



The Latest News

from **The West I-10 Chamber of Commerce**

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 Severn Trent Services
- Adam Traweck Vice President
 Amegy Bank
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 Turner Duran Architects
- Rosemary Gambino Secretary
 Rose Hill Ranch
- Steve Pierson Director
 Katy Family YMCA
- Jim Vaughn Director
 Loyds Register/West Engineering
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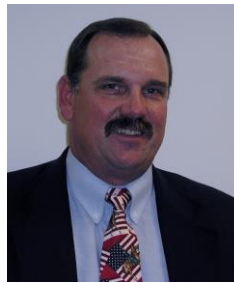
Upcoming Events

2013 Calendar – Save the Dates

- Sept 10** Member Luncheon & BOD Elections; Guest Speaker- Richard Fields, P.E.
Sept 19 Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting – 8:00
Oct 8 Member Luncheon: Program “Wellness in the Workplace” -Monica Matthews
Nov 8 Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet
Dec 10 Member Luncheon: State Representative Cecil Bell, Jr. and Judge Beckendorff

President’s Message

Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



The Chamber does not have an August membership meeting. However, your Chamber Board and Executive Director and Nominating Committee have not taken the month off. We are preparing for the Board of Director’s annual election in September and the Annual Banquet that will be November 8th. We have seven candidates that have been qualified for four positions on the Board. It is great to see the interest from our membership to want to be part of the Board. I am not up for

re-election, however, I am willing to continue to serve and hopefully continue our growth.

Our Annual Banquet planning committee is planning a unique and fun event for November 8th and we have secured several sponsors for the event. If you have not already, we hope you will consider a sponsorship and please contact the office for details. Did I say office? We are still working on it, but it is my goal to have the location secured by the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing all of you September 10th at La Quinta in Brookshire to take part in the election and enjoy the great program with guest speaker, Richard Fields. Stay safe.

Annual Board Elections 2013

The nominating committee has announced the slate of candidates for the four board positions to be elected at the annual elections meeting, September 10, 2013. In addition to the two incumbents seeking re-election to the Board, Adam Traweck and Jim Vaughn, there are five very qualified candidates on the 2013 Ballot. The slate of candidates for the Board of Directors Positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 is as follows (*in alphabetical order by first name*):

- Adam Traweck** - Amegy Bank, V.P. Commercial Lending (currently Board VP)
- Barry Koch** - Ryan Ford/Sealy, Service & Parts Director
- Corinne Hillsman Vahalik** - Attorney, Vahalik & Vahalik, Brookshire
- Jim Vaughn** – Senior Contracts Manager, Lloyd’s Register/West Engineering
- Mary Garbett** – R.E. Broker, The Right Time, Keller Williams Memorial in Katy
- Paul McConnell** – Vice President, Key Insurance Agency, Brookshire, Texas
- Rich Gussert** - Vice President & Manager, Grundfos USA - Brookshire Texas

Economic Development
Jon Strange/JNS Engineers

Programs & Events
Rosemary Gambino/Rose Hill Ranch

PR & Marketing
Open

Website
Paul McConnell/Key Insurance Agency

Annual Banquet
Roberta Meader/West Engineering

Fundraising
Steve Pierson/Katy Family YMCA

Nominating
Anthony Francis/LJA Engineering

Governmental Affairs
Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank
Jason Holmes/Wyatt Resources

Education
Robert and Julie Ormond/
Kyle Custom Homes

Membership
Steve Pierson/Katy Family YMCA

Administrative
Kathryn McAdams Wilson

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West I-10 Sustaining Members

Igloo Products Corp
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Amegy Bank
Aradyne Industries, Inc.
Blinn College – Sealy Campus
Brookshire Economic Development
Brookshire Family Medical
Brookshire Municipal Water District
Brookshire Steel

Ballots for the 2013 Board of Directors Election will be available at the annual elections meeting on September 10, 2013. Members are encouraged to make every effort to attend and vote for the four candidates of your choice to serve you on the Board.

September 10th Luncheon/Meeting

Richard Fields, Director of Business Development for Aguirre & Fields will be the guest speaker at the September 10th member luncheon. Mr. Fields founded Fields Engineering Consultants in 1999 and merged with Aguirre Engineering Consultants in 2002, forming Aguirre & Fields, LP.



As a young firm, Aguirre & Fields has already worked on nearly one percent of the state's 50,000 vehicular bridges. Under Richard's leadership, the firm served as prime consultant on the first phase of the IH 610/US 59 interchange reconstruction and the Grand Parkway/Westpark Tollway directional interchange.

Richard's engineering experience includes designing the 1985 rehabilitation of the Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge. He served as PM on the \$50M IH 45 widening in Spring, the section the Grand Parkway intersects IH 45. He was program manager for the \$26M Fort Bend County jail, as well as construction manager for the 7-mile Southwest Parkway in Travis County which crossed Tributary No. 1 to Barton Creek.

He oversaw the development of software that automates tabulation of bid quantities for bridges and retaining walls using schematic plans as a graphic database. As a young firm, Aguirre & Fields has already worked on nearly one percent of the state's 50,000 vehicular bridges. Under Richard's leadership, the firm served as prime consultant on the first phase of the IH 610/US 59 interchange reconstruction and the Grand Parkway/Westpark Tollway directional interchange.

Richard is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas, California and Arkansas. Richard is on the Board of Directors for the Fort Bend Economic Development Council and serves as chair of the Highway 36A Coalition. He is a contributing member of numerous professional organizations.

The September 10th Luncheon/Meeting is being held at La Quinta in Brookshire and catered by Galileo's. Reservations are required. Please register online www.westi10chamber.org or RSVP at chamber@westi10chamber.org.

Save the Date

Friday evening, the 8th of November!

The biggest event of the West I-10 Chamber year is the annual Appreciation Awards Banquet with the purpose of recognizing notable leaders in our business and civic community. This year's event, themed "*A Night at the Museum*" will be held on Friday evening, November 8, 2013.

We are stepping out of the box this year and partnering with two of our members, **Texas Automotive Muscle** and **Ray's Grill** in Fulshear for a most spectacular and delicious event. The "Museum" will be provided by Texas Automotive Muscle and the social and dinner will be orchestrated by Ray's Grill's celebrated Chef Soren Pedersen. The evening will be filled with a fun social hour, dinner, short awards program, music from the 60's and 70's, dancing *And*, so much to see and ponder.

The "Museum" is filled with a private collection of some of the most desirable Mopars on earth - some 20 Dodge and Plymouth muscle cars, icons from an era of rock-and-roll - and other classic cars, vintage tractors and deco neon - more than 100 vintage neon

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 The Brookwood Community
 Buller Productions
 Burger King-30/Brookshire
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 Days Inn, Brookshire
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 Family Freedom Festival
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 Houston Executive Airport
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 JNS Consulting Engineers
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 Joe Trimm, Jr.
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 Katy Heritage Society
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 McDonald's Carmichael Ent.
 Memorial Hermann Katy
 NAVCON GROUP, LLC
 New Life Beginnings Church
 Oliver S. Kitzman, Sr.
 One 2 mini Ranch Tack & Feed
 Orizon Industries, Inc.
 Patriots Junk Removal & Hauling
 Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Dept

signs of all sizes, plus much more memorabilia of days gone by, all restored to factory finish. You don't have to be a Mopar fan to appreciate the awesome collection!

Members will be encouraged take this opportunity to entertain customers, clients, associates, family and friends – bring them along for an unforgettable night of celebration and entertainment in one of the most fascinating Museums in Texas.

Located on the outskirts of Brookshire, the “Museum” structure itself is a masterpiece. Just recently completed, the 20,000 plus square foot timber frame “car cathedral” – as many refer to it, is the largest of its kind in Texas – and possibly in the U.S. The centuries-old method of construction was used – mortise and tenon joinery that uses no nails or bolts – the engineering procedures holding it up are the same as those used in a Gothic cathedral. The massive building was engineered with environmental friendly features – all the timber being harvested from sustainable forests – the use of structural insulated panels for the walls and roof and the geothermal heating and air-conditioning system make it extremely energy efficient.

The “Museum” is also the home of the *Hemi Hideout* – the largest “man cave” you have ever seen!

The 2013 Appreciation Awards recipients will be published the first week of October.

While we are breaking with tradition on several levels with this annual event, the Chamber will still depend on Sponsorships to help support its efforts to improve services and benefits to members over the course of the 2013-2014 fiscal year. So, once again, we have offered major sponsorship opportunities to our key community stakeholders and could not be more appreciative of their continued support for our community and its future. A big shout-out for our first responders: Brookshire Economic Development Corporation – Gold; Ryan Ford/Sealy – Silver; Severn Trent Services – Silver; Igloo Products Corp – Silver; and Turner Duran Architects – Bronze.

Friday evening, the 8th of November!



Pattison United Methodist Church
 Priority Emergency Room
 Ray's Grill
 Repka's Grocery & Kitchen
 Rhino Solutions
 Right Time Real Estate LLC
 Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve
 Rooms To Go
 Roosevelt Alexander
 Rose Hill Ranch
 Royal I.S.D.
 Ryan Ford
 San Jacinto Girl Scouts
 Saturn Machine, Inc.
 Severn Trent Services, Inc.
 Shanco Equipment Specialists
 Southwest Properties
 Stan Kitzman, Commissioner Pct 4
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 Stewart Title, Fulshear
 Tackle Construction Co. Inc.
 Ted Krenek, JP, WC Pct 4
 Texas Automotive Muscle LLC
 Texas Children's Hospital
 Texas First Industrial Corporation
 Texas Landman, Inc.
 The Best Years Antiques & Collectibles
 The Oaks at Brookshire
 Thomas Instrument
 Turner Duran Architects
 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.

Sponsorship Opportunities available: Platinum \$5,000, Gold \$2,500, Silver \$1,000, Bronze \$500. For Sponsorship Opportunities form and detailed information, please contact Kathryn at 281.415.2003 or chamber@westi10chamber.org.

Members news and events

Growing a Butterfly Garden All Year

By Nancy Greig, Director of Cockrell Butterfly Center

In Houston, we don't really have a winter, so butterflies are with us all year round...learn what you can plant through the seasons to attract them plus the do's and don'ts of Gardening for Butterflies!!!

Thursday ~ August 22nd

10:30 am



Menu

Barco Camaronero

*...avocado half filled with shrimp salad served with homemade pita chips and cantaloupe
 ... Ice Cream Parfait*

\$21.95 plus tax

Reservations required 281-375-2100

(If you cannot eat shrimp, let us know - we will substitute chicken salad)

The Shoppes at Brookwood 1752 FM 1489 Brookshire TX 77423

What's Your Personal Style?

by Rebecca Matthews, Personal Stylist

You start and end your day in the closet... why not make it a great experience!

With racks of clothes from her favorite boutiques to malls - Rebecca can help put together a complete wardrobe for any woman!!!

For more information on Rebecca visit: www.rebeccamatthews.com/



Thursday ~ September 19th

10:30 am

Menu

...prosciutto wrapped chicken breast with grilled citrus tossed asparagus served over corn custard

...New York Cheesecake topped with chocolate sauce & orange preserves

\$21.95 plus tax

Reservations required ~ 281-375-2100

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