



# The Latest News

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

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## Upcoming Events

### 2015 Calendar - Save the Dates

- April 14-** Member Luncheon – Midway BBQ Katy, TX – Cane Island Development
- May 6-** Annual Ice Cream Social Fundraiser - PAVFD
- May 12-**Member Luncheon- LaQuinta Inn Brookshire, TX- Jim Flint: Digital Marketing
- 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.

## President’s Message



### Corinne Vahalik/Vahalik & Vahalik

Thank you to Perri D’Armond of the West Houston Association who spoke at our March membership luncheon at Salt and Pepper. Perri provided an information presentation about what WHA does in the area and what we can expect to see in the future. Great information about WHA can be obtained at <http://westhouston.org/>. Attendance at our monthly luncheons continues to grow, and we are welcoming new members each month. We are excited to see the new faces and look forward to expanding our membership base further and continuing to provide valuable services and networking opportunities to the Chamber as a whole.

However, in order to continue to be able to provide quality speakers at quality venues, we have found it necessary to increase our luncheon prices of \$18 for member and guest and \$28 for nonmember effective April 2015. While we try to keep costs low for our members, our current prices were not sufficient to cover the meal, venue, and speaker gift costs. We trust that you as members understand this slight increase.

Membership dues statements have been sent to a large number of our members with renewal dates from January through June. If you are interested in changing your membership level, please contact Julie at [chamber@westi10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@westi10chamber.org). The new membership level descriptions can be viewed [here](#). Thank you for supporting your Chamber!

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## Welcome New Members

**Invision Pools & Outdoor Design: Brookshire, Texas** was founded with the goal of providing truly custom design of pools, spas, patios, landscaping and total outdoor environments. [OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:](#)

[Geometric Pools](#)      [Water Features](#)      [Fireplaces & Fire Pits](#)  
[Freeform Pools](#)      [Patios & Decks](#)      [Screens & Structures](#)  
[Hot Tubs & Spas](#)      [Outdoor Kitchens](#)      [Landscaping](#)

For more information call 281-934-8777 or visit [InvisionPools.com](http://InvisionPools.com)

### **Salt and Pepper Restaurant and Catering: Katy, Texas**

Located at 811 Avenue D Katy, TX 77493

Open for Breakfast and Lunch only

Monday to Saturday 8:00 to 3:00 pm

After 3:00 pm Venue is available for rental for all kinds of events

Venue can hold up to 120 people

Catering for events on-site and off-site is available

For more information call 281-347-6803 or visit [www.saltandpepperkaty.com](http://www.saltandpepperkaty.com)

### **Waller County A&M Club**

Waller County A&M Club was established in 2004 to connect former students and raise scholarship money for future Aggies! The Waller County A&M Club donates thousands of dollars to Waller County Students attending Texas A&M University each year. Come and join us for our monthly gatherings the second Wednesday of each month at Repka's. For more information visit us on facebook [here](#)

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## Members news and events

**Royal FFA:** The Royal FFA Parade to be held in conjunction with the Royal FFA Chapter's **59<sup>th</sup> Annual FFA Livestock Show and Sale, March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**. Participants will once again assemble at the intersection of Koomey Road and Hwy 90, north and west of the Brookshire police station on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The parade will commence promptly at 10:00AM and proceed through downtown Brookshire. The theme for this year's parade is **"Royal FFA Salutes your Favorite Holiday."** Immediately following the parade, plan to attend the BBQ luncheon in the Royal HS cafeteria and then the Livestock Auction which begins with the parade award ceremony held at **Royal High School Agricultural Sales Facility** at approximately 1:00 pm. Help celebrate this special theme and we invite you to be a part of this great community tradition!

FFA Show Schedule:

Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> 6PM Project Judging- Commercial Broilers, Market Goats and Market Swine

Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM Project Judging- Horticulture Projects, Commercial Heifers and Market Steers

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 10AM- Parade

11:30AM- Luncheon, RHS Cafeteria

1:00PM- Parade Awards, Expo Center

1:30PM- Live Project Auction!

### **Pattison United Methodist Church Easter Egg Hunt**

Community Invited! **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** at 2PM- Ave. H @ FM 359 in Pattison Texas

### 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

Rachel Hillsman

#### Membership

Mary Garbett/ Keller Williams Real Estate

#### Administrative Director

Julie Ormond

### Contact us at

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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

## Bronze Members

Allen 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

907 Cotton Gin LLC  
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Allen Samuels Katy Dodge  
Amegy Bank  
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BES Engineering  
Belleza by Patti  
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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

## United Way of Greater Houston- Waller County Area Resource & Job Fair

**Friday April 17, 2015 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Royal ISD Boys and Girls Club 2500 Durkin Rd. Brookshire, TX 77423

For information call 281-822-4200

**LJA Engineering Inc. Open House** at the new Katy office located at 1904 W. Grand Parkway N. Suite 100 Katy, TX 77449 @ the NE corner of Franz and Grand Parkway  
**Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 12-4PM**; BBQ lunch will be served from 12-2PM

## First United Methodist Church of Brookshire Springfest 2015

**Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 4-8PM** Includes BBQ Dine in or Takeout , Live Auction, Silent Auction Lots of fun activities for the entire family. 707 Cooper at 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Brookshire.

### BBQ & all the fixins

Take-out Meals – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Live Auction – 6 p.m.

Evening Meal – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Adult Plate - \$12 – Child's Plate - \$7

Sandwich & Chips - \$7

Pre-Sale Briskets - \$65-includes free qt. BBQ sauce

Pre-Sale Chickens - \$10

BBQ Sauce \$7

For pre-sale briskets & chickens, call Suzanne Garrett @ 713-817-8949

Contact church office at 281.375.5683 for more information.

## Brookshire Municipal Water District Annual Water Festival

**Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 10-2PM** at Hovas Park 1400 Hovas St. Brookshire, TX  
Free Entertainment and Learning for the Entire Family!

## Waller County A&M Club Aggie Muster 2015- Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>

The Waller County A&M Club invites you to join us for Aggie Muster on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Repka's located at 8481 Buller Rd Brookshire, TX 77423. The cost is \$35 per person and includes the meal and a live fundraiser auction with all proceeds going to the Waller County A&M Club Scholarship Fund.

The featured speaker for Waller County's Aggie Muster 2015 is Dr Mike Wirtz, DVM Class of 1968 and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine 1970 of Brenham, Texas. To make reservations for the Waller County A&M Club's Aggie Muster 2015 or for information please contact Muster Chair Katie Matthews '10 at 979-571-4054 or email: [wallercountyamclub@aggienetwork.com](mailto:wallercountyamclub@aggienetwork.com).

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

**Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM**

**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:

- Blue Bell Ice Cream and toppings bar
- The Royal Jazz Band
- Guest scoopers with scooper competition
- Silent auction.

Sponsorships available from \$100 and up. Silent Auction items needed. Please contact Julie Ormond at [chamber@west10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@west10chamber.org) for more information.

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## West I-10 Committee news

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

The Education Committee's spring semester will feature teacher awards and student scholarships and At-Risk Student Luncheons. If you are interested in joining this committee or attending a mentoring luncheon please contact Rachel through the chamber at [chamber@west10chamber.org](mailto:chamber@west10chamber.org)

### **Economic Development Committee: Chairs Arnold England and Greg Turner**

The next meeting will be held at the Houston Executive Airport **Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM**. Guest Speaker will be Zach Holland, General Manager, Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District.

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## In Case You Missed It

**March Member Luncheon** – Chamber Members gathered at Salt and Pepper Restaurant in Katy, Texas to hear Perri D'Armond, President and CEO of West Houston Association. She informed members about the mission of West Houston Association to bring quality commercial and residential development along with quality infrastructure to the West Houston Area. Active West Houston Association Committees include Education/ Work Force Development, Quality Planned Development, Regional Mobility and others. Attendees had a lot of questions about area mobility and infrastructure issues. As always, this Member Luncheon provided great food, networking opportunities and an informative and entertaining speaker.



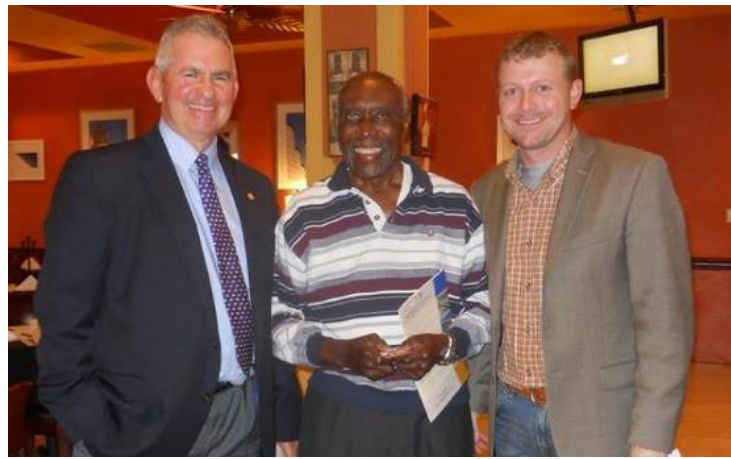
Chamber President Corinne Vahalik, Megan Haas, Perri D'Armond, Kim Montgomery



Members enjoyed a great lunch and networking.

Hillsman & Vahalik  
Houston Executive Airport  
iEnergy North America  
Igloo Products Corp  
Invision Pools  
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  
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Joe Trimm, Jr.  
Jones & Carter, Inc.  
Katy Area EDC  
Katy Family YMCA  
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 Partners  
Waller County A&M Club  
Waller County D.A. Elton Mathis

Waller County Fair Association  
Waller County Judge Trey Duhon  
West Engineering Services  
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## April 14, 2015 Member Luncheon

Sponsored by Cane Island

**Cane Island President Dan Naef and V.P of Marketing Jennifer Jones** will give an update on the development's progress at the Chamber Luncheon on April 14th at 11:30AM at Midway BBQ in Katy, Texas. They will also have the Mobile Amenity Center on site for touring.

### **Cane Island- A Masterfully Planned Community**

Residing within the exceptional Katy ISD and ideally situated along Houston's dynamic Energy Corridor – just west of the Grand Parkway and north of I-10, and accessible via the soon-to-be-completed new Cane Island Interchange in Katy, Texas – Cane Island is over 1,000 acres of gorgeous Texas prairie land ... and a distinctive departure from everyday suburbia. Here, small town Texas charm meets master plan sophistication filled with creative and unexpected amenities



Our state-of-the-art rolling Mobile Amenity Center is Houston's only mobile information gallery. It serves as our primary vehicle to bring all things Cane Island to people all over the greater Houston area.

Inside, multi-media screens showcase everything Cane Island has to offer and is a tremendous experience for homeowners and Realtors alike.

**Please note:** Luncheon Pricing Change goes into effect starting with the April Luncheon. \$18 Member/ Guest; \$28 Non-Member.

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

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