



# The Latest News

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

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## Board of Directors

- Bill Fry . . . . . President  
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- Adam Traweek . . . . . Vice President  
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- Greg Turner . . . . . Director  
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- Rosemary Gambino . . . . . Secretary  
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- Steve Pierson . . . . . Director  
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- Jim Vaughn . . . . . Director  
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## Committees & Chairs

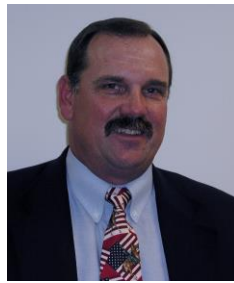
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## Upcoming Events

### 2013 Calendar – Save the Dates

- Sept 19** Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting – 8:00 am; 32259 Morton Road, Severn Trent, Building #1- with J.L. Rose, Brookshire-Katy Drainage District
- Oct 8** Member Luncheon: Program “Wellness in the Workplace” -Monica Matthews
- 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

Our September 10th meeting at La Qunita in Brookshire was well attended. Thanks for coming to vote in the Board of Director’s election and hear the presentation from Richard Fields P.E. about the Highway 36A Coalition. We had seven candidates that were qualified for four positions on the Board. You elected Adam Traweek, Jim Vaughn, Corinne Vahalik, and Rich Gussert to serve on the Board of Directors. Barry Koch, Mary Garbett and Paul McConnell will be asked to serve as committee

chairs to continue the goal of providing leadership for our Chamber. It was great to see the interest from our membership to want to be part of the Board. The Board’s first task will be to work on the location for our office and find a qualified Executive Director. Our goal should be to have an Executive Director and office secured by the end of the year.

Save the date for the Annual Banquet that will be November 8<sup>th</sup>. We have some great sponsors for the event and the banquet committee headed by Roberta Meador is wrapping up the party plans.

Our next meeting will be October 8th at La Qunita in Brookshire. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Stay safe.

## Annual Board Elections 2013

By a popular vote of confidence, Adam Traweek and Jim Vaughn were re-elected to Positions 1 and 3. Also duly elected, Corinne Vahalik and Rich Gussert will fill Positions 5 and 7 (being vacated by Rosemary Gambino and Greg Turner) and all will begin their two-year term upon being sworn in at the October 2 Board of Directors meeting.

## In Case You Missed It



The program at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Luncheon/Meeting featured a presentation by Richard Fields, Chairman of the Highway 36A Coalition. The Hwy36A Coalition was formed in January by a group of engineers and concerned governmental officials from Brazoria, Western Fort Bend and Waller Counties as an advocacy group dedicated to developing free-flowing transportation facilities in the areas they serve and addressing the transportation

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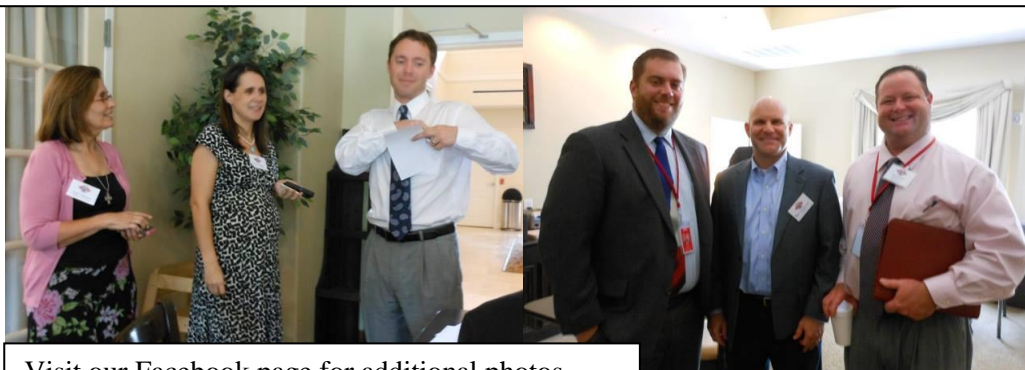
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crisis facing our entire region. The Highway 36A Coalition promotes public and private investment in a regional free-flowing transportation corridor originating in and around the Freeport area of the Gulf Coast, through southern Brazoria western Fort Bend, and Waller Counties connecting to SH 6 north of Hempstead to provide opportunities for economic growth, hurricane evacuation, and quality of life through these facilities. Mr. Fields spoke about the Coalition's efforts to make sure continued growth is planned for in a sustainable way. With state transportation funding shrinking, effective planning and exploration of other sustainable funding sources is crucial to the future of Waller County.



Above Photos: Barry Koch; Mary Garbett, Jim Vaughn.; Rich Gussert, Paul McConnell, Photos Below; Emily Hillsman; Corinne Vahalik, Adam Traweck; RISD Deputy Superintendent Dr. Ryan Steele, Dr. Mark Welshimer, and RISD Superintendent Stacy Ackley (Photos Courtesy of Vickie Casto)



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## October 8<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

The program for the October 8<sup>th</sup> will feature "Wellness in the Workplace." In recent years, increased attention has been given to the connection between the work environment, employee health and employee productivity. Lack of exercise, poor nutrition and poor lifestyle choices have adverse effects on individuals – and equally as important, poor health outcomes have an adverse effect on employers. It is common knowledge that American health outcomes are not in good shape – when more than 75 percent of healthcare spending is related to chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, obesity, many of which are preventable. The trend for preventive healthcare has increased and many physicians and other healthcare professionals are leaning toward the holistic approach to healthcare.

October's luncheon guest speaker Monica Matthews became interested in a more holistic approach to health after seeing the outstanding improvements regarding her own imbalances and those of a close family member who was diagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome. She decided to pursue a career in natural health and became a Certified Natural Health Professional as well as obtaining her certification as a yoga instructor after rigorous training from the Nosara Yoga Institute in Guanacaste, Costa Rica.



**Monica Matthews –**  
 Certified Natural Health Practitioner;  
 Certified ECR Practitioner; Certified Yoga Instructor  
 BS in Liberal Arts – Pepperdine University in Malibu, California  
 Multilingual (Spanish and French),  
 Theta Healing Trained

Monica grew up in the Houston area. After earning her Liberal Arts degree (as well as her multiple subject Teaching Credentials) at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, she studied and worked in Europe for a year and then worked as an educator as well as serving a stint in the corporate world during her 3.5 years in Costa Rica. She then made her way back to Texas to train with Tracy Southwick, the founder of Heights of Health, to become a certified Practitioner. She continues her work with Heights of Health as a certified ECR Practitioner but is also currently studying to receive her master's degree in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Her knowledge and understanding of this field brings a multi-disciplinary approach to her work with Heights of Health that adds a valuable dimension to the work done at Heights of Health.

The October 8<sup>th</sup> Luncheon/Meeting is being held at La Quinta in Brookshire and catered by Galileo's. Reservations are required. Please register online [www.westi10chamber.org](http://www.westi10chamber.org) or RSVP at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org).

## Save the Date

### Friday evening, the 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Names of the 2013 Appreciation Awards recipients will be published October 1<sup>st</sup> and invitations to follow.

This year's event, themed "*A Night at the Museum*" will be just that, starting with the social hour at 6:30 pm, Friday evening, November 8, 2013.

For a truly different format this year we are partnering with two of our members, **Texas Automotive Muscle** for the venue and **Ray's Grill** in Fulshear for the cuisine. No keynote speaker, less formal attire – 60's/70's optional. 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.

*(If you missed the venue details, see the August Newsletter [www.westi10chamber.org](http://www.westi10chamber.org))*  
 Members are encouraged to take this opportunity to entertain customers, clients,

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associates, family and friends – bring them along for an unforgettable night of celebration and entertainment in one of the most fascinating Museums in Texas.

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: 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.

## Thank you 2013 Banquet Sponsors!



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## Members news and events

Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with our friend, State Representative John Zerwas and John and Cindy's beautiful children, John Zerwas, Jr., Joseph Zerwas, Sherry Zerwas Phelps, and Brandon Zerwas – and grandchildren, Isabella and Matthew.



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