



# NEWSLETTER – July 2009

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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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Paul McConnell . . . Vice President  
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Michael Montgomery . . . Director  
 West Engineering

### Committees & Chairs

#### Economic Development

Jon Strange, JNS Consulting Engineers

#### Web Site

Paul McConnell, Key Insurance Agency

#### Annual Banquet

Roberta Meader, West Engineering

#### PR & Marketing

Michael Montgomery, Chairman, West  
 Engineering

#### Membership

David Woodham,  
 Consolidated Communications

#### Fundraising

Legislative & Governmental Affairs

#### Nominating

#### Program & Events

Pat Doucette, Edward Jones

### Administrative Director

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## President's Message

*Greg Turner  
 Turner Partners Architecture, LLP*

*Greg Turner is on vacation and  
 will return by the next publication  
 of the Suburban Country.*

## First Country Federal Credit Union is Now Right Choice Federal Credit Union

Right Choice Credit Union held its Open House and Ribbon-Cutting on Wednesday, July 8th at their Brookshire location, 3923 5th Street. Attendees were greeted and welcomed by the Board of Directors, management and staff of Right Choice – David Bleazard, CEO; Derrick Brown, VP of Lending; Rob Orton, CFO; Doug Esmond, Chairman of the Board; Wayne Taylor, Member of the Board of Directors;

barbeque luncheon and drawings for \$100 MasterCard gift cards. Three West I-10 Chamber members were the lucky winners - Vickie Casto, Brookshire EDC; Deborah Tallman, Career and Recovery Resources; and Greg Turner, Turner Partners Architecture.

Among the attendees were Mayor, Joey Vaughn; Police Chief, Joseph PreJean; Alderwoman & Economic Development Council President,



Left to Right: Derrick Brown, VP of Lending; Rob Orton, CFO; Doug Esmond, Chairman of the Board; Kay Rensvold, Brookshire Branch Manager, Wayne Taylor, Member of the Board of Directors; Joey Vaughn, Mayor City of Brookshire; David Bleazard, CEO, Joseph Prejean, Chief of Brookshire Police; Mike McWethy, VP of Operations; Larry Hayes, VP of Marketing and Business Development, and Sharon Moore, VP of Information and Technology.

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Mike McWethy, VP of Operations; Larry Hayes, VP of Marketing and Business Development; Sharon Moore, VP of Information and Technology; Heather Rutledge, Director of Business Development; and Kay Rensvold, Brookshire Branch Manager. Everyone enjoyed a catered

Marilyn Vaughn; West I-10 Chamber President, R. Gregory Turner; West I-10 Chamber Director, Deborah Tallman; West I-10 Chamber Administrative Director, Kathryn McAdams; Waller County Justice Of the Peace, Ted Krenek; County Commissioner, Glenn Beckendorff; Past Chairman of the Board of former First Country Federal Credit Union, Bill Blum; Emily Hillsman,

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## Zerwas guest speaker at July 14 chamber meeting

By Lori Ann Lilley  
Managing Editor

State Representative John Zerwas of District 28 was the guest speaker at the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce meeting last Tuesday at LaHacienda.

“I am honored to serve on your behalf,” stated Zerwas. “I see people from all over the district, but, I see more folks from Waller County than all the others, it is a pleasure to represent you.”

Zerwas addressed the group of 50 plus members and visitors. He spoke to the group about what occurred this legislative session.

“We were not able to get to several important issues this session,” stated Zerwas, “among those were voter identification and the Texas Department of Transportation.”

During the last session of Texas Legislature the House Democrats used chubbing, a sort of Texas style filibuster, to slow things down so that the Voter Identification Bill could not be passed.

Zerwas explained that HB 300, au-



Chamber Administrative Director, Kathryn McAdams Wilson and State Representative John Zerwas at the chamber meeting held at LaHacienda.

thored by Senator Glenn Hegar, was also tabled until 2011. In the final hours, a grass roots action by voters, led Texas Legislators to stop and take another look at the bill.

Several Senators opposed the last minute additions and revisions to the bill, causing the bill to be tabled until the next Legislative session in 2011. TxDOT will continue to exist in its current state for two more years.

Zerwas also went on to compliment Hegar on the job he is doing for the citizens of his district. After his speech and the adjournment of the meeting, several members gathered to speak with Zerwas and his wife Cindy.

## Presentation at chamber's new office

On Friday, July 17th, the Chamber's PR & Marketing Committee Chairman, Michael Montgomery, President of West Engineering Services, presented the Chamber's new ribbon-cutting scissors to the Chamber's Programs & Ribbon-Cutting Committee Chairman, Pat Doucette, Edward Jones Financial Advisor. The presentation took place at the historic Cotton Gin, 907 Bains Street in Brookshire, the new office location for the West I-10 Chamber. The Chamber is most appreciative to WEST Engineering Services which has donated the lobby of their headquarters to the Chamber for stocking and displaying



of Chamber literature, including brochures, the most recent area maps, and Chamber Member's literature and business cards. The office is open to the public Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Open-house from Page 5

CPA; Times Tribune Office Manager, Laura Parker-Fox; WEST Engineering President, Michael Montgomery and Janet Montgomery, CFP to name a few.

Anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Waller County is eligible to join the credit union. For more information, contact Right Choice at 713-676-7777 or [www.rightchoicecu.org](http://www.rightchoicecu.org).

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