss him. Rep. Zerwas will be making his "farewell" to us at our December 13 membership luncheon, so mark the date and come out to thank him. And so you know that not *everything* has changed, all of Waller County remains in Senate District 18, with Senator Glenn Hegar remaining in place.

Enjoy the summer. There is no membership luncheon in August, so we'll see you on September 13, when we hold our annual board elections.

Chamber Welcomes New Members

Right Time Real Estate, LLC, Mary Garbett, Broker, GRI, ABR

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our business continues to flourish as we personally address the real estate needs of loyal clients and their referrals. There is great satisfaction in seeing clients achieve their personal goals while acquiring or conveying real property represented by Right Time Real Estate LLC. Regardless, when it is time for you to buy or sell, it is the Right Time! We enjoyed meeting Mary at the July 12th luncheon and look forward to her active involvement in the West I-10 Chamber!

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Members News - and events

Texas Children's Hospital - 2011 Title Sponsor for West I-10 Chamber's 10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet

(June 15, 2011) – Dr. Huda Y. Zoghbi, director of the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute (NRI) at Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), has been awarded the 2011 Neuroscience Prize of The Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation for her pioneering work in unlocking the genetic and molecular mysteries behind a number of devastating neurological disorders, including Rett syndrome, spinocerebellar ataxia type 1, and brain tumors called medulloblastomas. The prize consists of a gold medal inscribed with the honoree's name, a citation describing her achievements and an unrestricted cash prize of \$500,000.

(June 28, 2011) – Accomplished juvenile diabetes physician-scientist Dr. Jake A. Kushner has been recruited to Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. Kushner has been named a McNair Scholar in diabetes and section head of pediatric diabetes and endocrinology at BCM. Additionally, he has been named service chief of pediatric diabetes and endocrinology at Texas Children's Hospital. He will begin serving in his new roles June 28. "Dr. Kushner is an outstanding, nationally-recognized physician-scientist who will provide extraordinary leadership to our programs in pediatric diabetes and endocrinology," said Dr. Mark W. Kline, chair of pediatrics at BCM and physician-in-chief at Texas Children's Hospital.

(June 29, 2011) – Texas Children's Hospital in Houston announced today that it is the first pediatric hospital in the United States to implant an artificial heart into the chest of a 17-year-old patient as the only option to save his life. The history-making patient underwent a rare 15-hour operation on May 22 and is currently recovering at Texas Children's Hospital. He is one of three congenital heart patients in the nation to get such a device. [View a video of the teen's journey.](#)

(June 30, 2011) – Several West Houston clergy members of various faiths joined Mark A. Wallace, president and CEO of Texas Children's Hospital, and Texas Children's chaplains for a spiritual dedication of the new interfaith chapel at Texas Children's Hospital West Campus, Houston's first community hospital designed, built and equipped exclusively for children. The interfaith chapel is located in the atrium that connects the outpatient and inpatient wings at West Campus. A quiet place where patients, staff and visitors of all faiths can go to pray, meditate and reflect in a calming and peaceful environment, the chapel design incorporates soothing colors and stained glass

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windows embossed with circles that reflect the circular design themes and child-like elements appearing throughout the pediatric hospital.

(July 12, 2011) – A \$486,000, three-year award from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation will help Dr. Christian P. Schaaf, a Baylor College of Medicine physician-scientist with the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute at Texas Children's Hospital, research new approaches to treatment of neuropsychiatric disorders.

The Chamber is so proud of our business partnership with Texas Children's Hospital and especially grateful for Texas Children's Hospital's generous financial commitment as Title Sponsor of the 2011 – 10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet.

BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY has added another dimension to its successful Gift & Garden Center, A Fine Art Gallery with original paintings, elegant glass works, and sculptured gourds, painted gourds, wood work, ceramics, jewelry and antiques – offering a truly unique, one-of-a-kind items for sale. The Art Gallery provides an opportunity for the Brookwood citizens and volunteers to greet patrons and answer questions about the art. Some of the artists have already offered to teach the citizen artists some of the techniques they use in their work. It is a wonderful opportunity to help subsidize Brookwood's mission by using the American Free Enterprise system and not depend on government money.

On August 18, 2011, the official Grand Opening of the Fine Art Gallery will take place at 10:00a.m., with the West I-10 Chamber sponsoring the Ribbon Cutting.

Brookwood is a non-profit residential and day program designed to provide opportunity for adults with special needs. The residents of Brookwood work in real enterprises on our campus. The beautiful handcraft items they produce and magnificent plants they grow are sold in Brookwood's retail gift and garden center. Visit www.brookwoodcommunity.org for more information and upcoming events at the Brookwood Community.

Brookshire Economic Development Corporation has just mailed out invitations to Brookshire's 5th Annual Business Mixer being held at the West Engineering Training Center on August 13th. This is a casual business reception where you can bring your business cards and/or business brochures to promote your business and a great opportunity to network, meet new business people, and to learn about other businesses in our area. Reservations requested by August 5th. Call Vicki Casto 281.934.1730.

First United Methodist Church in Brookshire was transformed into Hometown Nazareth for the 2011 Community Vacation Bible School -with 1st Century market place of shops, school, and synagogues. Over 120 of local youth participated and enjoyed the music, dance, shopping and making the crafts in the different shops, and a light supper provided each evening by each of the five host churches..



FUMC, Pattison United Methodist Church, Bible Fellowship Baptist, Grant Memorial Church of God in Christ, and Zion Hill Baptist, hosted the VBS and worked closely together providing an educational and fun and joyous experience for everyone. Repka's, Galileo's Mexican Grill, Orlando's Pizza and Midway BBQ participated in the fundraising efforts for the community VBS. Many adults and teens volunteered in leadership roles for the five days and all the preparations for the June 26 VBS Thank you all for a most shining example of "Working together for our future."

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Memorial Hermann Katy has been recognized by *Becker's Hospital Review* as one of the 65 Great Community Hospitals 2011 – and the only one in Texas to make the list. These hospitals include fewer than 550 patient beds and have minimal teaching programs. Specialty hospitals and hospitals appearing on America's 50 Best hospitals are not featured on this list. Of the nearly 6,000 hospitals in the U.S. today, some 5,000 are community hospitals, according to American Hospital Association estimates. *Becker's Hospital Review's* annual list of great community hospitals recognizes some of these outstanding community facilities and the important role they play in communities around the country http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/pdfs/hospital-review/July_August_2011.pdf Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital is a 127-bed non-profit and part of the 11-hospital Memorial Hermann System. The hospital provides a wide range of services and specialties, including cancer care, advanced diagnostic imaging, sports medicine and rehabilitation, heart and vascular services, surgical services, imaging and an emergency center, among others. Memorial Hermann Katy's Chest Pain Center is fully accredited to provide treatment for heart attack patients, and its breast care center was recently renovated last November to offer more space and amenities for an improved patient experience. *Congratulations Memorial Hermann Katy!*

Stan Kitzman, Commissioner Pct 4 – On April 9th, after 21 years of service including three separate combat deployments to Iraq, Staff Sergeant Stan Kitzman retired from the Texas National Guard. On June 12th, during special change of command ceremonies in the courtyard of the Alamo, Stan was honored with the Meritorious Service Medal presented to him by Texas National Guard Brigadier General Red Brown as his former



Bravo Company looked on at attention. Traditionally, formal military retirement ceremonies are held to recognize and honor distinguished, retiring commissioned officers, and on very rare occasions, to a distinguished non-commissioned officer.

Many of the men who served with Stan during his deployments and years in the Texas National Guard took part in the ceremony. Stan's father, Judge Oliver Kitzman (photo), and other family members and friends were there to share the proud occasion. During his career, Stan earned numerous commendations including the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal, the Texas Medal of Merit, Texas Federal Service Medal and the Texas Faithful Service Medal.

Thank you, Commissioner Kitzman, for your service to your country and community!

In Case You Missed It

July 12th Chamber luncheon - Attendees enjoyed a presentation by the Brian Haines and Matthew Salazar of the Katy Family YMCA which is the process of developing a presence and much anticipated programs in the Brookshire/Pattison area. Galileo's Mexican Grill provided their great fajita lunch. And, special thanks go to Enterprise Bank for donating two door prizes which were won by the Texas Landman Team and Mary Garbett of Right Time Real Estate. Bill Fry of Severn Trent won the drawing for business spotlight for the September 13 luncheon. Recent new members, Mary Garbett/Right Time Real Estate, Charles Kalkomey/Jones & Carter, and Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services, were presented

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membership plaques by Membership Chairman, Karl Skadowski – *And, someone forgot to remind the designated photographer to take pictures.*

Please note that there will be no membership luncheon meeting in August. The next luncheon/meeting, as well as the annual election of directors, will be September 13th with guest speaker Dan Byfield of American Stewards of Liberty who will be speaking on Private Land Rights – a hot topic in Waller County at this time.

Job Opportunities with Members

First Service Credit Union is currently looking for a motivated and friendly **Lead Teller** for the Brookshire branch located in Brookshire at 3923 5th St.

This position provides teller service & new accounts services to members.

Must have 1+ years experience in the banking industry and/or cash handling experience.

PC skills with the ability to cross-sell services/products is required.

To apply, please e-mail your resume to hr@fscu.com or apply in person at our Corporate office between the hours of 8:30 am – 4:00 pm located at 9621 W. Sam Houston Pkwy N., Houston TX 77064. *** First Service Credit Union is a financially strong, well-capitalized financial services provider with 14 branches across the Houston area. Visit our website at www.fscu.com; EOE

La Quinta Inn & Suites/Brookshire is looking for a part-time desk clerk. For information, call Ankur Wadhwa 281.375.8888, or email lq6245gm@laquinta.com

Committee updates

West I-10 Governmental Affairs Committee. The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2011, 8:00a.m., at the Cotton Gin. Bill Fry of Severn Trent Services will be the guest speaker. New resolutions will be considered.

West I-10 Economic Development Committee - The next EDC meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2011, at Igloo. Speaker TBA

West I-10 Education Committee – The Ed committee is taking a summer break and will gear up again next month to assist in distributing school supplies.

West I-10 Fundraising Committee – Steve Pierson of the Katy Heritage Society has joined Pat Doucette in spearheading plans for a fundraiser for the spring of 2012. More committee volunteers are needed to assist them in plans for the Chamber's first fundraiser.

West I-10 Membership Committee and West I-10 Ambassador Committee – These two committees have joined forces to serve the existing and future membership.

West I-10 Banquet Committee is meeting regularly on plans for the November 12th banquet to be the best ever at The Café at Brookwood – celebrating our 10th Anniversary.

Please consider joining the list of sponsors. Your participation at any level will greatly assist in making this anniversary event, not only the best, but affordable to all without increasing the cost per ticket. *Thank you in advance for your consideration!*