

## The Latest News

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#### **Board of Directors**

Corinne Vahalik. ..... President Vahalik & Vahalik, P.C.

Jason Holmes . . . . . Vice President Wyatt Resources, Inc.

Kathryn McAdams Wilson. . . . . Secretary

Adam Traweek . . . . . . Director Amegy Bank

Arnold England..... Director Gateway Realty

Andrew Perry..... Director Houston Executive Airport

Jennifer Jones . . . . . . . . Director Rise Communities, LLC

#### **Upcoming Events**

2016 Calendar - Save the Dates

Aug. 24- Chamber Mixer at Baa Baa Brewhouse, Brookshire, TX

**Sept. 13**- Member Luncheon- David Hagy of Texas Central Partners about their High Speed Rail Project/ Board of Directors Election at Midway BBQ, Katy, TX

Oct. 11- Member Luncheon- Program TBA

Nov. 8- Member Luncheon- Program TBA

Dec. 13- Member Luncheon- State of the County and District

#### President's Message



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

Thank you to Judge Ted Krenek for providing our members a little education about his court and the interworking of County government. The Justice of the Peace Courts can definitely be a valuable avenue for businesses. The Chamber strives to keep our members informed about local government and resources available to members.

We will not have a luncheon in August but will resume in

September. Our September luncheon will also include elections for the Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact Julie as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting your Chamber!

#### **Welcome New Members**

**Third Generation Fence: Pattison, TX (Bronze Member)** Third Generation Fence provides high quality products for all residential and commercial fencing. Check them out on Facebook to see pics of their vinyl fencing, sports and recreational fencing, and many others. Their website, www.thirdgenfence.com, will be up and running soon. You can contact them at (713) 240-2099.

**Baker Industrial: Brookshire, TX (Silver Member)** Founded June 1st, 2004 with 3 core values which include Customer Service, Quality Products and Competitive Pricing. The company started with a single employee working from home and now employs 28 people and occupies a 16,000 square foot warehouse and 10,000 square foot fabrication shop just west of Houston in Brookshire, Texas.

#### **Committees & Chairs**

Economic Development Greg Turner/ Turner Duran Arnold England/ Gateway Realty

Programs & Events
Jason Holmes / Wyatt Resources

PR & Marketing Jennifer Jones/ Rise Communities LLC

Website

Paul McConnell/Key Insurance Agency

Annual Banquet Roberta Meader/Cotton Gin LLC

Fundraising Open

Nominating Anthony Francis/LJA Engineering

Governmental Affairs Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank Jason Holmes/Wyatt Resources

Education Rachel Hillsman

Membership Andrew Perry/ Houston Executive Airport

Administrative Director

Julie Ormond

#### Contact us at

chamber@westi10chamber.org

#### **Gold Members**

Igloo Products Corp 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
Baker Industrial Supply

Baker Industrial Supply has evolved in such a way that we offer turn key industrial and retail storage solutions. From Racking Systems and Shelving Layouts, Product Sales and Installation, they can provide all services and products in house. They also offer Wire Guidance Installation as their latest endeavor. www.bakerindustrialsupply.com or (281)934-3800

#### **Board of Directors Elections Coming Soon**

Three Board of Directors positions will be coming up for election at the September Luncheon on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Julie Ormond ASAP at chamber@westi10chamber.org if you are interested in running for election to the board.

#### Members news and events

Baa Baa Brewhouse is hosting a Chamber Mixer on Wed. Aug. 24th 4-6PM.

Join us at Baa Baa Brewhouse in Brookshire for Craft Brews, Snacks, Friends and Fun!



#### Wednesday, August 24th from 4-6PM

Baa Baa Brewhouse 539 FM 359 Rd. South, Building #7, Brookshire, TX 77423

Baa Baa Brewhouse is offering a complimentary Baa Baa Brewhouse cup and 1<sup>st</sup> beer free.

Additional refills will be \$2.50.

West I-10 Chamber of Commerce will be providing snacks.

Everyone is welcome, so bring friends and family. Please RSVP to chamber@westi10chamber.org so that we can get a headcount.

See you there!

#### **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 Third Generation Fence

#### 2016 Members

Act of Life Allen Boone Humphries Robinson Allen Samuels Katy Dodge Amegy Bank Aradyne Industries, Inc. Baa Baa Brewhouse Baker Industrial Supply **BD** Hotels **BES** Engineering Belleza by Patti Blinn College – Sealy Campus **Brookshire Economic Development Brookshire Family Medical** Brookshire Hardware **Brookshire Municipal Water District Brookshire Steel** Brookshire's Best Auto Repair Brookshire Residence & Rehab Ctr. **Brookshire Smile Dental** The Brookwood Community Career & Recovery Resources Cecil Bell, Jr. State Rep. CenterPoint Energy City of Katy City of Pattison Clear Choice Office Solutions **Consolidated Communications** Cotton Gin International 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 First Service Credit Union First United Methodist Church/ Brookshire Fort Bend Family Health Center Gateway Realty Glenn Beckendorff Goya Foods

Green Group Holdings, LLC

Grundfos, CBS Inc

HDH Instruments, LP

#### **LJA Engineering-**Congratulations are in order!

This year marks the first time LJA has submitted entries in the Zweig Group's Marketing Excellence Awards. We are pleased to announce that LJA placed 2nd in the Internal Marketing Category for LJA's Toys for Tots Campaign and 3rd in the Online Marketing Category for the new LJA Story Video!

Not only did we receive a Marketing Excellence Award, but this year LJA is also ranked #2 on the 2016 Hot Firm List, and 13th in the Multi-Discipline Category and 17th in the Civil Engineering Category of the Best Firms to Work For lists! Honoring our hard work and amazing achievements, the Zweig Group has awarded LJA with the coveted Trifecta Award!

#### State Representative Cecil Bell Jr.: Magnolia Fundraiser- Aug. 18th at 6PM

I would be honored for you to attend my upcoming fundraiser in Magnolia at the Community Center at 31355 Friendship Dr. The date is August 18th at 6 p.m. We'll have a wonderful time with great friends and good food. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$45 for Couples. Kids 12 and under are free! For sponsorship & volunteer opportunities, or to pre-register, click here. (Signing up ahead of time will place your name on a will call list and shorten your time in line). Can't wait to see you all then! Thank you for your support!

#### In Case You Missed It

July Luncheon at Ray's Grill featuring Guest Speaker Waller County Justice of the Peace Ted Krenek, Pct.4



Pictured Left: City of Katy Mayor Fabol Hughes Pictured Right: Guest Speaker Waller County Justice of the Peace Ted Krenek

July's Luncheon was held at the fabulous venue Ray's Grill in Fulshear. It was well attended by chamber members, who were able to hear Judge Krenek educate them on the workings of the Texas court system and resources available to the community and area businesses as well as fun stories of his law enforcement and iudicial career.

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 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 Morning Glory Ranch 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 Krenek, JP, WC Pct 4 Texas Automotive Muscle LLC Texas Children's Hospital Texas First Industrial Corporation Third Generation Fence 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 Waller County D.A. Elton Mathis Waller County Fair Association Waller County Judge Trey Duhon

Wyatt Resources, Inc.



Pictured Left to Right: Arnold England (Gateway Realty) and Anthony Francis (LJA Engineering)



Pictured Left to Right: Greg Turner (Turner Duran Architects), J.L. Rose (Brookshire Katy Drainage District), Andrew Perry (Houston Executive Airport)

#### September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Member Luncheon

Join us for a BBQ lunch and a presentation on the proposed High Speed Rail Project.

Please RSVP by reply to this email – or register and/or pay by here.



**Tuesday, September 14,** 2016 11:30AM – 1:00PM

> Midway BBQ 6025 Highway Blvd. Katy, TX 77494

# Featuring Guest Speaker David Hagy of Texas Central Partners, LLC

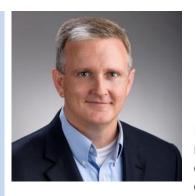
The presentation is an update of Texas Central's proposed development of a private, high-speed passenger rail system linking Houston and North Texas. The presentation will offer our members and guests an opportunity to hear directly from Texas Central and ask questions regarding the proposed project and its impact on the area.

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### David Hagy Texas Central Partners

David Hagy has over 20 years of experience managing projects, formulating policy, conducting strategic planning and leading outreach for state and local governments and

federal agencies. His experience includes a wide range of issue areas, and work on the federal budget and grants.

Most recently, David was a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, a leading strategy and technology consulting firm based in McLean, Virginia. His assignments included work at the U.S. Departments of Defense and Homeland Security (DHS) and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence focused on creating policy to facilitate information sharing among federal, state and local governments and the private sector.

Prior to Booz Allen, David spent over four years in the U.S. Department of Justice. He was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate as Director of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ); the office conducts research and develops technology for the criminal justice community. Previous to NIJ, he was appointed Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), where he was responsible for policy and budget coordination in support of OJP's mission to improve public safety through federal, state and local partnerships. From 2003 - 2005, David was Director for Local Coordination at DHS in the Office of the Secretary, serving as liaison to the nation's cities and counties.

Before leaving for Washington, David spent nine years working in local government in Harris County and Houston, Texas. He served as Chief of Staff to County Judge Robert Eckels, managing and promoting policy initiatives in the areas of economic development, transportation, emergency management, education and social services. He oversaw the Judge's legislative agenda, community affairs and press relations. He also served as Senior Aide to a Houston City Council Member and City Controller.

David holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from Tulane University and a B.S. in Economics from Texas A&M University. He lives in Houston with his wife Sarah and their four children.

\$18/Member/Member Guest; \$28/Non-Member (Cash or Check) payable at door. Or pay online by PayPal or Credit Card when registering for the event at the www.westi10chamber.org homepage.

Reservations Requested

Reservations can also be made by Email chamber@westi10chamber.org or by phone 281-375-8100

See you there!