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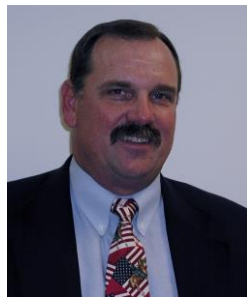
Upcoming Events

2013 Calendar – Save the Dates

- Apr 9** Member Luncheon: Keep Texas Beautiful, Jamie Wolman, at Galileo's
- May 7** – 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social FUNdraiser
- May 14** Member Luncheon: Waller County 4H, Miranda Jones
- June 11** Member Luncheon: Education Committee
- July 9** Member Luncheon: Program Katy Prairie Conservatory/Mary Ann Piacintini
- 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

President's Message

Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



Thanks to everyone that attended our March meeting at La Quinta in Brookshire on the March 12th. The program was very timely. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Speakers Committee representative, Robert Valentine, provided us a great overview of the reason the "Stock Show" exists. I personally benefited from the "Stock Show" and giving back as a volunteer is very rewarding. Thanks to Rosemary Gambino for bringing great programs to our monthly luncheons.

Please make sure that you have May 7th on your calendar to attend our 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social to raise money for the betterment of our community. Consider being a sponsor of this event.

Our next meeting will be April 9. Our speaker will be community leader Jamie Wolman, representing Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep Katy Beautiful. Sarah Richards, Program Director for Keep Texas Beautiful will be assisting with Jamie's presentation. 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.

Happy Easter!

April 9, 2013 Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Jamie Wolman – Program: Keep Texas Beautiful



Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) is a statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to beautifying and improving community environments through programming and education.

Jamie Wolman serves on the Board of Directors of KTB and is its current Vice President. She has served on the Keep Katy Beautiful (KKB) for 17 years and as the Affiliate coordinator for KKB for the past six years. Sarah Richards, Program Director for Keep Texas Beautiful, will be assisting Jamie on the April 9th program.

Programs & Events
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Paul McConnell/Key Insurance Agency

Annual Banquet
Roberta Meader/West Engineering

Fundraising
Steve Pierson/Katy Family YMCA

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

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Retired from Katy I.S.D. where she began her career as a teacher to special needs students, then as a counselor at the junior high and high school levels before retiring, Jamie has continued her dedication to education as a volunteer. She has served on the Katy Higher Education Task Force and is the current Chairman of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. Jamie also volunteers each week as a Katy ISD KEYS mentor, working as a role model with a student on the brink of success. Jamie is the current Director of the Parks & Recreation Department, City of Katy.

The April 9th luncheon is being held at Galileo's Mexican Grill in Pattison. Reservations are required. 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 April 9 Member Luncheon on westi10chamber.org homepage.

Member News - and events

April 13 Saturday, 8am – 12 noon. **Keep Waller County Beautiful** will be hosting its 3rd Annual “Don't Mess with Waller County” Trash-off at the Waller County Recycling Center, 32159 Morton Road. Large containers, courtesy of Republic Services, will be available for Waller County citizens to fill with large trash items, furniture, appliances, etc – No tires or chemicals. All organizations, church groups, Scout troops, etc. are encouraged to organize and collect roadside litter and bring to the Recycling Center along with their recyclables on April 13th 8-12. The Trash-Off is a part of American's largest organized litter cleanup, recycling and beautification program. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off is a statewide event organized by TxDot and Keep Texas Beautiful and its affiliates.



The poster features a blue background with white line-art illustrations of various organs (heart, lungs, stomach, intestines, kidneys, bladder, and hands) at the top. Below the illustrations is a red banner with the text "2013 Texas Children's Hospital® FAMILY FUN RUN". Underneath the banner, it says "Saturday, April 13, 2013" and "Texas Children's Hospital West Campus". Further down, it describes the event as "A non-competitive 3K run/walk and 1K adaptive run/walk for children of all abilities". At the bottom, it provides information on how to register and visit the website texaschildrens.org/funrun. Logos for Texas Children's Hospital and the Houston Marathon Foundation are at the bottom.

Texas Children's Hospital West Campus invites you to participate in a fantastic neighborhood event for families and children of all ages and abilities on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Texas Children's Hospital West Campus. The Fun Run will include a 1K adaptive race for children with special needs, plus a longer 3K family course. There will not be prizes given for top finishers; all will receive an award for participating! The race will take place rain or shine. For more details and to register www.texaschildrens.org/funrun "This race, formerly known as the Kids' Fun Run, has a rich history of over 15 years with our hospital. We are very excited to now open the race to the entire family to educate and encourage Houston-area children and their families to adopt active, healthy lifestyles!"

April 20 – Brookshire Municipal Water District's will host the 5th Annual **Water Festival** at Hovas Park in Brookshire from 8 am to 2 pm. This free outdoor festival is held annually to promote water conservation and to educate and inspire students and adults to protect our water resources and to use water wisely. Governmental, non-profit, and environmental organizations will be providing hands-on activities and educational materials on water-related environmental issues. For information regarding exhibit space, Call 281.375.5010 or email bmwd@consolidated.net.

April 27 – First United Methodist Church's 2013 Spring Fest - 701 Cooper & 7th Streets in Brookshire – 11 am – 8 pm on Saturday. Great BBQ and lots of fun activities for the entire family – horseshoes, volleyball, live music, Treats and Treasures Store, face painting, silent auction, and more. Take-out BBQ served - 11 am until 4 pm. Evening

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 Enterprise Bank
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 Family Freedom Festival
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 Katy Area EDC
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 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
 Right Time Real Estate LLC
 Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve

meal – 5 pm -8 pm. Live Auction begins at 6 pm. For pre-sale briskets - \$50 and BBQ sauce \$5, email request to FUMCspringfest2013@gmail.com.

The Brookwood Community was hit hard during the recent hail storm with damages upwards of \$2,000,000 to green houses and citizen housing and property. The Brookwood spirit continues to soar. It's a Win-Win when you support Brookwood for you gift needs and dining at the Café at Brookwood which is open for lunch daily (281.375.2400) and upcoming events– **April 15** – 9am-3pm – Brookwood's Garden Expo (*click for more details*) and later – 6:30-9:00 pm Tax Day Blues and Boogie Woogie Concert featuring Axel Zwingenberger and Lila Ammons – Complimentary Champagne & Hors de oeuvres and Special Shopping from 6 to 7pm. Reservations required 281-375-2100 (*click for more details*).

If you have been on the Chamber's website you've noticed that sustaining member, **Turner Duran Architects**, rolled out their new logo in January 2013.

2nd Annual Ice Cream Social FUNdraiser - May 7th

Mark **May 7th**, 5-7:30PM, on your calendars now and plan to attend the Chamber's "It takes a community" 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social. This FUNdraiser is focused on raising funds to finance scholarships, reading programs, mentoring programs and other programs to motivate teachers and students to reach higher academic goals. It will be held at the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department and will feature Guest Scoopers competing for tips, design your own sundae, live entertainment and music by the talented Royal students, big prize drawings, and all that jazz. Advance ticket sales begin April 1st.

Business Sponsorships are available for \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 – Individual Sponsorships are available at \$100. It is not too late to join the following list of your community friends who have already made a financial commitment – **working together for our future!**

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Severn Trent Services
Amegy Bank
Ryan Ford in Sealy
Brookshire Car Care
Turner Duran Architects
Edward Jones
Hillsman & Vahalik
Fast Tags Engraving
CenterPoint Energy
Judge Glenn Beckendorff



We are proud to announce that **Blue Bell Creameries** will again be our most generous in-kind sponsor – providing the ice cream for designing your sundae with the many choices of toppings which will be provided. And, back by popular demand, Mr. E's Royal Jazz Band will be performing. Inspired by the fun and success of last year's FUNdraiser, more Royal students and staff have requested to volunteer and participate in this year's event. More news to be announced regarding the grand prizes for the drawings. If you or your organization would consider a sponsorship, please contact Fundraising Committee Chairman, Steve Pierson, 832.661.8800 or email steveinkaty@consolidated.net or chamber@westi10chamber.org.

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West Engineering Services

Weston Lakes Country Club

Wilson Engineering Company

Wyatt Resources, Inc.

In Case You Missed It

March 12th Luncheon guest speaker Robert Valentine of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) shared childhood memories of the HLSR and his enthusiasm of being one of 29,000 volunteers who serve on 104 committees to put on the world's largest livestock show and rodeo each year. Since its beginning in 1932, HLSR has committed over \$333,000,000 to scholarships and youth educational programs. Prior to introducing the guest speaker, Bill Fry took the opportunity to recognize and thank the West I-10 committees for their work throughout the year and presented a President's Certificate of Appreciation to each committee chairman – Steve Pierson, Fundraising; Rosemary Gambino, Program Committee; Jon Strange, Economic Development; Vicki Casto for her photos and participation on committees; Adam Traweek, Governmental Affairs (in photo below); Julie and Robert Ormond, Education; Paul McConnell, Website; Roberta Meader, Annual Banquet, were not present to receive their certificate.



Photos above: L- Committee Chairs Steve Pierson, Rosemary Gambino, Jon Strange, Adam Traweek. Guest Speaker Robert Valentine and Bill Fry.

Photos below: Bill Fry, Jon Strange, Adam Traweek, Steve Pierson, Rev. Dottie Dumas, Christine Ngei
Photos courtesy of Vickie Casto.



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