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## Upcoming Events

### 2015 Calendar - Save the Dates

- Aug 20-** Economic Development Morning Meeting at Brookshire Drying
- Sept 8-** Member Luncheon/BOD Elections- Senator Kolkhorst at Ray’s Grill
- Oct 13-** Member Luncheon – location and program TBA
- Nov 13 or 14-** Annual Awards Banquet - TBA
- Dec 8-** State of County/District Luncheon – WC Judge Trey Duhon & Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr.

## President’s Message



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

Thank you to Zach Holland of Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District for an informative presentation about our groundwater, current regulation, and updates this past legislative session at our July membership luncheon at Midway. More information about the district and what its responsibilities are can be found at <http://www.bluebonnetgroundwater.org/>.

Now that the legislative session has come to an end, our State leaders are meeting with the Chamber regarding session updates and other matters. Representative Cecil Bell, Jr. spoke at the governmental affairs committee meeting at Severn Trent on July 23, 2015. Senator Lois Kolkhorst will speak at our next membership luncheon in September at Ray’s Grill.

Our committees are putting on great events with great speakers. If you haven’t been to one of our morning committee meetings, I encourage you to do so. We also have our next economic development committee meeting at the historic Brookshire Drying on August 20, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. This will be a truly unique presentation.

There will be no August membership luncheon as we all wind down our summers. However, we will hold elections for four Board of Directors positions at our September luncheon. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Julie at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org). Thank you for supporting your Chamber!

## Members news and events

### Brookwood Community (Brookshire, Texas)

Sweet Treats Cooking Demonstration- August 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM- 12:00PM

Reservations required. 291-375-2100

For more information visit [BrookwoodCommunity.org](http://BrookwoodCommunity.org)

## 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

### 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

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### West I-10 Gold Members

Igloo Products Corp

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Brookshire Economic  
Development Corporation

Severn Trent Services

City of Katy

Goya Foods

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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

## Ray's Grill (Fulshear, Texas)

### *First ever Vodka Distillery Tour! Sat. August 1 at 2PM.*

Limo bus will take the group to tour Dash Vodka Distillery. \$70 per person, Price includes limo bus, cocktails and passed appetizers. Seating is limited. Reservations Required.

For more information please contact Ray's Grill at 281-588-0099 or email [raysgrill@gmail.com](mailto:raysgrill@gmail.com)

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## Committee News

**Banquet Committee:** (Chair: Roberta Meader) The committee is busy planning the 2015 Banquet. If you are interested in helping with this fun event please contact Julie Ormond at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org).

**Economic Development Committee:** (Co-chairs Arnold England and Greg Turner) The Economic Development Committee will host an informative meeting on **Thursday, August 20** at the historic Brookshire Drying at 8:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend. Location: 1019 Bains St Brookshire, Texas 77423 on the Northwest corner of HWY 90 and FM 359.

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## In Case You Missed It

### July 14 Member Luncheon:

Chamber Members gathered at Midway BBQ in Katy, Texas. Chamber Member Greg Turner of Turner Duran Architects was the business spotlight speaker for July. He highlighted the services offered by Turner Duran including architectural design, master planning, project management and interior design. One of Turner Duran's current projects is the new Katy City Hall building that is under construction now. For more information on Turner Duran Architects, their services and projects, visit [www.turnerduran.com](http://www.turnerduran.com)



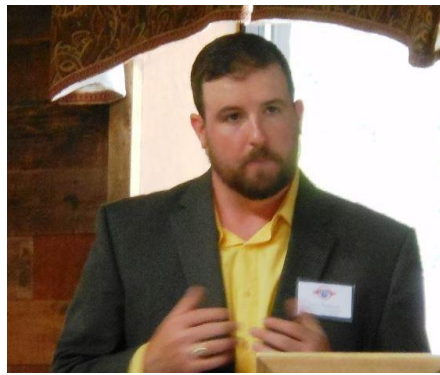
Business Spotlight Speaker Greg Turner  
of Turner Duran Architects

## Bronze Members

Ilen Boone Humphries Robinson  
Allen Samuels Katy Dodge  
Brookshire Residence & Rehab Ctr.  
Green Group Holdings, LLC  
iEnergy North America  
Jones & Carter  
Ken Carter Photography  
LJA Engineering, Inc.  
Lloyd's Register Drilling Services PLLC  
Main Stream Environmental Water Well  
Services  
Radcliffe Bobbitt Adams Polley PLLC  
Ryan Ford

## 2015 Members

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Brookshire's Best Auto Repair  
Brookshire Residence & Rehab Ctr.  
Brookshire Smile Dental  
The Brookwood Community  
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CenterPoint Energy  
City of Katy  
City of Pattison  
Comfy Home, Inc  
Consolidated Communications  
Dalton Discovery Park  
Darleen St. Jean  
Days Inn, Brookshire  
Daystar Publishing, Inc  
Dustin Harwell-Texas Farm Bureau  
Edward Jones  
Enterprise Bank  
Eve's Garden  
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  
Gary Gates  
Gateway Realty  
Goya  
Green Group Holdings, LLC  
Grundfos, CBS Inc  
HDH Instruments, LP  
Helping Hand Pharmacy  
Hillsman & Vahalik  
Houston Executive Airport



Guest Speaker Zach Holland of Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District

Zach Holland of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District was our guest speaker for July. He informed attendees that the 84<sup>th</sup> legislature considered approximately 120 bills pertaining to groundwater legislation. One of the bills passed, House Bill 30, relates to the development of brackish water and seawater which are very active areas of research. He also reported that there is a 90 day public comment period that will end on October 5<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed desired future conditions (DFC) of General Management Area 14 (GMA 14). For more information, visit [www.bluebonnetgroundwater.org](http://www.bluebonnetgroundwater.org). Thanks so much to Zach Holland for taking time to inform our members on how the conservation district is monitoring and preserving this most important resource for our area.



Pictured above left: Tim O'Brien of Farmer's Insurance and Johnny Bonaccorso of Stewart Title- Fulshear



Pictured above right: Adam Traweek of Amegy Bank and Jon Strange of JNS Engineers

**July 23 Governmental Affairs Committee Hosted a Legislative Update given by Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr.** Thank you to Representative Cecil Bell, Jr. who spoke to our Governmental Affairs Committee this morning. Representative Bell provided a summary of the legislative session, the proposed constitutional amendments for November's ballot, and issues his office is

iEnergy North America  
 Igloo Products Corp  
 Invision Pools  
 L.N. Jones Outreach Ministries  
 La Quinta Inn & Suites  
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 Jones & Carter, Inc.Ju  
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 Katy Heritage Society  
 Ken Carter Photography  
 Key Insurance Agency  
 Kyle Custom Homes LLC  
 LJA Engineering, Inc.  
 La Quinta Inn & Suites, Brookshire  
 Mainstream Environmental Water Well  
 Services  
 McDonald's Carmichael Ent.  
 Memorial Hermann Katy  
 NAVCON GROUP, LLC  
 New Life Beginnings Church  
 Oliver S. Kitzman, Sr.  
 One 2 mini Ranch Tack & Feed  
 Orizon Industries, Inc.  
 Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Dept  
 Pattison United Methodist Church  
 Priority Emergency Room  
 Radcliffe Bobbitt Adams Polley PLLC  
 Ray's Grill  
 Repka's Grocery & Kitchen  
 Rhino Solutions  
 Right Time Real Estate LLC  
 Rise Communities, LLC  
 Rooms To Go  
 Roosevelt Alexander  
 Royal I.S.D.  
 Ryan Ford  
 Salt & Pepper Restaurant & Catering  
 Saturn Machine, Inc.  
 Severn Trent Services, Inc.  
 Shanco Equipment Specialists  
 Shelter House America  
 Southwest Properties  
 Stan Kitzman  
 State Rep. John Zerwas MD  
 Stewart Title, Fulshear  
 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  
 Partnership  
 Waller County A&M Club  
 Waller County Commissioner  
 Justin Beckendorff, Pct.4

working to address before next session. We appreciate Representative Bell making time for us before he leaves for a much deserved vacation.



Above: Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr. shakes hands with Bill Fry of Severn Trent Services.



Above left: Adam Traweek of Amegy Bank and Jason Holmes of Wyatt Resources

Above right: Andrew Perry of Houston Executive Airport, Arnold England of Gateway Realty, Waller County Justice of the Peace Ted Krenek, Jim Russ of EHRA Engineering

## September 8, 2015 Member Luncheon

The September 8th Member Luncheon will be held at  
 Ray's Grill- Fulshear

6025 Highway Blvd, Katy, Texas 77494

**Guest Speaker: Senator Lois Kolkhorst**



Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst is a fifth-generation Texan, with ancestral roots to the Texas War of Independence. A Brenham native, she went on to graduate from TCU where she played collegiate golf.

In December 2014, Kolkhorst was elected to the Texas Senate in a special election, after previously serving fourteen years in the Texas House. Recognized as a fiscal conservative, she is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, and has served three times on the state's budget conference-committee, most recently during the final negotiations on the states \$209 billion budget passed in 2015. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human

Waller County D.A. Elton Mathis  
Waller County Fair Association  
Waller County Judge Trey Duhon  
West Engineering Services  
Wyatt Resources, Inc.

Services and has written landmark legislation to toughen Texas laws on medical privacy. She earned statewide attention for crafting alternatives to Obamacare for healthcare providers.

Senator Kolkhorst is a member of the Senate Committee on Education, and is considered a longtime friend to parents and teachers as well as colleges and universities. Representing all or part of twenty-one Texas counties, she serves on the Senate Transportation Committee as well as the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs, drafting many laws to protect private property rights. (Information obtained from [www.senate.state.tx.us](http://www.senate.state.tx.us))

**Please note:** We will be holding Board of Director Elections for positions 1,3,5 and 7 during the September luncheon. If you are interested in running for a position on the board, please contact Julie Ormond at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org)

\$18 Member/ Guest; \$28 Non-Member.

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

**Seating is limited for this event, so RSVP early.**

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