



The Latest News

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar AND SAVE THE DATES for the future events.

- Nov 2** - WI-10 EDC Meeting at Igloo Products, 7:30 a.m. breakfast and plant tour
- Nov 2 - Last day to vote!
- Nov 3** – WI-10 Board of Directors Meeting 12:00 noon
- Nov 6** - **9th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet** at Brookwood Café

Please check out our event calendar for area events www.westi10chamber.org.

President's Message

Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP



Our annual banquet, with title sponsor Texas Children's Hospital, is upon us. There are still tickets for sale, so please go to the Chamber website or call the office to sign up. We're looking forward to hearing Art Roberts, former head of the State of Texas Chamber, speak on "The Importance of Effective Volunteerism."

Speaking of effective volunteers, our Appreciation Award winners this year have just been announced. Emily Hillsman, and Janet & Michael Montgomery will be our outstanding

recipients. Please plan on sharing in the celebration as we honor these community leaders at the banquet on November 6 at the Brookwood Community!

Other exciting things are occurring at the Chamber. We are in the process of developing a new printed membership directory. Marla Van Overbeke is spearheading the sale of advertisements and other ways to enhance your listing (hint: they are inexpensive!). Please contact Marla or the office for more information. We are very grateful for the wonderful artwork that Daphne Bottos has worked up for the directory—please tell her "thanks" when you see her.

Please remember to vote on November 2!

Members News

Robbie Peterson, Bar P Ranch/Brookshire has recently been named "Mrs. Waller County International, 2011" by the officials for the Mrs. Texas International Pageant. Robbie will represent the greater Waller County area at the 2011 Mrs. Texas International Pageant in San Antonio on March 13, 2011. She will be competing for over \$15,000 in cash and prizes and the chance to proceed to the Mrs. International Competition in July of 2011. The Mrs. International Pageant system recognizes women for their commitment to family, profession and community stewardship. Two of Robbie's many community projects on which she has labored passionately to

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see developed are the Waller County Animal Control and the Waller County Recycling Center. Throughout her year, the new **Mrs. Waller County International** will not only compete for the state crown, but she will also be available to make appearances, attend special presentations and assist with civic and non-profit oriented projects.

Rosemary Gambino, Keep Waller County Beautiful, was chosen and recognized by the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR), Board of Directors, and membership, as the **2010 Volunteer of the Year** Award winner. **Rosemary** received the award at the *International Center on the River Walk in San Antonio on October 5th* as part of the 13th Annual Recycling & Sustainability Summit where she was recognized for her contribution to the environment and her hard work and accomplishment in advancing recycling in Texas.

Congratulations and thank you to Robbie and Rosemary for making a difference!

In Case You Missed It

WI-10 EDC meeting and tour at Wyatt Resources in Fulshear



The October economic development committee meeting was held on location at Wyatt Resources where attendees had the opportunity to tour the production plant. Photo: Jason Holmes demonstrates two sections of steel railroad bridge fabricated in the plant prior to being shipped by rail to construction site.

City of Pattison – The 5th Annual Pattison Car Show Saturday, October 9th at RHS



Thanks to all who used the W.C. recycle bins placed throughout the grounds by Keep Waller County Beautiful! For more photos of the largest and best Pattison Car Show ever click on www.pattisoncarshow.com.



2010/2011 WI-10 Board of Directors sworn in at October 12th luncheon

9th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet

at

Brookwood Café

November 6th

6PM Social Hour

7PM Dinner and Program

Honoring

Emily Hillsman

And

Michael and Janet

Montgomery



The West I-10 Board of Directors took oath of office from Judge Ted Krenek at the October luncheon at Galileo's Mexican Grill in Pattison. Guest Speaker Vince Yokom, Executive Director of the Waller County Economic Development Partnership, combined physics in his most informative presentation on the economic in Waller County. Many thanks to Vince and door prize donors – Enterprise Bank, Rose Hill Ranch, and Keep Waller County Beautiful.

Photo L-R, standing: Pat Doucette, Edward Jones; Marla Van Overbeke, Eve's Garden; Greg Turner, Turner Duran Architects; Rosemary Gambino, Rose Hill Ranch; Jim Vaughn, Igloo Products; Deborah Tallman, Career & Recovery Resources; Michael Montgomery (not in photo) of West Engineering, and Judge Ted Krenek. Seated: Guest speaker, Vince Yokom, WEDP.

Art Roberts to be guest speaker at 2010 Banquet



Art Roberts has served forty years in the chamber profession, the last nineteen years as the Senior Vice President for Chamber Relations of the Texas Association of Business. He manages the division that works with chambers throughout Texas concerning business issues facing their members or concerning the operation of the chamber organization, and he serves as the CEO for the professional association for Chamber Executives (TCCE).

Roberts served 20 years in the Chamber profession as the Chief Executive Officer of four Texas Chambers of Commerce: Lamesa, Edinburg, Odessa and El Paso.

He is the author of *Operating the Volunteer Organization*, a book that received national publication and was designed for the staffs of volunteer organizations, and his second book designed for volunteers, *Recognizing Your Role as a Volunteer*, was released in 2004.

Roberts attended Odessa College, the University of Texas, the Institute of Organization Management at SMU, and the Academy of Organization Management at Notre Dame University. He was one of two U.S. chamber executives selected to serve as the first instructors at the U.S. Chamber Institute for Central and South America, taught in San Jose Costa Rica. He taught graduate level courses in association management at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and was Chairman of the Board of Regents of the Institute for Organization Management at SMU. He was a founding member of the Board of the Center for Chamber of Commerce Excellence, an education program for chamber executives in four states operated through the University of Oklahoma.

Roberts has facilitated more than 490 Planning Retreats for local chamber boards and associations, churches, charities, and city and county governments and has taught courses at the National Association for Chamber Executives (American Chamber of Commerce Executives). He was sent to Cairo by the U.S. State Department's "AID" program in 2008 where he helped form the first business association for the mortgage industry in Egypt. After his "retirement" on September 30, Roberts has indicated that he plans to continue working with local chambers of commerce to increase their ability to serve their business members and their community – and to enjoy much more personal time in travel and fly fishing that he has not had time to pursue. The West I-10 Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have him as the keynote speaker at the 2010 Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet on November 6th at the newly expanded Café at Brookwood. For additional information or reservations, contact the chamber at 281.375.8100 or chamber@westi10chamber.org.

Please make your reservations by October 26th!

For additional information

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