



The Latest News

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

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Upcoming Events

2015 Calendar - Save the Dates

- July 14**-Member Luncheon – Zach Holland of Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
- July 23**- Governmental Affairs Meeting- Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr.
- Sept 8**-Member Luncheon/BOD Elections- Senator Kolkhorst
- 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 our education committee for hosting the June luncheon. Our guest speaker, Superintendent Stacy Ackley, reporting on both the successes of the 2014-2015 school year and the challenges and new opportunities for the coming 2015-2016 school year. Great things are happening at Royal ISD, and the business community’s and district’s successes are integrally linked. We also heard a report on the teacher spirit award and scholarship recipients. Thank you to the education committee for the hard work this year!

In addition to the education committee’s progress, our other committees are hosting great small events.

The economic development committee met at the Katy Area EDC and received an informative report from Frank Lombard on the current happenings and anticipated growth and development. The area has changed dramatically in a few short years, and there are signs of continued change in the years to come. We appreciate Frank and the Katy Area EDC keeping us informed. Great information about the council can be found at <http://katyedc.org/>.

The governmental affairs committee has an upcoming meeting hosting Representative Cecil Bell, Jr., who will provide an update on the legislative session. See the upcoming events section for more information.

Next month, our luncheon will feature Zach Holland of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservancy. It will be interesting to hear his thoughts on the legislative session and the current conditions of groundwater given our recent weather. We look forward to a great turnout for that event.

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Members news and events

Brookwood Community (Brookshire, Texas)

Upcoming Events:

Jewelry Making- July 16th 10:30AM -12:00PM

Sweet Treats Cooking Demonstration- August 13th 10:30AM- 12:00PM

Reservations required. 291-375-2100

For more information visit BrookwoodCommunity.org

Cane Island (Katy, Texas)

Perry Model Home now open in Cane Island!

For more information please visit CaneIsland.com

Brookshire Residence and Rehabilitation Center (Brookshire, Texas)

Brookshire Residence and Rehab is pleased to announce our new in-house rehab team.

Most rehabilitation centers contract with outside agencies to provide therapy services for their facility. Our facility is fortunate to have a stable and devoted in house therapy team devoted to the residents of these facilities. Since the therapists are committed to our facility, they are always available and their focus is always on the resident's care.

Please feel free to stop by and meet our new team!

Committee News

Banquet Committee: (Chair: Roberta Meader) The committee will be meeting soon to start planning the 2015 Banquet. If you are interested in helping with this fun event please contact Julie Ormond at chamber@westi10chamber.org.

Governmental Affairs Committee: (Co-chairs Adam Traweek and Jason Holmes) Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr. will give a legislative update on July 23, 2015 at 8:00AM at the Severn Trent Services Conference Room located at 32259 Morton Road, Brookshire, TX 77423. Everyone is invited to attend.

Education Committee: (Chair: Rachel Hillsman-Valis)

On May 13th the **Educ. Committee's At Risk Student Mentoring Session** featured guest speaker Adam Traweek from Amegy Bank. He gave a very interactive presentation on budgeting that really had the students engaged and thinking about the future. The Students surprised the committee with a recital of four students playing solo songs on the keyboard. It was a great hour and the committee will start up these monthly mentoring sessions again in the fall.

The 2015 West I-10 Chamber of Commerce Teacher Spirit Awards were nominated by Principals and voted on by Teachers and Students

The Recipients honored were:

Royal Early Childhood Center- Karen Divin

Royal Elementary School- Monica Brown

STEM Academy- Erin Durham

Royal Jr. High- David Smith

Royal High School- Jason Woods

Education Committee's Choice Spirit Award – Royal High School Skills Team USA

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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

Here are some of reasons the Education Committee chose Skills Teams USA to receive this award.....

The Royal SkillsUSA Team competed at the State SkillsUSA Contest in Corpus Christi, Texas against other skills contestants from all across the State of Texas from 1A-6A.

In the Welding Contest, Felipe Gomez received 2nd place Runner-up.

The Welding Team Fabrication received 2nd place Runner-up.

Alejandro Torres, received a bronze medal in the Welding Technical Test.

In Welding Job Exhibit Team received a perfect score of 100, Superior Rating, on their 10-ft Utility Trailer Project. Also, David Cisneros received a 95 Superior rating on the Fire Pit/Grill.

In the Machining Job Exhibit, Ana Hernandez received Excellent Rating on her aluminum domino set.

Also, Sixto Montoya and Jesus Montoya received Machining Best of Show with their aluminum cannon.

Christopher Quinteros was the STATE CHAMPION of the Precision Machining Contest!

The Royal Audio Visual Production Quiz Bowl Team was the STATE CHAMPION Team in the A/V Production Quiz Bowl Contest!!!!

West I10 Chamber of Commerce Scholarship 2015 Recipients receiving scholarships of \$1000 each were:

Pranav Kalyani- University of Texas- Mechanical Engineering

Cale Beissner- Blinn College- Associates in Agriculture

Estephani Landaverde- Sam Houston State- Nursing

Estrellita Rodriguez- Lone Star College- Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

Odalys Rodriguez- Texas A&M University- Business Administration

Economic Development Committee: (Co-chairs Arnold England and Greg Turner)

The Economic Development Committee met on Thursday, June 18 at the offices of the Katy Area Economic Development Council (KAEDC). Frank Lombard, Vice President of KAEDC, made a presentation and answered questions. Attendees from the West I-10 Chamber were Corinne Vahalik, Arnold England, Kathryn McAdams, Vickie Casto, Tim O'Brien, and Greg Turner.



Arnold England, Corinne Hillsman Vahalik and Frank Lombard

Houston Executive Airport
 iEnergy North America
 Igloo Products Corp
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 L.N. Jones Outreach Ministries
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 J&J Packing Company
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 La Quinta Inn & Suites, Brookshire
 Mainstream Environmental Water Well
 Services
 McDonald's Carmichael Ent.
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 NAVCON GROUP, LLC
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 Oliver S. Kitzman, Sr.
 One 2 mini Ranch Tack & Feed
 Orizon Industries, Inc.
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 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
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 Ryan Ford
 Salt & Pepper Restaurant & Catering
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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
 Partnership
 Waller County A&M Club
 Waller County D.A. Elton Mathis



Kathryn McAdams Wilson and
Tim O'Brien

Katy has seen a tremendous amount of growth in the past decade, and the growth is heading west, into Waller County. Some of it is already here, in the I-10 corridor where large distribution centers are already built. The "Katy Area" (defined as the 181 square miles inside the Katy ISD boundaries) is now home to 305,000 people, the same size as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The demographics show a young and affluent population, lots of new employment centers (148,000 jobs within the area), and low unemployment.

Among the attributes of the Katy Area, most of which will also affect Waller County in a significant way, are robust electrical power supplies, the Grand Parkway, the possible Chevron research campus, and the potential new University of Houston campus. The northwest sector of the Katy ISD area, including some part of Waller County, has become a hotbed for residential developers positioning themselves for future growth.

The Economic Development Committee is grateful to Mr. Lombard and the KAEDC for opening their doors to us and sharing information.

In Case You Missed It

June 9 Member Luncheon:

Chamber Members gathered at LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Brookshire, TX. They enjoyed a great lunch catered by Salt & Pepper Catering.



Royal ISD Superintendent Stacy Ackley gave an update on all of the exciting things going on at Royal ISD. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Waller County Fair Association
Waller County Judge Trey Duhon
West Engineering Services
Wyatt Resources, Inc.

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Academy had a successful first year, along with the Royal ISD Boys and Girls Club. Coming this fall, Royal ISD will introduce an ROTC program. Royal ISD is the only new district in the nation that will receive this hard to get program this year. Royal ISD will also begin an early college high school program which will allow students to graduate high school with an associate's degree. Royal is one of only 37 high schools in the state with this program.



Emily Hillsman, Stacy Ackley,
Kathryn McAdams Wilson and
Michael Montgomery



Greg Murray, J.L. Rose and Arnold
England

July 14, 2015 Member Luncheon

The July 14th Member Luncheon will be held at
Midway BBQ

6025 Highway Blvd, Katy, Texas 77494

Guest Speaker: Zach Holland of Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District

Please note: Luncheon Pricing Change is now in effect.

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

RSVP for the July Luncheon [here](#).

Save the date and bring a guest!