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Upcoming Events

Feb 14 – Member Luncheon/Joe Garcia/Workforce Commission at Galileo’s /Pattison

Feb 15 – WI-10 EDC meeting at Igloo/Guest Speaker: Commissioner Andy Meyers

Mar 13- Member Luncheon/Cody Dennison, Waller County Ag Ext/La Quinta

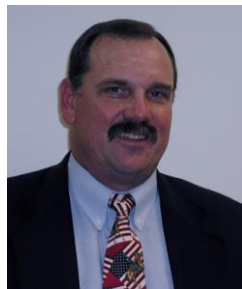
Apr 10 - TBA

May 8 - TBA

May 15 – Fundraiser: Ice Cream Social at PAVFD

President’s Message

Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



Happy New Year!! Our first Board meeting and Chamber luncheon revealed changes in the Chamber leadership. Our newly elected President Pat Doucette unfortunately had to resign due to personal requirements at home and running the family business due to an illness in his family. So, since I was the vice-president, I stepped up to see if I can continue the vision of making our Chamber more involved in the promotion of our member’s business and address our

community’s needs. I look forward to working with everyone involved in the Chamber and being a positive leader to motivate others to implement our vision. Hopefully we will have a permanent office in Brookshire before the end of 2012. I wish everyone a prosperous 2012.

Chamber Welcomes New Member

Vahalik & Vahalik, PC; 914 Otto Street, P.O Box 730, Brookshire, TX 77423; Tele: 281.375.2244; email: cori@vahaliklaw.com. Vahalik & Vahalik, PC is the husband-wife legal team of Matthew and Corinne Hillsman Vahalik located at 914 Otto Street. Started by Matthew in 2007 as Matthew K. Vahalik, PC, the practice welcomed Corinne in February 2011. Vahalik & Vahalik handles all forms of civil matters, including estate planning, probate, commercial contracts and litigation. Prior to joining Vahalik & Vahalik, Corinne practiced in Fort Bend County, where she also volunteered with Fort Bend Lawyers Care and served as subcommittee member for the Unauthorized Practice of Law Subcommittee.

Members News - and events

The brand new **Priority Emergency Room** located at 23114 Seven Meadows Parkway in Katy, just off S. Fry Road west of the Grand Parkway opened for business on Monday, January 9, 2012.

Membership

Karl Skadowski/Texas Landman

Programs & Events

Rosemary Gambino/Rose Hill Ranch

PR & Marketing

Michael Montgomery/West Engineering Services

Website

Paul McConnell/Key Insurance Agency

Annual Banquet

Roberta Meader/West Engineering

Fundraising

Steve Pierson/Katy Heritage Society

Nominating

Anthony Francis/LJA Engineering

Governmental Affairs

Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank

Jason Holmes/Wyatt Resources

Education

Robert and Julie Ormond/

Kyle Custom Homes

Administrative

Kathryn McAdams Wilson

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West I-10

Sustaining Members

West Engineering Services

Igloo Products Corp

Texas Landman, Inc.

Rooms To Go

Turner Duran Architects

Brookshire Economic
Development Corporation

Silver Members

Texas Children's Hospital

Janet J. Montgomery, CFP, CWS

Amegy Bank

Memorial Hermann Katy

2010-2011 Members



In Photo above: Priority Staff, Kathryn Hey, RN; Mary E. Horrigan, MD; Krystina Huynh, DO; Winnie King, MD; Jorge Zeballos, MD; Lenae Amerine, RN. Pictured below with ER staff, Chamber members: Stephen Alaniz, Paul McConnell, Deborah Tallman, Jim Vaughn, Linda Anderson, Kathryn McAdams (R-L) Photos by Sandy Buller/Buller Photography.

West I-10 Chamber members participated in the ribbon cutting and enjoyed the opportunity to tour the brand new facility and meet the staff during the Open House event on Saturday, January 7th.

Contactus@priorityer.com for additional information.



In Case You Missed It



Allen Boone Humphries Robinson
 Allen Samuels Katy Dodge
 Amegy Bank
 Anchor Dental/Katy
 Aradyne Industries, Inc.
 Arens Services
 Bar P Ranch
 Blinn College – Sealy Campus
 Brookshire Economic Development Corp.
 Brookshire Car Care
 Brookshire Municipal Water District
 Brookshire Steel
 The Brookwood Community
 Buller Productions
 Career & Recovery Resources
 Cecil Bell, Jr.
 CenterPoint Energy
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 Consolidated Communications,
 Darleen St. Jean, CPA
 Days Inn, Brookshire
 Daystar Publishing, Inc
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 Emily Hillsman, CPA
 Enterprise Bank
 Eve's Garden
 Farmers Insurance Group
 First Service Credit Union
 First United Methodist Church/
 Brookshire
 Fort Bend Family Health Center
 Galileo's Mexican Grill
 Gateway Realty
 Gr8 Insurance
 Green Group Holdings, LLC
 Grundfos, CBS Inc
 Hasta La Pasta Italian Grill
 HDH Instruments, LP
 Houston Executive Airport
 Houston West RV Park
 Igloo Products Corp
 L.N. Jones Ministries
 La Quinta Inn & Suites
 J&J Packing Company
 JNS Consulting Engineers
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 Joe Garcia
 Johnson Radcliffe Petrov & Bobbit
 Jones & Carter, Inc.
 Katy Area EDC
 Katy Family YMCA
 Katy Heritage Society
 Keep Waller County Beautiful
 Ken Carter
 Key Insurance Agency
 Kyle Custom Homes LLC
 LJA Engineering & Surveying
 La Quinta Inn & Suites, Brookshire
 McDonald's Carmichael Ent.
 Memorial Hermann Katy

Gathered at First United Methodist Church in Brookshire on December 29, 2011, were some 100 persons representing various agencies, individuals, businesses, churches, and organizations that came together to address the issue of the recent suicides of two high school students and attempted suicide of another in the past two months – and to become part of the solution. For three hours, beginning with a breakfast donated by Southern Kitchen, the assembled group listened to testimonials and pleas from school administrators and clergymen for the local community and businesses to invest in our youth. One key testimonial and speaker was Tre9, aka Bobby Herring, a young man with well documented success working with teens in the 3rd & 5th wards of Houston as well as in other areas. Tre9 and others have come forward to present assemblies with positive messages of hope and encouragement on Friday, January 20th to the Royal Jr and High Schools...2 assemblies for each school and a concert on Friday evening for the students with adults and other young people who are trained leaders being available for our youth to talk with, pray with and simply have an opportunity to meet someone who cares.

. . . .although these are volunteers, there are still expenses associated with such large-scale events. In addition to volunteering yourself, you have an opportunity to help underwrite the costs of these events. The funds will be handled, at least for the time being, by the Brookshire-Pattison Area Christian Alliance. If you would like to donate, you or your business may make a check payable to BPACA and put RISD on the memo line. (This will help the Alliance to distinguish these donations from those for other purposes.) You may mail your donation to BPACA, P.O. Box 1451, Brookshire, TX 77423. Or, you may give it to Rev. Dottie Dumas and she will get it to the Alliance treasurer.

“One investment I would like to encourage is an investment in our community youth. . . Giving our children and youth a firm foundation of education and offering them hope in a world which often denies that there is any hope is one way we can honor our commitment. . We may or may not know what is happening in their home lives or be able to do anything about it, but we can be a positive influence at school and after school.” – Pastor Dottie Dumas, First United Methodist Church/Brookshire.

The State of the Chamber luncheon/meeting on January 10th

Members and guests welcomed new chamber president, Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services, and his leadership of the Chamber going forward – Committee Chairmen were introduced and each encouraged members to participate with their attendance and ideas *Program Committee* - Chair, Rosemary Gambino/Rose Hill Ranch, outlined the programs for 2012 (to be posted in upcoming events). . . *Governmental Affairs Committee* - Chair, Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank – Committee meetings are held at 8am at the Cotton Gin, the 3rd Wednesday of odd numbered months. Meetings provide discussion of governmental issues affecting our area and business. Committee has drawn up several resolutions regarding governmental issues, plans and facilitates bi-annual Austin Legislative trips and political candidate forums in election years. Notice will be forthcoming for upcoming Candidate Forum pending delayed Primary Election date set due to the redistricting litigation. . . *Economic Development Committee* - Chair, Jon Strange/JNS Engineering – meetings are held at 7:30am at Igloo on 3rd Wednesday of even numbered months with program speakers on issues related to economic development such as infrastructure, education, government. . . *Education Committee* - Co-Chair, Julie Ormond/Kyle Custom Homes, noted that the school district plays a major role in the economic development of our community and that education is necessary for success. The West I-10 Education Committee was formed in 2011 to partner with the RISD administrators and faculty in the promotion of education of our youth and future of our community. In 2011, the committee presented the first Annual Teacher Spirit Awards to one teacher from each school for going the extra mile and made monetary donations to the Book Fair and reading program on behalf of the Chamber. The committee's plans for 2012 are to establish West I-10 Chamber Scholarships, academic and trade, to be involved with the mentor program, and to repeat the contributions made in 2011 – and to assist the Fundraising Committee. . . *Fundraising Committee* – Chair, Steve Pierson/Katy Family YMCA, is spearheading the Chamber's first fundraiser,

Oliver S. Kitzman, Sr.
 One 2 mini Ranch Tack & Feed
 Orizon Industries, Inc.
 Patriots Junk Removal & Hauling
 Pattison Area Voluntary Fire
 Department
 Pattison United Methodist Church
 Priority Emergency Room
 Ray's Grill
 Repka's Grocery & Kitchen
 Right Time Real Estate LLC
 Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve
 Rooms To Go
 Roosevelt Alexander
 Rose Hill Ranch
 Royal I.S.D.
 San Jacinto Girl Scouts
 Saturn Machine, Inc.
 Severn Trent Services, Inc.
 Shanco Equipment Specialists
 Southwest Properties
 Stan Kitzman, Commissioner Pct 4
 State Rep. John Zerwas MD
 Stewart Title, Fulshear
 Tackle Construction Co. Inc.
 Ted Krenek, JP, WC Pct 4
 Texas Children's Hospital
 Texas Landman, Inc.
 The Best Years Antiques &
 Collectibles
 The Oaks at Brookshire
 Thomas Instrument
 Turner Duran Architects
 TXU Energy
 Vahalik & Vahalik, PC
 Waller County Economic Development
 Partners
 Waller County Fair Association
 West Engineering Services
 Weston Lakes Country Club
 Wilson Engineering Company
 Wyatt Resources, Inc.

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scheduled for May 15, 2012, at the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department. The Ice Cream Social event is to raise funds for the West I-10 Education Committee's fund for RISD scholarships and reading and mentor programs - and has been tagged "FUNdraiser" with the theme "It Takes a Community!" Steve encouraged every member to participate in some way. Sign up forms were passed out for volunteers in help with sponsorships, door prizes, raffle items, advance ticket sales, supplies, music, set-up and clean-up, and other. Thanks to all who signed up to help and to everyone for your positive responses. As the subcommittees and task forces are assigned, more details will be forthcoming. Thanks to everyone who participated in the meeting and luncheon!!

The next luncheon/meeting will be at Galileo's in Pattison on February 14th.

May 15, 2012 West I-10 Ice Cream Social

Individual and business sponsorships are available now at \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. Please contact Steve at 832.661.8800 or SteveinKat@consolidated.net or the chamber at chamber@westi10chamber.org with your ideas and ability to participate in this upcoming fundraising event.

West-10 Chamber of Commerce FUNdraiser - working together for our future

It Takes a Community!!

1st Annual Ice Cream Social

Benefiting West I-10 Education/Scholarship Fund

- Featuring ~
- Guest Scoopers
- 50/50 Raffle
- Prize Drawings
- Live music
- All you can eat ice cream ~ Make your own sundae

Tuesday

May 15, 2012

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

TICKETS

\$5 ADVANCE
OR
\$7 DOOR
\$5 SENIORS (at door)
Children under 3 free

It takes a Community - we need you!!

Music, Door Prizes, Raffle Items,
Volunteers for ticket sales, supplies,
setting up/clean up, etc. etc.

at the

Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE NOW!

\$1,000 - \$500 - \$250

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email chamber@westi10chamber.org