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Upcoming Events

- Jun 28 – Luncheon/Cross Creek/Program Speaker: St. Representative John Zerwas
 - July 12 – Luncheon/Program: YMCA/Steve Pierson
 - Sep 13 – Annual BOD Election/Membership Luncheon/Program: Private Land Rights
 - 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 with Judge Glenn Beckendorff
- Save the dates!*

President's Message



Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP

The diamond jubilee 10th anniversary of the annual awards banquet is still a few months off, but things are already shaping up for this to be another outstanding milestone for your Chamber. By now you know about Bob Ivany, the keynote speaker. Who better than a university president and retired four-star general to address us regarding leadership? And, you know that the Brookwood Community will be a splendid venue once again.

Now, as you have seen elsewhere on these pages, Texas

Children's Hospital has decided to demonstrate its dedication to the West I-10 community by stepping up as the Title Sponsor—again! Better yet, TCH has increased its commitment this year. With a few more sponsorships from others, this will allow us to once again avoid any ticket price increases. We all can especially thank our vice president, Pat Doucette, for his dedication to nurturing the Chamber's relationship with TCH. Also, our sincere appreciation to Ellen Phillips for being our "champion" at the hospital's headquarters! These two have gotten us off to our greatest start ever! So, please mark November 12 on your calendar.

The celebration of Independence Day is upon us. The vision and courage of our founders, some 235 years ago, astounds me still. I have for a long time been in the habit of reading our founding documents each July 4, and I know that many of you do the same. The "self evident truths" of the Declaration of Independence, and the ringing first words of the Constitution, "We the People," are as vital and timely as ever. We cannot afford to be ignorant of these endangered treasures. May God bless the United States of America!

Members News - and events

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

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

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Each YEAR *U.S. News & World Report* releases its list of American's Best Children's Hospitals which names the nation's leading pediatric hospitals based on a combination of surveys, research and data gathering.

Texas Children's Hospital has again been named one of the nation's best children's hospitals - #1 in Houston - #1 in Texas - #4 in the nation, the highest rank for any Pediatric hospital in the Southern United States and the only hospital in the central southern and western regions of the entire country that ranked in the top 10 in nine out of ten categories. For the third consecutive year, Texas Children's Hospital has also earned Honor Roll status by being named as a top hospital in all of the 10 subspecialties surveyed. These rankings reflect the hard work and dedication of each member of the Texas Children's workforce. They also reflect the many things that are made possible through generous philanthropic support from the community - new facilities, state-of-the-art equipment, and recruitment of the best and brightest leaders in health care.

An estimated 3,500 attended the April 9th celebration which marked the official grand opening of Texas Children's Hospital West Campus on IH-10 at Barker Cypress Road - Houston's first community hospital designed, built and equipped exclusively for children. The West Campus outpatient clinic facility has been open since December of 2010 and the 24/7 pediatric emergency center and 515,000 square foot hospital began admitting and treating patients in early March 2011.

The David and Mary Wolff Emergency Center is a 14 bed-unit staffed at all times by board-certified pediatric emergency medicine physicians, dedicated pediatric emergency medicine nurses, and staff all trained to provide emergent care for illnesses and injuries in children less than 18 years of age. Every aspect of the hospital has been carefully designed, equipped and staffed exclusively for children and their families.

ROYAL I.S.D. hosted its annual Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon on June 3rd.

An addition to this year's ceremony was the presentation of the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Teacher Spirit Awards to one teacher of each campus - Melanie Bilyeu of Royal Early Childhood, Kathy Smith of Royal Elementary; Coach Raymond Wilson of Royal Jr. High, and Dawn Richardson-Royal High School. The recipients of the Spirit Awards were chosen by their students from four nominees from each campus based on their enthusiasm, student interaction and overall effectiveness. A Chamber appreciation of dedicated service award was presented to Superintendent Nathaniel Richardson. Award recipients also received certificates of appreciation from Congressman Mike McCaul.

The idea for the Chamber's first Spirit award to acknowledge special teachers was developed by the Chamber's Education Committee which held its first meeting in early March. Special thanks to the committee chairman, Robert Ormand of Kyle Custom Homes, and his committee - Julie Ormond/Kyle Custom Homes, Pastor Dottie Dumas of First United Church in Brookshire, and Jim Meader of PAVFD, for the great start of so much more to come. Part of the mission of the committee's is to encourage more parental involvement in student's activities and academics, as well as, encouraging Chamber members to join the mentoring program already in place at Royal Elementary.

Pictured in photo below from left: Rosemary Gambino/Rose Hill Ranch, representing the West I-10 Board of Directors; Dawn Richardson; Pastor Dottie Dumas; Superintendent Nathaniel Richardson; Coach Raymond Wilson; Robert Ormond; Kathy Smith; ECC Principal Susan Hopkins (standing in for absent Melanie Bilyeu); and Leonard Cash, representing Congressman Mike McCaul.

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Joe Garcia



LJA Engineering, Inc. has announced the promotion of Noe Escobar, PE, to Project Manager in the Houston Land Development Division of LJA.



Noe has more than eleven years of experience of design and civil engineering for land development projects, ranging from small residential developments to large master-planned communities. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas, and a graduate of the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Chamber Welcomes New Member

Severn Trent Services, Inc., 16337 Park Row, Houston, TX 77084

Tel: 281.578.4226, www.severntrentservices.com ; **Bill Fry**, Regional General Manager, bfry@stes.com. Severn Trent Services is a leading supplier of water and wastewater treatment solutions, providing clients with some of the industry's brightest minds, advanced technologies, and quality products to provide truly efficient, cost-effective solutions water and wastewater challenges. Severn Trent Services' global headquarters is in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, with 90 office locations throughout the world. Operating and managing water and wastewater plants in Texas, Severn Trent's Morton Road facility in Waller County has 250 employees and 100 at the Park Row Texas Headquarters.

Bill Fry, native of Katy, Texas, Katy High School Class of 1972, resides in Waller County with wife Karen.

In Case You Missed It

State Representative John Zerwas was listed in *Texas Monthly* as one of the 10 Best Texas Legislators of the 82nd Session.

No surprise – We already knew!

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June 28, 2011 Membership Luncheon



We are looking forward to the program which will feature State Representative John Zerwas as keynote speaker.

The luncheon will be held at Cross Creek Ranch in Fulshear on June 28th – 11:30 – and catered by Essence Café. Meeting Sponsor: Stewart Title/Fulshear. Don't miss it!

We apologize for any inconvenience to members as a result of the late cancelation and rescheduling of the June 14th luncheon. The good news is that there will be additional information from the Special Session from Dr. Zerwas.

Committee updates

The **West I-10 Governmental Affairs Committee** meeting on May 18th featured Waller County Judge Glenn Beckendorff with updates on governmental issues in the county. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2011, at the Cotton Gin.

The **West I-10 Economic Development Committee** meeting on June 15th featured Bill Fendley, Director of the Waller County Transportation Authority, with a history of the WCTA (formerly the Waller County Toll Road Authority), its purpose and the role it will play in the future. The next EDC meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2011, at Igloo.

The **West I-10 Banquet Committee** is meeting regularly on plans for the November 12th banquet to be the best ever – celebrating our 10th Anniversary. When you receive a banquet sponsor appeal letter, **please** consider being on the list of sponsors at any level.

10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet Sponsors



Happy summertime to everyone!