



The Latest News

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

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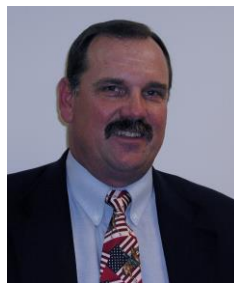
Upcoming Events

2014 Calendar – Save the Dates

- Jan 23 – Governmental Affairs Committee Mtg. 8AM at Severn Trent Services
- Jan 24 - Royal High School Career Day
- Feb 11 – Member Luncheon – Program: Affordable Healthcare Act
- Feb 13 - 2014 Political Candidates Forum – Royal HS Auditorium
- Mar 11 – Member Luncheon- Program TBA
- April 8 – Member Luncheon – Program TBA
- May 6 – 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social FUNdraiser
- May 13- Member Luncheon – TBA
- June 10 – Member Luncheon
- July 8 – Member Luncheon
- Sept 9 – Member Luncheon/Annual BOD Elections
- Oct 14 – Member Luncheon
- Nov 8 – Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet
- Dec 9 – Member Luncheon – State of the County & District – State Rep. Cecil Bell

President’s Message

Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



Happy New Year. Thanks to all that attended our Chamber Meeting on January 14 at Galileo’s for the “State of the Chamber” luncheon. The Board and Committee Chairs that were announced for 2014 are gearing up to make 2014 the best year ever for our Chamber. I encourage each member of the Chamber to be involved in one of your committees by contacting any of the Committee Chairs or the Board Members. Two of the Save the Dates are May 6, 2014 – Third Annual Ice Cream Social and

November 8, 2014- Annual Awards Banquet. Both events need volunteers for the Fundraising and Banquet Committees to help make this events possible.

Our next meeting will be at La Quinta on February 11th at 11:30 a.m. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Stay Safe.

February 11 2014 Luncheon/Meeting

Guest Speaker will be **Jana Endicott**, Patient Access and Support Officer at Access Health. **The Program, The Affordable Care Act** – Outreach and Enrollment Activities – should be of interest and benefit to everyone. Jana has many certifications associated with Medicare / Managed Care, etc. She has extensive knowledge in Medicare, Utilization Review, Case Management and most recently the Affordable Care Act. Jana has worked in both managed care divisions of insurance companies as well as hospital settings. Jana was the Assistant Vice President/Associate Administrator with OakBend Medical Center for over 12 years prior to joining Access Health as the Patient Access and Support Officer.

Economic Development
Jon Strange/JNS Engineers

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Annual Banquet
Roberta Meader/West Engineering

Fundraising
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Barry Koch/Ryan Ford

Nominating
Anthony Francis/LJA Engineering

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

Education
Rachel Hillsman

Membership
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Until March 31, 2014

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907 Cotton Gin LLC
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Amegy Bank
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BES Engineering
Blinn College – Sealy Campus
Brookshire Economic Development

Jana graduated from Ball State University with a BS in Nursing and minor in Educational Psychology. She is a native of Indiana, but moved to Texas as soon as she could in 1991 when she was offered a position, at Methodist Houston, working with Dr. Michael DeBakey doing open heart and transplant surgery. She now resides in Rosenberg with Jeff, her husband of 26 years. They have two children, Hannah, 20, a Junior at U of H and Bryce, 18, a Senior at Lamar High School.

The February luncheon is being held at LaQuinta/Brookshire and catered by Galileo's. Reservations are required. 281.375.8000 or chamber@westi10chamber.org or register online www.westi10chamber.org. Members/Member Guest \$15, Non-Members \$25 by cash or check at door or Pay by PayPal or credit when registering online.

Chamber welcomes new members

Brookshire Smile Dental – 3603 S. Front Street, Suite #107, Brookshire TX 77423; Tel. 281.934.1010; email: brookshiresmiledental@gmail.com; Brookshire Smile Dental's recently completed clinic in Brookshire is furnished with state of the art equipment and technology. **Dr. Mohammad Moridnia** earned a Bachelor of Science, Degree in Neuroscience at the University of Texas at Austin and graduated with Honors in Research from University of Texas Dental School at San Antonio (UTHSCSA). He is an active member of American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, and Greater Houston Dental Society. Dr. Moridnia commits to attending continuing dental education courses regularly to insure he can continue to provide only the highest level of care for his patients. Dr. Moridnia apart from dentistry enjoys spending time with his family, swimming, playing volleyball, and especially soccer which he played professionally as a teenager. **Dr. Daniel Giv**, born and raised in Baton Rouge, LA, attended University of Houston where he received his Bachelor of Science in Biology. He went on to complete his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston. Dr. Giv has great passion for helping others through providing the highest quality of dental care to his patients. Dr. Giv has practiced in a variety of dental settings in Houston. His career has been dedicated to learning more about dentistry through continuing education & clinical experience. He has developed skills in oral surgery, cosmetic dentistry, pediatric, endodontics, and cosmetic dentistry. Dr. Giv is also licensed to provide non IV conscious sedation, a great option that is helpful for the nervous and/or anxious patients. Dr. Giv believes that everyone should have a positive experience when they visit the dentist, and focuses on his patients' desires and treatment goals. When he is not at the clinic, Dr. Giv enjoys spending time with his family. He also enjoys playing soccer, spending time with friends, watching football, and different soccer games. www.brookshiresmiledental.com.

907 Cotton Gin LLC, 4405 Front Street, Brookshire, TX, P.O. Box 1421, Brookshire, TX 77423; 281.375.5535 – 907 Cotton Gin LLC is a Montgomery family enterprise spearheading several community projects including the RoyalBots Robotics Club of Royal ISD. Launched in January 2013, new group of forward-thinking innovators the RoyalBots designed and built a robot with the help of Royal ISD Robotics Instructor Lance Loftin and mentors with engineering and technical backgrounds. The 27-member team competed in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotic Challenge (FRC) last Spring. . . . Currently in the design phase is the *Dalton Discovery Park* at the corner of Fifth and Bains Streets. The Brookshire Youth Foundation is leading the park initiative and has been guided with input from educators and community members. A distinguishing and unique feature of the park includes hand-on learning and playing with interactive playground equipment that will expose science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to Brookshire youth. . . . current renovation and restoration of the historic Cotton Gin with uniform floor level and tall ceilings and new prominence of the original Lummus cotton gin. When project is complete the Cotton Gin will have a museum-like feel, preserving the past and embracing the future. . . . Public information meetings on educational opportunities for Brookshire area youth with the introduction of KIPP School's co-founder recently and follow-up meeting scheduled on January

Brookshire Family Medical
 Brookshire Municipal Water District
 Brookshire Steel
 Brookshire's Best Auto Repair
 Brookshire Smile Dental
 The Brookwood Community
 Burger King-30/Brookshire
 Career & Recovery Resources
 Cecil Bell, Jr.
 CenterPoint Energy
 City of Fulshear
 City of Pattison
 Comfy Home, Inc
 Consolidated Communications
 Darleen St. Jean
 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
 Family Medical of Brookshire
 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
 Houston Executive Airport
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 Katy Family YMCA
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 LJA Engineering, Inc.
 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

30th..... Bringing Habitat for Humanity to Waller County. . . . Other involvements include Living Water International www.water.cc a Christian based non-profit helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, Boys & Girls Club, Brookwood Community, and Habitat for Humanity. For additional information on involvement opportunities, call or email Marlene Cogwin – 281.375.5526 or mcogwin@cottonginllc.com.

Members news and events

Rose Hill Ranch is hosting a Meet the Candidate Social for Larry Jones, candidate for County Commissioner Pct. 4. Get to know Republican Larry Jones running for Waller County Commissioner Precinct 4 at Rose Hill Ranch, 5924 FM 359, Brookshire, TX (just north of Pattison) on Monday, **January 27, 2014** from 6PM to 8PM. Social hour and discussion. Public Invited. For more information contact Rosemary Gambino at 281-375-8836 or Larry Jones at 832-754-2832 email: larjones@consolidated.net.

Right Time Real Estate -With the intention of improving her real estate clients' experience, real estate broker and Chamber member since 2011, **Mary Garbett**, recently re-established her office with Keller Williams Realty. Her primary office address is near I-10 and Campbell Rd. where she is a farm & ranch specialist and director of the KW Commercial Texas Gulf division and residential broker associate for Keller Williams Memorial. Mary can be reached at 713-470-2055 or email Mary@marygarbett.com for all your real estate interests. She enthusiastically explains that, "The fast-paced requirements of our current real estate market require a more sophisticated and ambitious approach – my new office location, environment, and the progressive KW culture support my enthusiasm to serve my clients in the country and the Houston area at a higher level.

907 Cotton Gin - Members of the community are invited to a follow up meeting to discuss education opportunities for Brookshire youth. The meeting will take place Thursday, **January 30, 2014** from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Drilling Equipment Center (DEC), located at 35002 Cooper Rd., Brookshire, TX 77423. To RSVP, call 281-375-5526 or email mcogwin@cottonginllc.com.



First Service Credit Union at 3923 Fifth Street in Brookshire had recently installed a 24-Hour ATM drive through.

West I-10 Committee news

We are very pleased to report that two committees which have been without a chairman for a while are now active again, thanks to members, **Mary Garbett** (real estate Broker/KW Commercial Gulf Coast) the new **Membership Committee** Chairman and **Michele Moore (Brookshire's Best Auto Repair)**, the **PR & Marketing Committee** Chairman. Members are encouraged to contact Mary (mary@marygarbett.com) with any questions relating to membership status or with leads for new member prospects. With her marketing background and skills, Michele Moore will certainly be an asset to chamber members and other chamber committees. Members are encouraged to contact Michele (BBAR1315@gmail.com) with assistance in marketing your events or press releases to the chamber membership. For members who have not learned how to post events, job openings, and promotions using the chamber's web-based software, Michele can help you with that as well.

One of our newest members, **Rachel Hillsman** has taken over the baton from Robert and Julie Ormond (Kyle Custom Homes) to chair the **Education Committee**. Robert and

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
 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
 Saturn Machine, Inc.
 Severn Trent Services, Inc.
 Shanco Equipment Specialists
 Southwest Properties
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 Ted Krenek, JP, WC Pct 4
 Texas Automotive Muscle LLC
 Texas Children's Hospital
 Texas First Industrial Corporation
 Texas Landman, Inc.
 Thomas Instrument
 Turner Duran Architects
 Vahalik & Vahalik, PC
 Waller County Economic Development
 Partners
 Waller County Fair Association
 West Engineering Services
 Weston Lakes Country Club
 Wyatt Resources, Inc.

Julie have co-chaired the Education Committee for three years since its inception and have done a great job of building a relationship with the Royal School District – and plan to continue as members of the committee along with Rachel, Rev. Dottie Dumas and Jim Meader. Rachel is the Juvenile Case Manager, Waller County Pct. 4 and a life-long resident of Brookshire and will serve the committee well with its mission..

Governmental Affairs Committee Co-Chairs Adam Traweek (Amegy Bank) and Jason Holmes (Wyatt Resources) are gearing up for the 2014 Political Candidates Forum planned for February 13th at Royal HS. The GA Committee meets the third Thursday of every other month and welcomes all interested members to attend.

The Fundraising Committee, chaired by **Steve Pierson (Katy Family YMCA)** and new Co-Chair **Barry Koch (Ryan Ford/Sealy)**, is in the process of completing plans for a third successful Annual Ice Cream Social FUNdraiser being held on May 6, 2014. Members wishing to join the fun team of volunteers facilitating this year's event should contact Steve at steveinkaty@consolidated.net or 832.661.8800.

The Programs Committee is still in need of a Chairperson after the retirement of Rosemary Gambino (Rose Hill Ranch) who for three years did such a great job of providing interesting and informative speakers for the monthly luncheon. Members interested in chairing the Programs Committee and/or members who have suggestions for topics of interest or speakers for future programs, please speak with any board member or contact chamber at chamber@westi10chamber.org.

The Economic Development Committee, Chairman Jon Strange (JNS Engineering) is seeking a volunteer to Co-Chair and assist with procuring speakers for the committee meetings held every other month and open to all interested members. Contact Jon at jnstrange@jnscellc.com or chamber@westi10chamber.org if you are interested or have contacts and/or suggestions for speakers relating to the economic development of our area.

In Case You Missed It

The January 14 *State of the Chamber* luncheon held at Galileo's in Pattison was well attended and, as always, we are appreciative of everyone who attended and participated. Our always faithful "in-house photographer" Vickie Casto (Brookshire EDC) was MIA – so our photo documentation this month is limited to the last guests to leave who were gracious in accommodating us with a smile.

Pictured below: Larry Jones and Justin Beckendorff, Candidates for Waller County Commissioner, Pct. 4; and Harvey Laas (AccessHealth) and Judge Oliver Kitman, winner of the door prize donated by Mary Garbett. Thanks guys!



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