



The Latest News

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

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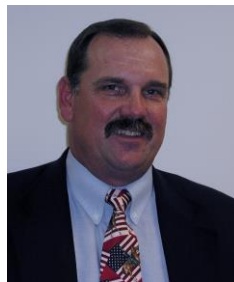
Committees & Chairs

Upcoming Events

2013 Calendar – Save the Dates

- Nov 8** Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet “A Night at the Museum”
Dec 10 Member Luncheon: State Representative Cecil Bell, Jr. and Judge Beckendorff

President’s Message



Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services

Thanks to all the members and guests who attended the October 8th meeting at La Quinta in Brookshire to hear Monica Matthews tell us all how we can be healthier in the work place and provide some great ideas to implement personally. As mentioned at the meeting, the Board has been reorganized and making plans for 2014. Our primary task will be to work on our office location and find a qualified executive director by the end of the year.

The Annual Awards Banquet on November 8 is our next event. You should have received your invitations and noted that we will be honoring Judge Ted Krenek, John and Dianne Hovas, and The Brookwood Community as the 2013 Appreciation Awards Recipients. Please return the RSVP card with your payment to the Chamber by October 25th. Thanks to all our generous banquet sponsors and the banquet committee chaired by Roberta Meader, a great and unique event is planned. Remember there is no monthly luncheon in November. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Awards Banquet on November 8th at the Hemi-Hideout starting a 6:30 p.m.

Stay safe and healthy!

Chamber Welcomes New Members

Rachel Hillsman (Individual Membership). R.hillsman@wallercounty.us, 3410 First St., Pattison, TX, P.O. Box 7 Pattison, TX 77466; Tel: 281.934.2509. Rachel Hillsman is the Juvenile Case Manager for Waller County Precinct 4.

BES Engineering (Silver Membership) www.bergaila.com. 1155 Dairy Ashford, Houston, TX 77079; Primary Contact: Mark Gray, CCO markg@bergaila.com/ Tel: 281.496.0803. BES Engineering, established in 1996, provides onsite Engineering and Construction Management services. Projects benefit from a cohesive project team that encompasses turn-key managed services including Design, Construction Management, commissioning and Startup. BES has extensive experience in mobilizing these teams to remote areas across the contiguous U.S. and Alaska. With a comprehensive benefits package and commitment to service excellence, BES Engineering has become an industry leader.

Members news and events

Memorial Hermann Katy officials and Katy-area leaders broke ground Monday, Sept. 23, on a massive expansion project for the hospital. The \$85 million construction project will start in November with a second medical plaza. A six-story patient tower will follow and is estimated to begin in January 2014. Both structures should be

completed by summer 2015. At 100,000 square feet, plans for the new medical plaza include physician office space, sports medicine facilities, and outpatient imaging areas.



Igloo Products Corp – on October 10th, celebrated with the grand opening of its new 420,000sf warehouse and distribution center (above photo-R) located two miles east of the Igloo headquarters and plant. The new expansion is a result of Igloo's record sales growth and increased manufacturing capacity and expanding product lines. An estimated 8.5 million coolers is expected to move through the center next year. Igloo expects to add 250 new jobs by the end of 2013.

The **Houston Executive Airport** on Cardiff Road and Highway 90 continues to expand with the recently completed 22,500sf premier terminal building with the world's largest arrival canopy at 32,800sf and VIP parking garage. HEA now has over 122,000sf of hanger space and growing. (See below as seen from Hwy 90.)



Further east just south of Highway 90 on Bains and Fifth across from the Cotton Gin, the property (photo above right) has been recently cleared prepared for construction of a new community center which will include a pavilion for community use, a park, walking trail and engaging playground equipment exposing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to Brookshire Youth. The project is being planned by the new officers and trustees of the Brookshire Youth Foundation (BYF) which was formed in 1968 as a charitable trust by Jack Dalton. It is the goal of the BYF to provide a safe environment where families can come together for educational opportunities through innovative play and community activities such as theater, sports and other extracurricular activities. To learn more about the Brookshire Youth Foundation and sponsorship opportunities related to the project please contact: Roberta Meader or Marlene Cogwin in Michael Montgomery's office 281.375.5535.

Grundfos USA is celebrating its 40th year in North America. You are invited to attend the 40th Year Celebration on Tuesday, October 29th in Brookshire: 9:45 am Grundfos Tour – 902 Koomey Road - followed by Lunch – 12:00 Noon - at Pecan Springs Event Center– 4999 Buller Road, Brookshire. Please **RSVP to Gail Quesada at gquesada@grundfos.com** or 281 994-2774 no later than Monday, October, 21st.

Denmark-based Grundfos, the world's largest water pump manufacturer, expanded to the U.S. in 1973. Since then, Grundfos USA has grown to more than 1,300 employees in five major facilities nationwide and has \$500 million in annual revenue. The company's success is due, in part to its Peerless portfolio, which Grundfos acquired in 2007 to strengthen its North American presence. Grundfos is a global leader in advanced pump solutions and a trendsetter in water technology – and contributes to global sustainability by pioneering technologies that improve quality of life for people that care about the planet.

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Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department's next fundraising event is the annual Peddler Day – November 2, 2013, 9-5. Historically a fun day of shopping of arts and crafts, antiques, junk, old stuff, new stuff. Food and drinks – activities for the kids. If you want to peddle your crafts, antiques, junk, old or new stuff, download vender application from www.pavfd.com and/or for more information call 281.934.3473.

In Case You Missed It



The program for the October 8th luncheon featured "Wellness in the Workplace" by guest speaker Monica Matthews. Monica was quick to point out that "lifestyle" plays a major role in our health and well being – Of all the contributing causes of cancer, an estimated 30% is related to environment which includes lifestyle - diet, exercise, and psychosocial, the latter being about dealing with stress, anger,

anxiety, or any other negative emotion in a healthy and productive way. Extreme physical, mental and emotional stress weakens our immune system. A weak immune system is a major factor in the development of disease. Hearty laughter has a powerful and immediate strengthening effect on our immune system. Monica summed it up with "Prevention is KEY - so think about investing in health now to receive long-term benefits. Whether it's integrating new foods, drinks, movements, or ways of dealing with stress and emotions to prevent disease and illness, there is A LOT YOU can do NOW to be proactive, get creative, and have fun integrating these ideals your place of business!!" *Eat more greens, fewer donuts . . . and Laugh more.*



Retiring board director and Programs Chair, Rosemary Gambino, Rose Hill Ranch; from Grundfos; Gail Quesada, Steve Marshall, and Rich Gussert. Below: Anthony Francis, LJA Engineering; Adam Traweek, Amegy Bank; Clyde McMorris, MD, Family Medical of Brookshire; Nathaniel, Brookshire EDC Board.



2013 Appreciation Awards Recipients

The biggest event of the West I-10 Chamber year is the annual Appreciation Awards Banquet with the purpose of recognizing leaders in our business and civic community who are role models and excel in what they do and in their contribution to the growth and well-being of our community. It is with great pride that we look forward to recognizing the three recipients of the West I-10's 2013 Annual Appreciation Awards:

Judge Ted Krenek, The Brookwood Community, and John and Diane Hovas

We hope that every member will join us in honoring these deserving recipients at the Hemi Hideout – "A Night at the Museum" on November 8th ! Beginning at 6:30 with the

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social hour, the evening will be filled with music from the 50's-70's, delectables provided by Ray's Gourmet Country, bright lights and bright cars of era's gone by . . . and as much fun as you can make it in one of the most fascinating Museums in Texas! The dress is business casual or 60's-70's optional. Paid reservations are required by October 25th. If your invitation did not make it to you or your representative, please notify the Chamber at chamber@westi10chamber.org or call Kathryn at 281.415.2003 for additional information.

If you or your guests live out of the area, consider staying over Friday evening at La Quinta Inn & Suites in Brookshire and ask for the West I-10 Chamber Banquet Rate when you make your reservation (281.375.8888). The Brookwood Community is less than 5 minutes from La Quinta. The gift shops and garden center open at 9:00am on Saturday and the Café is open 11:00am-2:00pm.

A very special Thank You to our generous sponsors: Janet J. Montgomery, CFP, CWS – Platinum; Brookshire Economic Development Corporation – Gold; Ryan Ford/Sealy – Silver; Severn Trent Services – Silver; Igloo Products Corp – Silver; CenterPoint Energy – Silver; The Hemi Hideout – Silver; Turner Duran Architects – Bronze; Brookshire Car Care – Bronze; Green Group Holdings – Bronze; La Quinta Inn & Suites-Brookshire – Bronze.



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Thanks to the hospitality of John Hovas, the 2013-2014 Board of Directors had a preview of the venue when it held its October Board Meeting at the Hemi Hideout.

L-R: Corinne Vahalik. Vahalik & Vahalik; Bill Fry, Severn Trent Services; Adam Traweek, Amegy Bank; Rich Gussert, Grundfos; Steve Pierson, Katy Family YMCA; Jim Vaughn, Lloyd's Register/West Engineering; and Jeff Cartwright