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Upcoming Events

- Oct 9** - Members Luncheon at La Quinta/Brookshire—11:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Alan Clark, MPO Director, H-GAC
- Oct 17** - West I-10 EDC Meeting at Igloo Products—7:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Brad Colliander, Sr. Market Analyst, Texas Metrostudy
- Nov 14** - Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting
- Nov 16**— 11th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet at Brookwood Café
- Dec 11**— Member Luncheon Meeting—Luncheon Sponsor: Enterprise Bank
Program Speakers: State and County Officials

President’s Message

Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



It was great to see the September luncheon and annual election so well attended. Thanks to everyone for their confidence in me in electing me to another term on the Board. I am looking forward to continue serving with our dedicated board members, Adam Traweek, Greg Turner, Jim Vaughn and Rosemary Gambino – and along with them, I am excited to welcome Steve Pierson and Jeff Cartwright to the Board of Directors and the fresh ideas and expertise they will bring

to the Board and moving our chamber forward.

Special thanks to Gary Hudman of the Waller County Fair Association for providing day passes to this year’s annual Waller County Fair & Rodeo to all the attendees. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to go out and enjoy the Fair & Rodeo. Proceeds provide thousands of dollars in scholarship for our youth.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the October 9th luncheon for an informative program with guest speaker Alan Clark, H-GAC Director of Transportation Planning. Transportation is a very important topic in Texas, one of the fastest growing states in the nation and adding 30,000 vehicles per month on Texas roads and highways.

Chamber welcomes new members

Texas First Industrial Corporation—32473 Morton Road, Brookshire, TX 77423; www.tfi-corp.com; 281.934.1190; Chamber Contact: Aungela Thomas, HR Mgr, Athomas@tfi-corp.com. Texas First Industrial specializes in Drilling Rigs and components.

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Members News - and events

Waller County Fair Association – Annual Waller County Fair and Rodeo – Sept 28 to Oct 6 – This year saluting Operation Military Embrace. Truly great fun entertainment for the whole family. Please go to www.wallercountyfair.org for performance times of all events including pro rodeo and music headliners. Also, check out the video produced by the Royal HS Video Tech Class on the WCFA homepage.

About 5 years ago Vince Yokom started working with high school students enrolled in video programs at school. The students come out and get real world experience shooting video during the fair. For the past three years Royal HS has been very involved and has used this as a learning opportunity for its students. Vince started with two students and is proud to say that this year 16 RHS students are participating. This year the fair board has allocated \$2000 toward video scholarships. Vince wants to grow that and increase the scholarships and also have money to buy new equipment for the HS video programs. Anyone interested in helping out through a sponsorship, or would like to get more information, email Vince at vyokom@wallercounty.org. The fairgrounds are located on FM 359 just south of old Hwy 290.

The Brookwood Community - Come Meet Your Favorite Artists! Artists will be in the Gallery at Brookwood on November 14th from 10:30-2:30 pm to personally sign your unique fine art purchases and Christmas Gifts – Kathy Armstrong, Fine Jewelry; Richard Hess, Raku Sculptor; Kenneth Youngblood, Woodcraftsman; Rita Kirkman, Artist and Caricaturist; Cathy Crain, Raku Sculptor; Patty Pendergast, Pet Portrait Artist; Jim Berry, Wood Sculptor. A gift bought at Brookwood is a gift to the Brookwood Citizens! Make lunch reservations 281.375.2400.

Houston Executive Airport – Watch it grow!



New arrival canopy at HEA
September 24, 2012

In Case You Missed It

2012 Elections of Board of Directors Positions 2, 4, 6 were held at the September 11th luncheon/meeting. The Chamber welcomes new Directors Steve Pierson/Katy Family YMCA and Jeff Cartwright/Igloo Products Corp to the Board - and Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services to his first elected full term.



Thank you Steve, Jeff, and Bill for your willingness to serve!

The Board of Director meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday.

Directors are elected annually for two-year terms.

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October 9, 2012 Member Luncheon



Alan Clark will be the guest speaker at the October 9th Luncheon to be held at La Quinta Inn in Brookshire.

Mr. Clark is the Director of Transportation Planning for the Houston-Galveston Area Council. He is the Director for H-GAC's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is responsible for development of the region's multimodal transportation plans. The MPO's Transportation Policy Council approves the programming of all federal highway and transit funds in Harris and the adjacent seven counties. Mr. Clark's responsibilities also include coordinating the

Houston-Galveston area's response to mandates contained in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Mr. Clark has been a transportation planner with H-GAC since 1983 and has managed its transportation and air quality programs since 1986. Prior to coming to H-GAC, he worked as a transportation planner with the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County and as a traffic engineering consultant. In 2005, Mr. Clark was named a member of the Transportation Research Board's Policy Study Committee on Climate Change in U.S. Transportation. In 2006, Mr. Clark was also appointed to the Federal Advisory Committee on Impacts of Climate Variability and Change on Transportation Systems and Infrastructure-Gulf Coast Case Study. He is currently a member of the National Academy of Science's Oversight Committee of the Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2). Alan holds Masters Degrees in Civil Engineering and City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University. He completed his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee in his hometown of Knoxville.

The meeting begins at 11:30a.m. The luncheon will be catered by Galileo's Mexican Grill. Members/Member Guests \$15 – Non-Members \$25. Reservations are required. Tel: 281.375.8100 or Email chamber@westi10chamber.org or register and pay online www.westi10chamber.org.

Annual Banquet update November 16, 2012

Within the next two weeks, the names of the recipients of the 2012 Appreciation Awards will be announced and formal invitations will be mailed. In the meantime, we are excited to announce the addition of entertainment to this year's social hour preceding the dinner and program. Sally Loner Boyd is a two-time winner of the Gulf

Gulf Coast Celtic Harp Competition and winner of the SAMFest harp competition. Sally has been performing on the harp since 1990 and has performed at a variety of venues around Houston including The Mucky Duck, Hickory Hollow Restaurant, The Antique Rose Emporium, several area Churches, and Senior Communities. Her arrangements for harp have been described as, "sprightly [and] fresh." Her performances "entertaining." Sally is a resident of Pattison, Texas.



Save the Date: November 16, 2012

The West I-10 Chamber of Commerce will serve up a healthy slice of Texas History with dinner Nov. 16, 2012, during its 11th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet at the Brookwood Café of the Brookwood Community in Brookshire. Banquet Keynote Speaker Scott Griffin, a retired Katy ISD teacher and avid history buff, will portray the elder Sam Houston during an entertaining and informative presentation for chamber members and guests. Mr. Griffin is a native Texan and passionate about keeping the Lone Star State's history alive. Scott Griffin, portrayed the elder Sam Houston in the

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recent and first ever documentary about the life of Sam Houston based on the book *Sam Houston* by celebrated author and biographer James L. Haley. Approximately 30 other Katy community members were involved in the project. The authentic-rich context of "The" Sam Houston story will be shared with all who attend.

Born in Virginia in 1793, Houston became commander-in-chief of the Texas Army during the Texas Revolution. After the Alamo and the capture of Santa Anna, he went on to become the first President of the Republic of Texas. He served in Congress, eventually becoming the governor of Texas. But in 1861, Houston was removed from office after opposing the secession of Texas from the Union. He retreated to the privacy of his home in Huntsville, where he died in 1863.

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