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Upcoming Events

- Sept 11 - Member Luncheon/Meeting at Galileo's Mexican Grill/Pattison
 BOD Elections/Program speaker: Steve Pierson
- Sept 19 – Government Affairs Committee Meeting 8:00am at Cotton Gin
- Oct 9 – Member Luncheon/Meeting at La Quinta; Guest Speaker: Alan Clark,
 H-GAC Director of Transportation and Planning
- Oct 17 - WI-10 Economic Development Committee Meeting/7:30am at Igloo
- Nov 16 – Friday evening, Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet at Brookwood
- Dec 11 - Member Luncheon/Meeting Program Speakers: State and County Officials

President's Message

Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



Thanks to Adam Traweek for filling in for me at the July luncheon while I was on vacation in Colorado and New Mexico. It was nice to get to a dry and cool climate for a few days.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September luncheon at Galileo's for the annual Board of Director elections and to hear guest speaker Steve Pierson's heart-felt presentation regarding mental health organizations

in Texas and threats of the proposed legislation affecting the mental health services in Texas.

We are finalizing plans for the Annual Banquet for November 16, 2012, to be held at the Brookwood Community. Our membership has really been supportive of the event in the past and we are looking forward to another successful event. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact Kathryn to be a sponsor.

Enjoy the summer and I hope everyone gets some time off to re-charge.

Chamber welcomes new member

J.L. Rose (Individual Membership) J.L. is the Superintendent at Brookshire-Katy Drainage District and has attended many chamber luncheons and EDC meetings. J.L. and wife, Bessie, are long-time residents of Pattison and big supporters of the community.

Members News - and events

Royal ISD Board of Trustees has announced the hiring of Tom Tasma as the new RISD Superintendent. Mr. Tasma was the RISD Superintendent from 1994-2002 prior to serving as Superintendent of Channelview ISD 2002-2012 and had recently been hired

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as the Interim Superintendent when Superintendent Nathaniel Richardson announced his retirement last May. . . . **Houston Executive Airport** which opened in 2007 between Katy and Brookshire now has more than 122,000 square feet of lease space after the recent completion of the new 26,650 sf corporate hangar. . . . **Memorial Hermann Katy** has once again made the Becker's Hospital Review list of 1 "100 Great Community Hospitals" which recognizes high-performing hospitals that have fewer than 550 beds and minimal teaching programs. The hospitals were selected based on "demonstrated commitments to the health of their local population through clinical excellence, community involvement and various other efforts" based on information, recognition and rankings received from a variety of industry sources. . . . **LJA Engineering, Inc.** has announced that Karina Moreno has joined the team as Public Relations Coordinator in the firm's Marketing Department. Karina will be responsible for organizing all of LJA's client events and functions, as well as the firm's community outreach events in the Houston area. Taylor Baumgartner, PE has been promoted to Project Manager in its Houston Land Development Division. . . . **Rooms To Go** is in process of expanding its West I-10 Distribution Center – when completed it will occupy approximately 1.3 million SF and will add 25-50 additional employees to its existing staff of approximately 300. . . . As of July 1, 2012, Emily Hillsman is doing business as **Hillsman & Vahalik** – a partnership formed with attorney Matt Vahalik who is now a licensed CPA. Congratulations to both! **First United Methodist Church/Brookshire** will honor the RISD staff, teachers, and administrators, Friday, Aug. 24, by taking an early afternoon snack of fruit and baked goods to each campus and the administration building. . . . **Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department (PAVFD)** will be celebrating 11th anniversary chicken fried steak/chicken and auctions on September 8, 2012. Dinner and Silent Auction starts at 5:00 pm, Live Auction starts at 6:00 pm. Contact Hollis Ulbricht, Jr. for more information 281.934.3473.

In Case You Missed It

July 10th membership luncheon – Guest speaker **Vince Yokom**, Waller County Economic Development Partnership (WCEDP) executive director updated attendees on the ongoing economic development in southern Waller County and discussed the positive impact of providing tax abatements to attract companies which bring jobs to Waller County and ultimately provide more tax revenue to the county. WCEDP worked with Goya Foods Inc., one of the nation's largest Hispanic-owned food companies, on its relocation to Waller County. Goya recently purchased 130 acres on the north side of US Hwy 90 near Igloo and is expected to break ground this year for a large bean cannery which will bring an estimated 115 jobs to the county. Goya will receive a 10-year tax abatement. WCEDP is currently working with Weatherford International which is expected to build a new \$90 – \$120 million facility between Katy and Brookshire to support its oilfield service operation, with an expected workforce of 400-600 people. Nearby Houston Executive Airport just completed its 4th corporate hangar with plans to start construction on the state-of-the-art arrival canopy like the 18,000sf canopy at its sister Austin Executive Airport which Ron Henriksen opened in Spring of 2011.



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Below: Jim Russ and Rev. Dottie Dumas



Photos, courtesy Vicki Casto : post-luncheon discussion – above left, Anthony Francis and Vince Yokom; above right - Michael Montgomery, Doyle Callender and Adam Traweek.

Business Spotlight was presented by Boone Smith, owner of **Patriots Junk Removal & Hauling**, the full service junk removal and custom hauling company providing commercial and residential services.

www.patriotsjunk.com – 281-726-1517.

Special thanks to Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank and guest Jim Russ/EHRA for providing the door prizes – to Vince Yokom, our guest speaker, Galileo's staff,

Sept 11, 2012 Member Luncheon

Steve Pierson, guest speaker for the September luncheon, will be addressing the issues facing the Texas mental health care organizations and the ones who rely on them. Steve, pictured on the right with State Representative Bill Callegari and Danette Castle, CEO of the Texas Council of Community Centers, has spent the last two months traveling across Texas meeting with elected officials and presenting testimony before Stakeholder's meetings, and speaking to committee chairs of Appropriations, Public Health and Human Services, Finance and Health and Human Services.



Texas is home to more than 400,000 citizens with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), the vast majority living with their families. Severe and persistent mental illness is a medical condition that affects approximately 3% of Texans, challenging the lives and families of more than 750,000 people in our state. Effective treatment and support services help people keep jobs, stay in school and maintain healthy relationships. Essential mental health services also reduce demand on emergency rooms, hospitals, jails and prisons.

The September luncheon is being held at Galileo's starting at 11:30a.m. Those planning to attend may register online by going to website homepage www.westi10chamber.org and clicking on the event. Members and members' guests \$15 and Non-members \$25 payable by check or cash at the door or credit card or PayPal when registering online.

Save the Date: November 16, 2012

for attending the 11th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet and celebrating our Texas history on Friday evening at the Brookwood Café. Banquet keynote speaker **Scott Griffin**, who portrayed the elder Sam Houston in the first ever documentary about the life of Sam Houston based on the book Sam Houston by celebrated author and biographer James L. Haley, will portray the elder Sam Houston during an entertaining and informative presentation for Banquet attendees. Retired Katy ISD teacher and avid history buff, Mr. Griffin is a native Texan and passionate about keeping the Lone Star State's history alive. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor's and a Master's in Education and taught Texas History for 24 of his 32 years in Katy ISD. He and his wife, also a KISD teacher, have lived in Katy since 1971.

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Scott has been involved in the Cane Island Volunteers re-enactment group since 1986. The group was formed by C.I. Cardiff and Kenneth Welch to commemorate the Texas Sesquicentennial. The group continues to teach by demonstrating the pioneer skills needed to survive in Texas during the 1830's to schools, folk festivals, and civic groups throughout the year.



Beginning with the social hour at 6:00pm, a most entertaining evening is being planned and will include honoring two Texans from our community for their community service.

The Chamber is pleased to announce that **Brookshire Economic Development Corporation** is the **Title Sponsor** of the **2012 Appreciation Awards Banquet**.

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