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Upcoming Events

2011

Oct 19 - West I-10 Economic Development Committee Meeting

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

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Jan 10 – State of the Chamber Luncheon

President's Message



Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP

With a mixture of sadness and happiness, I am giving my final message as president of your Chamber. Sadness because it has been a terrific four years serving this great Chamber of Commerce and the wonderful West I-10 community. I will miss the daily challenges and opportunities that one faces as head of an organization dedicated to the advancement of prosperity in this area. On the other hand, it's a great pleasure for me to turn over the reins to Pat Doucette, your new president and chairman.

Pat has been actively involved in so many aspects of the Chamber these past few years, and his dedication and efforts have been greatly beneficial to our organization, and helpful to me personally. I have enjoyed getting to know Pat and to have had the chance to work with him. As the old insurance commercial said, you are "in good hands."

As I make my farewell as president, I also want to thank each and every one of you whom I've gotten to know over the past few years. It has truly been an honor for me to have served you. Everyone is so friendly, helpful, and dedicated to the well being of this community. It has been such a great experience for me, I can't thank you enough!

Now, before I go, one last reminder about the Diamond Jubilee banquet on November 12. We are so proud and honored that our Appreciation Award winners are Rev. Dottie Dumas and Judge Glenn Beckendorff. Congratulations!

Chamber Welcomes New Members

McDonald's Carmichael Enterprises – Owner operator of the McDonald's at 308 FM 359 and IH-10, Brookshire, TX which opened on September 29, 2011. The Brookshire facility reflects a new modern look and eco-friendly dining interior. The Chamber was privileged to welcome McDonald's as a new member to the chamber with a ribbon-cutting on September 28th. Attendees from the local businesses had an opportunity to tour the new state-of-the-art kitchen and enjoy specialty coffee drinks and fresh fruit smoothies from McDonald's new and

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upgraded menu. During the ceremonies, after introducing his management staff, owner, Dan Carmichael, as a reflection of McDonald's pride in giving back and commitment to supporting the community it serves, presented a check to Chief Lyndon Stamps as a donation to the Brookshire Volunteer Fire Department. The monetary donation was well received and applauded by the crowd. (See photos below). For information on McDonald's commitment to improved nutrition, sustainability goals, and environmental stewardship visit www.mcdonalds.com. Representative/Chamber contact: Michelle Carmichael, Office Manager, 979.826.2255; email: mm.carmichael@att.net.

Members News - and events



Pattison United Methodist Church
22ND ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
IN PATTISON, TEXAS
Saturday, October 15, 2011

Welcome Back!

7 am - Big Tent Flea Market
8 am - Crafts, Flowers, Jewelry,
Sweets, Country Store, and Kids Activities
10 am to 1 pm - Silent Auction
11 am to 2 pm - Fast Food Lunch
4 pm to 6 pm - Dinner Take-Out
5 pm to 7 pm - Dinner Eat-In
6 pm - Live Auction



Scrumptious Roast Beef Dinner
Includes potatoes, green beans, slaw,
Homemade bread and dessert, and tea!



Pattison Area
**VOLUNTEER
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Peddler Day
Nov. 5, 2011
9 AM - 5 PM
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State Representative John Zerwas M.D. was recently awarded the People's Choice Award by the Texas Association for Home Care and Hospice.



As Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Dr. Zerwas oversaw the writing of the Health and Human Services' budget. While crafting Article II of the state budget, he worked to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse while creating a more efficient budget to serve our most vulnerable citizens.

Dr. Zerwas cut billions of dollars from the state budget in order to live within the means of the taxpayers and produce a balanced budget. *Rep. Zerwas will be speaking to the Chamber at its December 13th Luncheon at Cross Creek Ranch in Fulshear.*

In Case You Missed It

September 20th- After-hours business mixer and tour at **Texas Children's Hospital West Campus** - Special thanks to Ellen Phillips and the hospital staff for allowing us this incredible opportunity to visit and tour this amazing facility. Such a "happy and feel-good" environment - even the patients don't want to leave. Michelle Riley-Brown, President of the West Campus, was enthusiastic in talking about the progress made and patient care at the hospital in the six months of operation - as was Dr. Charles Hankins, Chief Medical Director. The patient load is In addition to being the most

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modern medical care hospital for children, the facility is truly a gallery of art! Compliments of Texas Children's Hospital, the appetizers from Ray's Grill were an added pleasure – We all left as “Ambassadors of Texas Children's Hospital!”



Pictured above, L-R – 1) Dr. Charles Hankins; Michelle Riley-Brown; Frank Lombard, Katy EDC; Greg Murray, Enterprise Bank. 2) Michelle Riley-Brown; Adam Traweck, Amegy Bank; Steve Pierson, Katy Heritage Society; Dr. Charles Hankins. 3) Deborah Tallman, Career & Recovery Resources, and Johnny Bonaccorso, Stewart Title/Fulshear; and 4) Ellen Phillips, Director of Development/Texas Children's Hospital; Pat Doucette, Edward Jones. More photos are on West I-10 Chamber/Facebook.

September 28, 2011 – Ribbon-Cutting for McDonald's in Brookshire



West I-10 Ambassador Chairman presented new member plaque to Dan Carmichael, Dan's wife, Yvonne, and Office Manager, Michelle Carmichael.

Brookshire VFD's Chief Stamps and Paul Long were still enjoying receiving the check from the Carmichaels when Randy Krause from Shell/Timewise surprised them with another monetary donation! *More photos are on West I-10' Facebook page.*

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 Katy Heritage Society
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 Texas Landman, Inc.
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 Waller County Fair Association
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 Weston Lakes Country Club
 Wilson Engineering Company
 Wyatt Resources, Inc.

October 8th Pattison Car Show – and the KWCB Lawn Mower Races



Keep Waller County Beautiful's 2nd Annual Lawn Mower Race pulled the car show crowd to watch the exhibition of the Mow It All's' super modified lawn mowers. In the end, it was PAVFD firefighter, Andrew Crofton, who took the trophy and prize money. Congratulations, Andrew!

Thank you Sandy Buller for the photos!



October 11th Chamber Luncheon at Galileo's Mexican Grill



A full house was present to hear Commissioner Stan Kitzman speak about the recent re-districting of Waller County, why and how it was determined. Stan also discussed the statistics of the recent tri-county wildfires – having witnessed in person, the devastation of the wildfires, the dedication of the volunteer firefighters and first responders, and the outpouring of volunteerism and donations from the community.

2011-2012 Board of Directors, Bill Fry, Deborah Tallman, Rosemary Gambino, Greg Turner, and Adam Traweek and Jim Vaughn (not present) were sworn in by Judge Krenek. Education Committee members, Julie Ormond and Rev. Dottie Dumas presented checks from the Chamber to Dr. Gary Bates, Superintendent Nathaniel Richardson, Emily Hillsman, and Robin Beaty were presented West I-10 Chamber checks for the RISD Book Fair and reading program which is being encouraged for all children.

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2011 - 10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet

We are pleased to announce that the two community leaders chosen to be honored at this year's annual banquet as recipients of the 2011 Appreciation Awards are **Judge Glenn Beckendorff** and **Rev. Dottie Dumas**. We are looking forward to bestowing upon them such a small token of our appreciation for their many contributions and dedication to the betterment of our community.

We are privileged to be able to have Dr. Robert Ivany as the keynote speaker – And, privileged and greatly appreciative of the generous sponsors who make this 10th Anniversary extra special!! Don't miss it! *If your invitation is lost in the mail, please contact Chamber.*

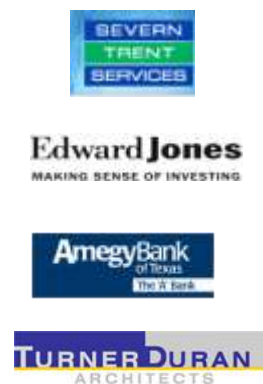
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