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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Membership Meeting /
 Luncheon and Election
 of Directors

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Membership Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Annual Awards

Board of Directors

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Economic Development

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Annual Banquet

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*Greg Turner
 Turner Partners Architecture, LLP*

*West I-10 Chamber
 President's Message August 14, 2009*

I've just returned from the Royal ISD New Teachers Breakfast. Your Chamber provided a big and delicious breakfast, prepared by Southern Kitchens, to approximately 25 new faces who have joined the Royal ISD "family" as they kicked off their orientation. The new teachers were joined by a group of

current staff at RISD, and the cafeteria at the new high school was filled with enthusiasm. We're happy to have sent them off with full stomachs! Our thanks to Supt. Richardson and everyone at the school district. This is the first year we've done this, and we'll be exploring the possibility of making our participation in this event a tradition!

In other exciting news, we will be "ramping up" our Governmental Affairs Committee in the coming months. In fact, we'll shortly have a new chairman and assistant chairman in place who will seek to raise the level of activity and community involvement by this committee. Please be on the lookout for our announcement at the upcoming membership luncheons.

Speaking of the membership luncheons, the board has approved the idea of selling "luncheon sponsorships" in the future. This is a common way for

chambers of commerce to enhance the financial performance of their meetings. For a small price, sponsors (only one member firm per meeting) will be given three minutes during the luncheon to speak about their business, and they can provide promotional literature at each seat as well. They will also be listed as the sponsor on the luncheon invitations. It is a good, inexpensive way to promote your company. Please contact Kathryn at the Chamber office to obtain more details and to schedule your sponsorship.

Please remember our September 8 membership luncheon, at which our annual board of directors election will be conducted. We'll also have a great program by Sandy Buller regarding using social networking on the internet for business purposes.

Enjoy the rest of this hot summer!

Chamber meeting/luncheon is on September 8

You won't want to miss this one being held at the new La Quinta in Brookshire! Hasta la Pasta Italian Grill of Katy will be catering the luncheon! The program will feature Sandy Buller (BullerProductions.com and SweetSpiritProductions.com), with a 30-minute presentation: "In plain English"- Social Networking and other Internet Resources. Today's internet resources - social networking, social media, social bookmarking, Twitter, blogs, podcasting, online photo sharing, RSS, and Wikis - will be introduced with 3 to-4 minute video animations.

These videos will explain "In Plain English" exactly what each one of these internet resources does and how it can be applied into your daily work and personal life. After each video, or after all, Sandy will answer questions based on his experiences with each of these internet resources.

Sandy is President of the Houston Professional Videographers Association, and was named "Videographer of the Year" in 2007. When Sandy isn't creating innovations with wedding, special event, and corporate video productions, he can be found serving

several community organizations in our area and beyond. A resident of Pattison, he is the visionary and co-founder of the Pattison Heritage Society, serves on the Pattison City Council, and volunteers at many special events. Mark your calendar for this great program and luncheon at 11:30 on September 8th, \$15/Member/Member Guest; \$25/non-Member (cash/check) payable at door. Make your reservations by VM at 281.375.8100, or email, Chamber@westi10chamber.org.

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West I-10 hosted RISD new teachers breakfast

The West I-10 Chamber had the honor of hosting a "Welcome New Teachers" breakfast for the new teachers and the administrative staff at RISD in the beautiful new Royal High School cafeteria on August 13th. Southern Kitchen catered the delicious breakfast of eggs, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee. Thanks to the generous contributions of

members, Edward Jones, Igloo Products, West Engineering Services, Enterprise Bank, Brookshire EDC, LJA Engineering & Surveying, The Times Tribune, and Right Choice Credit Union, the 27 new teachers left with "goodie" bags filled with coffee mugs, caps, cups, pens, highlighters, note pads, maps, chap stick, coasters, newspaper subscriptions.

Ribbon cutting and open house at The Oaks at Brookshire



The July 29th Open House was packed with civic leaders, community members, and chamber members for the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new Memory Loss care unit at The Oaks at Brookshire Nursing and Rehab facility. West I-10 Chamber members joined the staff in the garden for the ribbon-cutting by Paul Gray, CEO assisted by Rick Carr, Business Development Director, and Craig Childs, Administrator. In addition to enjoying all the cuisine and

refreshments served in the activities/living room of the new unit, which will be licensed-staffed 24/7, a secure “home” environment for patients diagnosed with dementia and at risk to wander, guests had the opportunity to meet and visit with the administrative staff who were proud to “show off” this new asset with a tour and discussion of all it has to offer. For additional information, The Oaks at Brookshire is located at 710 FM 359 S, in Brookshire, Tele: 281.375.5272.

Annual election of directors on September 8

Members in-good-standing will receive a ballot to vote on the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee or write-in candidate(s) at the Annual Election of Directors on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. The Nominating Committee’s Slate of Candidates:

Position 1: Michael Montgomery, West Engineering Services; Position 2: Jim Vaughn, Igloo Products Corp; Position 5: Wallace Everitt, Southwest Properties; Position 7: Greg Turner, Turner Partners Architecture LLP.

West I-10 Chamber of Commerce
Membership Luncheon Meeting and Annual Election of Directors
Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 11:30 a.m.

La Quinta Inn & Suites

710 FM 1458, Brookshire, TX

Guest Speaker

Sandy Buller

Program

“In Plain English”

Social Networking and other Internet Resources

\$15/Member/Member Guest; \$25/Non-Member

Pay by cash or check at door.

Reservations Required

Tel: 281-375-8100 or • email: chamber@westi10chamber.org
by Friday, September 4, 2009

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