



# The Latest News

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

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## Upcoming Events

### 2015 Calendar - Save the Dates

- Feb 3-** Austin Trip- Waller County Day at the Capital
- Feb 10-** Member Luncheon- Midway BBQ Katy, Texas
- Feb. 19-** Economic Development Committee Meeting- Houston Executive Airport
- March 10-** Member Luncheon

## President’s Message

### Corinne Vahalik/Vahalik & Vahalik



Thank you to all of our members and guests who attended the annual State of the Chamber luncheon. I was happy to be able to recap all the great Chamber happenings of 2014. 2014 boasted of a record Ice Cream Social, another amazing banquet, new members from the individual to sustaining levels, as well as numerous opportunities for business and community involvement. We also welcomed

our fantastic new Administrative Director, Julie Ormond, and new board members, Arnold England, Kathryn McAdams Wilson, and Mary Garbett. We have a very motivated leadership team, and 2015 should hold exciting things. We will be introducing new membership levels in 2015, and I hope each of you will take the opportunity to see which level best fits the needs of your business. We will work on the transition in the coming weeks. We also hope to introduce more frequent business mixers for members to network and socialize. If you are interested in hosting an evening mixer, please contact Julie at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org).

Thank you for a successful 2014, and I look forward to a banner 2015. Thank you for supporting your Chamber!

## New Chamber Membership Levels

There have been a few changes made to the Chamber membership levels to better accommodate our growing Chamber. We have added a new Platinum level, renamed Sustaining level to Gold level, and renamed Business Partner to Bronze level. Silver members, business members, individuals, and non-profits will remain the same. Presently all members will remain in their current monetary levels. We have added some Chamber benefits to our premium levels including recognition, ebblast opportunities and other services. Please [click here](#) to view all membership levels and their benefits to choose the level that will

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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

Mary Garbett . . . . . Director  
Real Estate

maximize your business's Chamber experience. If you have questions or wish to make changes to your membership level please contact Julie Ormond at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org).

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## Members news and events

### **Cane Island: A new Master Planned Community in Katy**

Come see our Mobile Amenity Center at the Katy Home & Garden Show, January 24-25, at the Merrell Center!

Visit [caneisland.com](http://caneisland.com) for more info on this community coming soon.

### **Brookwood Community:**

#### ***Rodeo Fashion Show***

*Enjoy fashions from your favorite stores that will take you from everyday chic to Rodeo Ready!!!*

#### ***Produced by***

**Rebecca Matthews, Fashion & Image Consultant**

**Friday, February 20th ~ 11:00 am**

**\$28.95 plus tax**

Reservations required 281-375-2100

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## West I-10 Committee news

**Governmental Affairs Committee: Co-Chairs Adam Traweek (Amegy Bank) and Jason Holmes (Wyatt Resources).**

### **Austin/Capital Trip- Waller County Day: Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sign up has begun! The trip will be a fun day filled with history, acknowledgement from Rep. Cecil Bell during House Session, and the chance to meet and hear various political speakers as well as plenty of food, drinks, and networking opportunities with fellow Chamber members, Waller County Economic Development Council members, and other Waller County Residents.

If you are interested in attending this daytrip, please contact Julie Ormond at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org). The cost is limited to your lunch as the rest of the trip is sponsored. Space is limited, so hurry!

**Economic Development Committee: Arnold England (Gateway Realty) and Greg Turner (Turner Duran)**

**Next meeting: Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM** at the Houston Executive Airport. Andrew Perry will discuss HEA's expansion. Donuts and Coffee will be provided.

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

The Education Committee is continuing the At-Risk Student Luncheons with dates for the spring semester coming soon. The Education Committee's spring semester will also feature teacher awards and student scholarships. If you are interested in joining this committee or attending a mentoring luncheon please contact Rachel through the chamber at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org)

**Fundraising Committee: (Barry Koch)** The Fundraising Committee will be having a meeting soon to gear up for the Annual Ice Cream Social Fundraiser to be held in May. If you are interested in joining this fun committee please contact Barry through the chamber at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.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 Traweek/Amegy Bank

Jason Holmes/Wyatt Resources

### Education

Rachel Hillsman

### Membership

Mary Garbett/ Real Estate

### Administrative Director

Julie Ormond

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### **West I-10 Gold Members**

Igloo Products Corp  
Rooms To Go

Turner Duran Architects  
Brookshire Economic  
Development Corporation

Severn Trent Services

City of Katy

Goya Foods

Grundfos

### **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

## 2014 Members

907 Cotton Gin LLC  
Allen Boone Humphries Robinson  
Allen Samuels Katy Dodge  
Amegy Bank  
Aradyne Industries, Inc.  
BES Engineering  
Belleza by Patti  
Blinn College – Sealy Campus  
Brookshire Economic Development  
Brookshire Family Medical  
Brookshire Municipal Water District  
Brookshire Steel  
Brookshire's Best Auto Repair  
Brookshire Residence & Rehab Ctr.  
Brookshire Smile Dental  
The Brookwood Community  
Burger King-30/Brookshire  
Career & Recovery Resources  
Cecil Bell, Jr.  
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  
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  
Jhump & Associates, LLC  
Joe Garcia  
Joe Trimm, Jr.  
Jones & Carter, Inc.  
Katy Area EDC  
Katy Family YMCA

## In Case You Missed It

**January Member Luncheon -** A great group gathered at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Brookshire to hear Chamber President Corinne Vahalik and Committee Chairs give the State of the Chamber Annual Update.



Chamber President Corinne Vahalik reviewed 2014 and updated attendees on plans for 2015 and changes including the newly updated membership levels and networking mixers.



Above Left: Education Committee Chair Rachel Hillsman Valis reviewed the committee's extremely busy and productive 2014.

Above Right: A Fajita Lunch catered by Galileo's was a great treat!



Chamber Members Pat Doucette/ Edward Jones, Marla Van Overbeke/Eve's Garden and Dustin Harwell/ Texas Farm Bureau enjoyed networking at the luncheon.



Katy Heritage Society  
 Ken Carter Photography  
 Key Insurance Agency  
 Kyle Custom Homes LLC  
 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  
 Orizon Industries, Inc.  
 Patriots Junk Removal & Hauling  
 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  
 Rose Hill Ranch  
 Royal I.S.D.  
 Ryan Ford  
 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 Krenk, 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 D.A. Elton Mathis  
 Waller County Fair Association  
 West Engineering Services  
 Wyatt Resources, Inc.



Above: Tim O'Brien/Farmers Insurance Group and Johnny Bonoccorso/Stewart Title/Fulshear

Below: Arnold England/Gateway Realty; Stan Kitzman, and Jon Strange/JNS Consulting Engineers



## February 10, 2015 Luncheon/Meeting

**Waller County Assistant District Attorney Warren Diepraam will address the Chamber Luncheon** on February 10th at 11:30AM at Midway BBQ in Katy, Texas. He will report on all the interesting things going on in the DA's office and Waller County. **Save the date and bring a guest!**

**The Chamber Wishes You a Prosperous & Happy New Year!**

*Working together for our future*

**Send us your news**

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