



The Latest News

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Upcoming Events

2015 Calendar - Save the Dates

Oct 13-Member Luncheon – Salt & Pepper Restaurant/ Speaker: David Marek

Nov 10– Member Luncheon – Program TBA

Dec 8- State of County/District Luncheon – WC Judge Trey Duhon & Rep. Cecil Bell, Jr.

Jan 15- 14th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet- Cane Island Community Center

President's Message

Corinne Vahalik/Vahalik & Vahalik, P.C.



Thank you to Senator Lois Kolkhorst who provided an informative presentation and legislative update at our September membership luncheon at Ray's Grill. We had a great turnout for this luncheon, and the food was amazing! During our September luncheon, we also elected Jason Holmes of Wyatt Resources to our Board of Directors. Jason has been involved for a number of years as the Co-

Chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee. We are happy to have him on the Board! Adam Traweek of Amegy Bank and I were also reelected to the Board. Watch for upcoming Board announcements in next month's newsletter.

Many of you have received sponsorship appeals for the annual banquet. Those appeals reflected a November date for the event. However, in an abundance of caution to ensure the venue is up and ready for the event, we have elected to postpone to event. In being mindful of the holiday season, we opted for a January 15, 2016 date. We hope this event will be another huge success! Continue to watch for more announcements and sponsorship opportunities soon.

Next month, we will be treated to a delicious luncheon at Salt and Pepper and tales from David Marek of Ker & Downy, a local award-winning luxury tour operator with over five decades of success in the industry. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for supporting your Chamber!

Welcome New Members

Act of Life- Katy, Texas: OUR VISION: Born from a passion to help people discover God's heart toward adoption Act of Life desires to see adoption recognized, understood and presented as a positive, life-affirming parenting choice for unplanned pregnancies, and for couples who want to

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Programs & Events
Open

PR & Marketing
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Annual Banquet
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Barry Koch/Ryan Ford

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Anthony Francis/LJA Engineering

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Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank
Jason Holmes/Wyatt Resources

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enlarge their family. OUR MISSION: We advance adoption awareness by educating, encouraging and equipping those considering adoption, the people who serve them and society in general, and by promoting the benefits of adoption as a loving and courageous way to create families. For more information visit www.actoflife.org.

Members news and events

The Brookshire Economic Development Corporation hosted its annual Brookshire Business Retention & Expansion Program at the Hemi Hideout on the evening of September 12th. Guests were treated to a delicious dinner and a most informative presentation by guest speaker, Bridget Ross, Director for Prairie View A&M Small Business Development Center. Bridget addressed strategies for sustaining existing local business and expanding economic development. The Prairie View A&M Small Business Development Center has been partnering with the City of Brookshire and the Brookshire EDC to hold workshops on Thursdays at the Brookshire Convention Center for anyone interested. For information and schedule of the workshops contact the Brookshire EDC 281.934.1730 or <http://brookshiretexas.org/contact-edc>.



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Amegy Bank
Aradyne Industries, Inc.
BES Engineering
Belleza by Patti
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Brookshire Family Medical
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Family Medical of Brookshire
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Brookshire
Fort Bend Family Health Center
Gateway Realty
Goya
Green Group Holdings, LLC
Grundfos, CBS Inc
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Helping Hand Pharmacy
Hillsman & Vahalik
Houston Executive Airport
Igloo Products Corp
Invision Pools
J&J Packing Company
J.L. Rose
JNS Consulting Engineers
Janet J. Montgomery, CFP,CWS

Royal ISD Fall Festival October 16, 2015 6-8PM

Free Admission to the Fall Festival located in the Royal High School back parking lot next to the CTE building. Fun and games for all! The Chamber will have a booth, so come by and check it out.

Royal ISD STEM Academy Tour Wednesday October 21st at 9AM

Coordinated by the West I-10 Chamber's Education Committee, a walk-through of the campus will begin at 9AM. Everyone is invited to attend. Please arrive a few minutes early to the front office at 2500 Durkin Rd., Pattison, Texas.

Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department Peddler Day October 31, 2015



In Case You Missed It

September 8, 2015 Luncheon



Jhump & Associates, LLC
Jones & Carter, Inc.
Katy Family YMCA
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.
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
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
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
Thomas Instrument

Turner Duran Architects
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Waller County Economic Development
Partnership

Waller County A&M Club
Waller County Commissioner
Justin Beckendorff, Pct.4

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

Chamber members and lots of guests gathered in the beautiful Maple Room at Ray's Grill in Fulshear to network and hear a legislative update from Texas Senator Lois Kolkhorst.



Senator Kolkhorst engaged the crowd with stories from behind the scenes at the Texas Capitol. Senator Kolkhorst represents Texas Senate District 18, which includes 21 counties, 70 school districts and 3 community colleges. As a member of the Senate Finance Committee which passed an appropriations bill for the \$113 Billion bi-annual revenue projected by Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. Other vital committees she serves on are the Committee on Education, the Senate Transportation Committee and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs, drafting laws to protect our private property rights and natural resources.



Senator Kolkhorst along with Royal ISD Superintendent Stacy Ackley and Chamber President Corinne Hillsman Vahalik

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October 13, 2015 Member Luncheon

The October Luncheon will be held at
Salt and Pepper Restaurant
811 Avenue D Katy, TX 77493

Guest Speaker: David Marek
President and CEO of Ker & Downey



David Marek is a fourth generation Texan from Bellville, Texas. In fact, he still lives there and commutes to the office in Katy daily. He married his high school sweetheart, Gana, and they have two wonderful daughters and a pack of dogs. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1978 with a degree in finance. His first trip to Africa was in 1978 when he traveled to Botswana to assist in the purchase of Ker Downey and Selby. Recently he's been spending time in Uganda distributing mosquito nets, assisting with medical missions and working with an orphanage called Save the Street Children Uganda.

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

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