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Upcoming Events

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone!

2013 Calendar – Save the Dates

- Jan 8** State of the Chamber Luncheon Meeting—at Ray’s Grill in Fulshear, 11:30am
- Feb 12** Trey Duhon, Waller County Sub-Regional Committee
- Feb 27** Legislative Trip to Austin
- Mar 12** Member Luncheon Meeting; Program TBA
- Apr 9** Member Luncheon: Keep Texas Beautiful, Jamie Wolman
- May 6** – 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social FUNdraiser
- May 14** Member Luncheon: Waller County 4H, Miranda Jones
- June 11** Member Luncheon: Education Committee
- July 9** Member Luncheon: Program TBA
- Sept 10** Member Luncheon & BOD Elections
- Oct 8** Member Luncheon: Program TBA
- Nov** Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet (date and venue TBA)
- Dec 10** Member Luncheon: State Representative Cecil Bell, Jr. and Judge Beckendorff

President’s Message

Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



Thanks to everyone that attended our December meeting at Galileo’s on the 11th. It was great to hear from and visit with Cecil Bell, our State Representative and Glenn Beckendorff, our Waller County Judge.

The Chamber Board held its annual workshop and retreat on December 14th at Igloo Corporation to prepare the 2013 plan for our Chamber. There are some exciting activities

planned and our first priority is to find and set up a home office in the Brookshire area for the Chamber. I will be presenting our plan and status of our Chamber at the January 8, 2013 meeting. The meeting will be held at a new venue, Ray’s Grill in Fulshear.

Enjoy the Holidays and Happy New Year.

Chamber Welcomes New Members

Family Freedom Festival (Non-Profit Member) The Family Freedom Festival first annual 4th of July community celebration premiered in 2012 at the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department – a free public event packed with traditional family activities, contests, games, live music, and laser show. The Family Freedom Festival Committee meets the 3rd Monday of each month planning for another successful Family freedom Festival July 4, 2013. You are encouraged to contact Stephen Your at 832.722.6638 or familyfreedomfestival@gmail.com for information on how you, or

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your corporation, business, or organization can participate by volunteering or sponsoring this community event.

Texas Automotive Muscle, LLC. (Silver Level Member) – P.O. Box 429, Pattison, TX 77466; 281.347.4364, jphovas@consolidated.net. Texas Automotive Muscle is the latest project of community supporter and local businessman, John Hovas – It's a museum for his collection of classic cars and tractors and vintage neon – and home of the Hemi Hideout. The Chamber is most appreciative of Texas Automotive Muscle's Silver Level support!

Member News - and events

Happy Birthday to **Roosevelt Alexander** who turns 80 on December 25th!

Texas Children's Hospital's Director of Development, Ellen Phillips, such a great friend and supporter of the West I-10 Chamber for the past five years while she was a part of the largest expansion in hospital history, has recently left TCH and accepted a position at University of Houston main campus as the Chief Advancement Officer for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences– a great opportunity too big for her to pass up. By email to the Chamber, Ellen wishes “all the members of the Chamber the happiest of holiday seasons.” The Chamber will miss Ellen's participation in the Chamber but wishes her the best on her new journey. Ellen's new email:

ehphilli@central.uh.edu. Kudos to **Grundfos USA** for continuing the longtime tradition of providing the Christmas celebration for the students of the Royal ISD Early Childhood Center – complete with breakfast, games and gifts and a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Check out the events at **The Brookwood Community** for January 2013 – Cooking Light Demonstration with Chef Laura - Menu under 650 Calories, Thursday, January 10th ([click for more menu and more details](#)) – and - on Thursday, January 24th Squire Rushnell & Louise DuArt performing their Music, Inspirations & Comedy Act. Squire is the Author of the “God Winks” book series and lead Good Morning America to be the #1 morning show. Louise is a comedic impressionist and TV Host. ([click for more details](#)).

January 8, 2013 Member Luncheon

The annual “State of the Chamber” Luncheon will be held at Ray's Grill in Fulshear. Chamber President Bill Fry will be reporting the status, plans for 2013 and future goals for the Chamber which were developed at the annual Board of Directors' afternoon workshop/retreat held on December 14th. Time for Q&A will be provided and members are encouraged to participate. Green Group Holdings will have the Business Spotlight on the program. Reservations are required by Friday, January 4th. Members and Members' guests \$15 each; Non-Members, \$25. Cash or check only at the door. Credit card or PayPal online. Make reservation by calling 281.375.8100 and leaving name(s) and phone number, email chamber@westi10chamber.org, or register online by clicking on the June 8 Member Luncheon on westi10chamber.org homepage.

2013 Austin Legislative Trip

Wednesday, **February 27, 2013**, is the date for the bus trip to Austin to spend a fun and informative day at the Capitol visiting with our state legislators and elected officials. This year West I-10 Chamber and Waller County Economic Development Partnership will share the bus to and from Austin. Program and schedule details will be announced in January. Contact Adam Traweek, Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman, for available corporate sponsorships and participation opportunities. 281.238.7148 or Adam.Traweek@amegybank.com.

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In Case You Missed It

The December 11th *State of the County* luncheon was such a “feel good” positive event with Galileo’s providing a special Christmas luncheon and great program provided by Waller County Judge Glenn Beckendorff and State Representative Elect Cecil Bell, Jr. and so much great camaraderie. Thanks to Enterprise Bank for sponsoring the Luncheon and providing door prizes, and thanks to Vickie Casto for providing the photos and posting on the Chambers facebook page.



Above – L-R: (1) Rep. Cecil Bell, Judge Glenn Beckendorff, and J.L. Rose (2) Stephen Your, Judge Oliver Kitzman, and Greg Murray, VP, Enterprise Bank. Photo Left: Rep Cecil Bell, Jr.- Photo Rgt: Katy Councilman Steve Pierson, this year’s winner of the Lemon Squares, enjoying one before sharing the rest with fellow friends.



Pictured below: Bill Fry presented membership plaques to new members (L-R) Barry Koch of Ryan Ford/Sealy, Rob Schneider of NAVCON GROUP, and Stephen Your of Family Freedom Festival.



From the Board of Directors

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season. May we also express our hope that 2013 proves a safe and prosperous year for you!

The Chamber continues to grow and provide more services for our members and community. Our committees are extremely important in the growth of the Chamber. The actions by the Board of directors stem in a large part from the recommendations of our committees. We urge you to let your desire and willingness to serve on a committee be known. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard and become involved.

We remain enthusiastic to serve you. Please let us know how we are doing to provide you the best possible reference for your needs. Thank you for being a part of the Chamber and for your support.

Merry Christmas!



Jeff Cartwright, Greg Turner, Bill Fry, Jim Vaughn, Rosemary Gambino, Steve Pierson, and Adam Traweck – and Kathryn McAdams

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