



# The Latest News

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## Upcoming Events

### 2015 Calendar - Save the Dates

- May 6-** Annual Ice Cream Social Fundraiser - PAVFD
- May 12-**Member Luncheon- LaQuinta Inn Brookshire, TX
- June 9-**Member Luncheon – Royal ISD and WI-10 Education Committee Update
- July 14-**Member Luncheon – Waller County Economic Development Partnership
- Sept 8-**Member Luncheon/BOD Elections
- Oct 13-**Member Luncheon – location and program TBA
- Nov 13 or 14-** Annual Awards Banquet - TBA
- Dec 8-** State of County/Dist Luncheon – WC Judge Trey Duhon & Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr.

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## President's Message

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



Thank you to Cane Island for sponsoring our March luncheon and providing an update about their exciting new development coming to our area. I witness their incredible progress almost daily, and they are certainly busy. We look forward to seeing more of the masterfully planned community in the coming months.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social is quickly approaching on May 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 pm at the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department. This has been a fun event for the community and has been incredibly successful in raising funds for the education committee. In 2014, we raised over \$12,000 and were able to provide six \$1,000 scholarships to Royal ISD seniors as well as funds for the various endeavors of the committee including book fairs, school supplies, teacher and student support programs, and at-risk student luncheons.

The Chamber and Royal ISD have a great relationship, and the health and success of the school district has a direct impact on the health and success of the business community. Let's do our part to ensure this event is both well-attended and well-funded! Tickets can be purchased at the Royal ISD campuses or through the Chamber by contacting Julie at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org). Additional sponsorships are available and are encouraged!  
Thank you for supporting your Chamber!

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## Members news and events

**Brookwood Spring Extravaganza: Thursday April 30th, 4 - 7 pm**

*(Complimentary Appetizers ~ Wine & Champagne for purchase)*

Friday & Saturday

May 1st & 2nd, 9 am - 5 pm

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**Chamber Members please take note of this great membership benefit.**

The Chamber Newsletter is a great place to promote your business by submitting your news and events to [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org).

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## West I-10 Committee News

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

The Education Committee's Next (and Final) DAEP Luncheon will be Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:00 am

Education Committee Meeting Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 am at the PAVFD; Scholarship applications have been received and will be reviewed at next committee meeting

Royal High School Awards Banquet will be Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at RHS Performing Arts Center.

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**4<sup>th</sup> Annual "It Takes a Community"  
Ice Cream Social FUNdraiser**

**Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00PM**

**At the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department**

2950 FM 359 Pattison, TX

Join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual FUNdraiser benefitting the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce Education Fund, providing scholarships and support for Royal ISD.

Event will feature:

- The Royal Jazz Band
- Silent Auction
- Guest scoopers with scooper competition
- Silent auction.

### Committees & Chairs

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**Special Note:** In the three prior years of the event, Blue Bell Creamery has donated all ice cream for the event. The Chamber hopes our friends in Brenham will be back up and running in time for the social, and we thank B&B Foods in Brookshire for its donation which will allow the Chamber to have Dreyer's ice cream as well. All ice cream can be topped with Goya dessert products.

Thank you to our event sponsors!

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Sponsorships available from \$100 and up. Silent Auction items needed. Please contact Julie Ormond at [chamber@west110chamber.org](mailto:chamber@west110chamber.org) for more information.

## In Case You Missed It

**April Member Luncheon: April 14, 2015** – (Sponsored by Cane Island) Chamber Members gathered at Midway BBQ in Katy, Texas to hear Dan Naef, President of Rise Communities, give a construction update and describe all of the features of Cane Island. This amenity filled development has “natural occurring amenities” such as the great location, accessibility to Interstate 10 and Katy ISD. Cane Island is also providing other amenities including a fitness center with yoga studio, relaxation pool and garden.

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Dan Naef's presentation included a great digital representation of the development.



Members enjoyed networking, BBQ and a great presentation.



Cane Island will feature an entrance experience pictured left.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted with an amazing arch sculpture that will fuse beautiful plants and flowers with stunning art and innovative technology. Your ¼-mile drive into the heart of the community will continue down a shaded path boasting spectacular oaks, a sparkling 3-acre lake, exotic elk and deer neighbors and seven gorgeous fountains that shoot water 30 feet into the air. Whether coming or going, Cane Island is truly something extraordinary. **This incredible entrance experience is in its finishing touches phase and is scheduled for completion in early July.**

Keep a look out in upcoming Chamber newsletters for updates!

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## **Economic Development Committee Meeting: April 16, 2015**

The Economic Development Committee met April 16 at the Houston Executive Airport. 10 members attended to hear Zach Holland, General Manager of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District.

Holland covered what a GCD does in this four county district. Some good news is that this district has rebounded well from the big drought and subsidence is not a big issue at this time. Holland answered many questions from those attending. The next EDC meeting will be Thursday, June 18.

All Chamber Members are invited to attend. You do not have to be on the committee to attend a meeting.



Pictured left:  
Chamber President  
Corinne Vahalik,  
Zach Holland,  
EDC co-chair  
Arnold England



Chamber members  
in the HEA  
conference room.



Jon Strange of  
JNS Engineers,  
Zach Holland  
And J.L. Rose

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## **May 12, 2015 Member Luncheon**

The Member Luncheon for May will be held at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, 721 FM 1489 Brookshire, Texas. Due to scheduling conflicts, we are experiencing some program changes and will announce the speaker for May's Luncheon soon.

**Please note:** Luncheon Pricing Change is now in effect.  
18 Member/ Guest; \$28 Non-Member.

**RSVP** for the May Luncheon [here](#).

**Save the date and bring a guest!**