



# The Latest News

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

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## Board of Directors

- Corinne Vahalik . . . . . President  
 Vahalik & Vahalik, P.C.
- Adam Traweek . . . . . Vice President  
 Amegy Bank
- Kathryn McAdams Wilson. . Secretary
- Arnold England. . . . . Director  
 Gateway Realty
- Barry Koch . . . . . Director  
 Ryan Ford- Sealy
- Jim Vaughn . . . . . Director  
 Lloyds Register/West Engineering
- Rich Gussert . . . . . Director  
 Grundfos USA

## Upcoming Events

### 2014 Calendar - Save the Dates

- Oct 16** – Candidates Forum
- Nov 8** – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet
- Dec 9** – Member Luncheon – State of the County & District – State Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr. and Waller County Judge Glenn Beckendorff

## President’s Message



### Corinne Vahalik/Vahalik & Vahalik, P.C.

Thank you to everyone who attended our luncheon on October 14 at Galileo’s. This was my first luncheon as president of the Chamber, and I think we had a great turnout! Mike Barnes, who serves as coordinator for the Brookshire Economic Development Corporation, provided an honest and informative program about our area’s strengths and challenges when it comes to growth.

With last month’s board of directors election, we welcomed Kathryn McAdams Wilson and Arnold England to the board.

We have an enthusiastic group, and I am excited for the continued success I know this board will bring.

I also want to thank Bill Fry and Steve Pierson for their years of dedication and service to the board and the Chamber. These two gentlemen have been great leaders for our group, and I look forward to their continued involvement and guidance as members.

This fall will be a busy time for the Chamber, and there are plenty of opportunities for involvement. Please see the upcoming events section for more details.

Next month there will be no membership luncheon, and we will instead host our annual awards banquet. This year will be an encore of last year’s phenomenal event at the Hemi Hideout, and we will honor Adrian Alaniz of Galileo’s and power couple Jim and Roberta Meader for their incredible commitment to our businesses and community. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Julie at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org).

The Chamber greatly appreciates our members and your continued support!

## New Directors

During the October Board of Directors Meeting, Justice of the Peace Ted Krenek swore in the new Board Members Kathryn McAdams Wilson, Arnold England and Barry Koch. The BOD then voted Corinne Vahalik- President, Adam Traweek- Vice President and Kathryn McAdams Wilson- Secretary

## Committees & Chairs

### Ambassador

Stephen Alaniz/Enterprise Bank

### Economic Development

Greg Turner/ Turner Duran

Arnold England/ Gateway Realty

### Programs & Events

Open

### PR & Marketing

Michele Moore/ Brookshire's Best Auto Repair

### Website

Paul McConnell/Key Insurance Agency

### Annual Banquet

Roberta Meader/Cotton Gin LLC

### Fundraising

Barry Koch/Ryan Ford

### Nominating

Anthony Francis/LJA Engineering

### Governmental Affairs

Adam Traweck/Amegy Bank

Jason Holmes/Wyatt Resources

### Education

Rachel Hillsman-Valis

### Membership

Open

### Administrative Director

Julie Ormond

## Contact us at

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### West I-10 Sustaining Members

Igloo Products Corp  
Rooms To Go  
Turner Duran Architects  
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### Silver Members

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



## Candidates Forum October 16, 2014

### Who will be Your Leaders and Representatives for the Coming Years?

The West I-10 Chamber of Commerce is presenting the 2014 Candidates Forum for local, political offices who will represent Waller County and Royal ISD.

**Thursday October 16, 2014 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Royal High School PAC Auditorium**

Jimmy R. Davis Performing Arts Center

34499 Royal Road, Brookshire TX 77423

## Awards Banquet Update

**Saturday, November 8, 2014-** The West I-10 Chamber 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet will honor **Community Champions Jim and Roberta Meader, and Adrian Alaniz of Galileo's** for all that they do for the Chamber and the community. This banquet will again be held at the fabulous venue The Hemi Hideout provided by Texas Automotive Muscle and dinner will be prepared by Executive Chefs Dillon and Denver Cao of Ray's Grill. Save the date and lookout for invitations to be sent out this week.

Member support for this event is outstanding again this year. Sponsors are listed below.

The Chamber is still offering sponsorship opportunities for this event. For more information contact the chamber at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org)

## 2014 Banquet Sponsors



HILLSMAN & VAHALIK

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Turner Duran Architects

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Amegy Bank

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

Ken Carter Photography

## 2014 Members

907 Cotton Gin LLC  
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Allen Boone Humphries Robinson  
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Amegy Bank  
Aradyne Industries, Inc.  
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Blinn College – Sealy Campus  
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Brookshire Municipal Water District  
Brookshire Steel  
Brookshire's Best Auto Repair  
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Brookshire Smile Dental  
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Galileo's Mexican Grill  
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Green Group Holdings, LLC  
Grundfos, CBS Inc  
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HDH Instruments, LP  
Helping Hand Pharmacy  
Hillsman & Vahalik  
Houston Executive Airport  
iEnergy North America  
Igloo Products Corp  
L.N. Jones Outreach Ministries  
La Quinta Inn & Suites  
J&J Packing Company  
J.L. Rose  
JNS Consulting Engineers  
Janet J. Montgomery, CFP,CWS

## Welcome New Members

The West I-10 Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome our new members

**Jhump & Associates, LLC** located in Brookshire, Texas- areas of expertise are equipment liquidation, equipment sourcing, business development, candidate services, recruitment services and advisory services. For more info visit [jhump.com](http://jhump.com)

**Helping Hand Pharmacy**- A full service pharmacy with locations in Brookshire, Katy and Stafford. Brookshire location is at 4015 Front Street; phone # 281.375.6072 Helping Hand Pharmacy opened the Brookshire store on October 15 and will be having its **Official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on October 25<sup>th</sup>.**"

For more info visit [helping-handpharmacy.com](http://helping-handpharmacy.com)

## Members news and events

### Royal I.S.D.:

#### October 17 – *Fall Festival*

6:00 p.m. at Royal High School.

Save the date and watch for upcoming details regarding this fun, safe community event. Last year's festival featured food, games, and activities for all ages. The Chamber will have a booth with a game and prizes. Be sure to stop by.


**November 8- *Battle of the Bands***- The music program is preparing to host a marching band event on November 8, 2014 to raise funds in order to buy new instruments and supplies for both the middle and high school levels. We are now looking for sponsorships and/or donations for this big family event. The event will be a remarkable occasion which will showcase marching bands from Beaumont, Dallas, Houston and surrounding areas.

For more information or to sponsor this event contact Director of Bands Sam Long at 281.934.6648 (office).

**Turner Duran Architects**- celebrating 30 years. **Happy 30<sup>th</sup> from the Chamber!**

### State Representative Cecil Bell, Jr.

#### October 22 - *Town Hall Event*



A blue rectangular invitation card with a white border. At the top center is a small portrait of Cecil Bell, Jr. wearing a cowboy hat. Below the portrait, the text reads: "STATE REPRESENTATIVE CECIL BELL, JR. INVITES YOU TO A TOWN HALL MEETING IN WALLER COUNTY". The event details are listed with red star symbols: "OCTOBER 22, 2014", "6:30-8:00PM", "LA QUINTA INN", and "721 FM 1489, BROOKSHIRE". At the bottom, it says "PLEASE JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS THE NEEDS OF WALLER COUNTY, PROPOSITION 1, AND A SNEAK-PEEK INTO THE 84TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION." followed by "This event is free to attend. RSVP online at: HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/WALLER-COUNTY-TOWN-HALL-TICKETS-13358530725" and "ALSO VISIT US AT HTTP://DISTRICT3BELL.WIX.COM/BELL".

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Ken Carter Photography

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McDonald's Carmichael Ent.

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Rooms To Go

Roosevelt Alexander

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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 D.A. Elton Mathis

Waller County Fair Association

West Engineering Services

Weston Lakes Country Club

Wyatt Resources, Inc.

## Grundfos NEWS – October 2014

Check out what is going on at Grundfos by clicking [here](#) for company news.

### Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department-

November 15<sup>th</sup>- *Peddlers Day*- for info or booth rental visit [PAVFD.com](http://PAVFD.com)



## West I-10 Committee news

**Governmental Affairs Committee: Co-Chairs Adam Traweek (Amegy Bank) and Jason Holmes (Wyatt Resources).** Election season is fast approaching. Early Voting begins Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Check with your county's elections office for voter information. Election day is Tuesday, November 4, 2014. See above for info on the West I10 Chamber Candidates Forum on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

The **Programs Committee** is still in need of a Chairperson 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](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org).

**Economic Development Committee: Arnold England (Gateway Realty) and Greg Turner (Turner Duran)** will co-chair this committee. Events and information coming soon.

### The Education Committee: Chairwoman Rachel Hillsman-Valis (Waller County)

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

The Chamber will have a booth at the Royal ISD Fall Festival on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>.

First At-Risk Student luncheon of this school year was held Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, the next At-Risk Student luncheons are scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining this mentoring luncheon please contact Rachel through the chamber at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org)

A Huge THANKS! to the YMCA who donated a ton of school supplies which the Education Committee distributed to the RISD campuses.

The West I10 Chamber of Commerce also donated funds to all of the campuses for their libraries, book fairs and/or robotics program.



Royal ECC Lil' Falcons accept a check from Rachel Hillsman-Valis

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## In Case You Missed It

We would like to thank Mike Barnes of the Mike Barnes Group, Inc. for being our guest speaker this month. Mr. Barnes is also the Coordinator for Brookshire E.D.C. He informed the attendees about Brookshire's potential for economic development. It was a great luncheon held at Galileo's Mexican Restaurant.



A special thanks to Amegy Bank for donating a door prize. Arnold England of Gateway Realty was the lucky winner!

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## December 9, 2014 Luncheon/Meeting

**State of the County and District Member Luncheon** on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM at Brookwood Cafe. State Representative Cecil Bell, Jr. District 3 and Waller County Judge Glenn Beckendorff will be the guest speakers.

**Save the date and bring a guest to this special luncheon!**

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