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- Ambassador
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Upcoming Events

2013 Calendar – Save the Dates

- Feb 12** Member Luncheon: Trey Duhon, Waller County Sub-Regional Commission
- Feb 27** Legislative Trip to Austin
- Mar 12** Member Luncheon Meeting; Katy Prairie Conservatory/
- Apr 9** Member Luncheon: Keep Texas Beautiful, Jamie Wolman
- May 7** – 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social FUNdraiser (*date change to first Tuesday*)
- 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 8** Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet (venue TBA)
- Dec 10** Member Luncheon: State Representative Cecil Bell, Jr. and Judge Beckendorff

Watch for After Hours Bs Mixers- dates and times TBA

President's Message

Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



Thanks to everyone that attended our January meeting at Ray's Grill in Fulshear on the 8th. Great food and hospitality was wonderful. Thanks to Ray and his staff.

I was excited to provide the "State of Our Chamber" message. I appreciated the fact that our Chamber is growing in numbers and more excited about our future opportunities to provide additional services to our members. The Board worked hard

in 2012 to provide the technology needed to better communicate with our members. (i.e. Chamber Master and Updated Web-site). The plan for 2013 is simple. We must find an office for our Chamber and provide quality meetings and events to improve our services to our members. Our next meeting will be February 12 at Galileo's in Pattison. Our speaker will be Trey Duhon, President of the Waller County Sub-Regional Committee. I look forward to seeing all of you there and bring a guest to let them see what the Chamber can do for their business or community organization.

Chamber Welcomes New Members

Burger King – 30 - 340 FM 359, Brookshire, TX 77423: Tel: 713.375.2402; email: SARabani@houstonfoodsinc.com /Sophia Arabani, Director of Marketing. The newly remodeled Burger King in Brookshire offers a family-friendly dining experience with comfortable seating and state-of-the-art equipment including Coca-Cola's newest fountain drink dispenser, designed by top Ferrari automotive designers and aerospace engineers. Burger King diners will be able to enjoy a distinctive, high-quality beverage experience with a choice of more than 100 drinks along with their favorite burgers, fries and other sandwich options and Burger King's signature recipes.

Jon Strange/JNS Engineers
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 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

Administrative
Kathryn McAdams Wilson

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West I-10 Sustaining Members

Igloo Products Corp
Rooms To Go
Turner Duran Architects
Brookshire Economic
Development Corporation
Savern Trent Services

Silver Members

Texas Children's Hospital
Janet J. Montgomery, CFP, CWS
Amegy Bank
Memorial Hermann Katy
Texas Automotive Muscle, LLC

2011-2012 Members

ABX Distributing
Allen Boone Humphries Robinson
Allen Samuels Katy Dodge
Amegy Bank
Aradyne Industries, Inc.
Arens Services
Blinn College – Sealy Campus
Brookshire Economic Development
Brookshire Car Care
Brookshire Family Practice
Brookshire Municipal Water District
Brookshire Steel
Brookshire's Best Auto Repair
The Brookwood Community

Brookshire's Best Auto Repair - 1315 FM 362, Brookshire, TX 77423, Tel: 281.375.6465, Curtis Moore, Owner; Bs Hours (Winter): M-F 7:30am-5:00pm, Sat, 8:00am-3:00pm. Curtis relocated his twelve year old Katy auto repair business, specializing in mechanical and electrical repairs for all auto makes and models including diesel service and repairs, to Brookshire (at the former Ivy's Garage location) on December 1, 2012. Make plans to attend the grand opening and Ribbon Cutting on Friday, February 1st – 10:00am – 12:00pm – Or, drop by anytime during business hours to meet and welcome Curtis and his staff to Brookshire and to the Chamber.

Member News - and events

Burger King January 19 Ribbon Cutting
Steve Pierson officially welcomed Burger King to the Chamber with the presentation of membership plaque, as well as kudos and congratulations on the newly improved expansion of Burger King, to Houston Foods Inc's VP of Operations, Pascal Sakhel, and Director of Marketing, Sophia Arabani.



Photo directly above: Front Row L-R- Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects/West I-10 Chamber Dir.; Pascal Sakhel, VP of Operations-Houston Foods Inc.; Guillermina Gomez, General Manager-Popeye's; Julio Maltez, General Manager –Burger King; Erick Guzman--Asst. Mgr.-Burger King; Manny Colorado/Director of Operations; Manny Aurora/District Manager; Back Row– Steve Pierson/Katy Family YMCA/West I-10 Chamber Dir.; Eric Green/City of Brookshire Alderman; Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank/ West I-10 Chamber Director/VP

Ray's Grill prides itself on serving recipes created from the highest quality of seasonal and organic inspired ingredients from local farmers and ranchers and is bringing back the monthly cooking class by popular demand. The cooking classes give you a firsthand look at the kitchen skills of Chef Denver, one of the masterminds behind the neighborhood grill and bar's most popular dishes. Register **NOW** for the January 31st "Cooking in the Country" class (6-9pm). Great option for date night or girls' night out.

Buller Productions
 Burger King-30/Brookshire
 Career & Recovery Resources
 Cecil Bell, Jr.
 CenterPoint Energy
 City of Fulshear
 City of Pattison
 Consolidated Communications,
 Darleen St. Jean, CPA
 Days Inn, Brookshire
 Daystar Publishing, Inc
 Dennis W. Homolka, CPA
 Dustin Harwell-Texas Farm Bureau
 Edward Jones
 Enterprise Bank
 Eve's Garden
 Family Freedom Festival
 Farmers Insurance Group
 Fast Tags Engraving
 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
 Hillsman & Vahalik
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 Igloo Products Corp
 L.N. Jones Outreach Ministries
 La Quinta Inn & Suites
 J&J Packing Company
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 Joe Garcia
 Joe Trimm, Jr.
 Johnson Radcliffe Petrov & Bobbit
 Jones & Carter, Inc.
 Katy Area EDC
 Katy Family YMCA
 Katy Heritage Society
 Keep Waller County Beautiful
 Ken Carter Photography
 Key Insurance Agency
 Kyle Custom Homes LLC
 LJA Engineering & Surveying
 La Quinta Inn & Suites, Brookshire
 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
 Pattison United Methodist Church
 Priority Emergency Room
 Ray's Grill
 Repka's Grocery & Kitchen

Royal I.S.D. – on Thursday, January 31st, 6:30 p.m., will host the second of two meetings to solicit public input into the 2013-2014 District Improvement Plan. If you would like to offer suggestions to help our children and our district improve, and were unable to attend the previous meeting held on January 15, you are encouraged to attend the January 31st meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Jimmy R. Davis Performing Arts Center located in Royal High School. For more information, please call 281.934.6901.

*****Congratulations to **Cecil Bell, Jr.** and **John Zerwas, MD** who were sworn in to office on January 8, 2013, as first-term State House District 3 Representative and 4th term State House District 28 Representative, respectively. Pictured below with their proud brides on the House floor during the swearing-in ceremonies (L-R) Rep. Bell and Jo Ann, Bell and Rep. Zerwas and Cindy Zerwas. (and, Dr. Zerwas in DC for the inauguration)



February 12, 2013 Member Luncheon



Luncheon guest speaker will be Trey Duhon who will address the Chamber on the Waller County Sub-Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), its history, makeup, and how it works to protect rural communities. Trey Duhon, an attorney with a private practice in Waller, Texas, is the current President of the Waller County Sub-Regional Planning Commission. He currently serves as the president of the Waller Area Chamber of Commerce,

as a director and past vice president of Citizens for a Better Waller County (CBWC), Director of Waller County Transportation Authority, and member of the Transportation Commission's Citizen's Advisory Committee on the TTC-69. In September of 2011, Trey created a community Facebook page for Waller County residents to exchange information on the Tri-County Fire. Over 35,000 people actively used this page for useful information during one of the worst natural disasters to ever hit Waller County. Since then, the page now serves as a community resource for Waller County residents to communicate and share useful information about anything and everything in the community and in the event of any future emergency. Trey graduated from Texas A&M University cum laude in 1992 and the University of Houston Law Center in 1995.

The February 12 luncheon will be held at Galileo's Mexican Grill in Pattison. Reservations are required and requested by Friday, February 8. 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 Feb 12 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 TBA. Contact Adam Traweek, Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman, for available corporate sponsorship opportunities and participation, Tel: 281.238.7148 or Email: Adam.Traweek@amegybank.com.

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Rooms To Go
Roosevelt Alexander
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Southwest Properties

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Stewart Title, Fulshear

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In Case You Missed It

The annual "State of the Chamber" Luncheon held at Ray's Grill in Fulshear on January 8th was delectable! Chamber President Bill Fry spoke about the improvements which provided in 2012 and plans for 2013 and future goals for the Chamber which were developed at the annual Board of Directors' workshop/retreat held in December. Business Spotlight Speaker, Thad Owings/Green Group Holdings spoke on the status of the Pintail Landfill and Industrial Park project in Hempstead. Special thanks to all members and guests who attended, to Ray Salti for the wonderful venue and hospitality and door prize, to Chef Denver and staff for the epicurean delight and efficient service, and to Vickie Casto of Brookshire EDC for the docu-memories here and on facebook.



Pictured directly above (L-R) Barry Koch/Ryan Ford Sealy, Rob Schneider/ NAVCON Group, Thad Owings/Green Group Holdings, Tim O'Brien/ Farmers Insurance Group; Bill Fry/Seyvern Trent Services, and Ray Salti/Ray's Grill/Ray's Gourmet Country.