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Tuesday, July 14, 2009
 Membership Meeting /
 Luncheon, John Zerwas Guest
 Speaker
Tuesday, September 8, 2009
 Membership Meeting /
 Luncheon and Election
 of Directors

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President's Message

Greg Turner
 Turner Partners Architecture, LLP
 West I-10 Chamber
 President's Message June 15, 2009

In the next couple of weeks you'll hear many people say, "Have a happy 4th of July!" We all celebrate the "July 4th" holiday and commonly refer to it this way. But it seems that the fire-

works, the parties, and so forth have come to cloud the true meaning of Independence Day. No interpretation of this holiday's meaning could state it better than the words of the Declaration of Independence itself:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its power in such form,

as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

This is only a part of the Declaration, the most well known paragraph. I urge you to read the entire document, and add the United States Constitution as well, this Independence Day. It is the foundation of our nation, and even the foundation of our work as a Chamber of Commerce. It is worth considering how the words of these immortal documents may best be put into practice in these challenging times.

The Chamber Welcomes New Members

La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant, 1988 FM 359 N., Pattison, Texas, 281-375-5700, open daily 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fridays, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

La Hacienda opened in April after the site originally occupied by Garrett's Country Place Restaurant was transformed into a charming Mexican dining atmosphere.

While the delightful owners, Jesse and Sue Medina are new to our area, they are not new to the restaurant business. Jesse has over 34 years in the business, and since 2001, they have owned and operated the very popular El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant in

Cleveland, Texas. La Hacienda offers a menu of Tex-Mex and authentic Mexican cuisine at affordable prices. The portions are generous and the food is excellent. The charro soup is the best! Sue and Jesse insist on excellent food and excellent service. All dishes are prepared fresh from La Hacienda's kitchen. La Hacienda is a perfect place for birthday celebrations with photo op complete with sombrero for the men and flower crown for the ladies. The private dining room is available for meetings and parties. And, in just a short time, La Hacienda has proven to be a popular choice for catering large

parties and events.

While La Hacienda will continue to be a family-friendly and smoke-free environment. Due to popular demand, Jesse has applied for the alcoholic beverage license. So, good news for those who prefer to enjoy a cerveza or margarita with even the best of Mexican food.

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Rep. John Zerwas to be guest speaker at July 14 luncheon

District 28 State Representative John Zerwas, MD will be the guest speaker at the July 14 Membership Luncheon at La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant in Pattison. We always are thrilled to have him back in our neighborhood and anxious to visit with him on issues and results of the last legislative session. We welcome everyone to attend,

however, seating is limited and reservations are required. For reservations, call 281.375.8100 and leave name and phone number on voice mail, or email - chamber@westi10chamber.org. \$15/member/member guest, and \$25/non-member, payable by check or cash at the door. Sign-in begins at 11:30, lunch served promptly at 12:00 noon.

Turner Partners Architecture, LP celebrates 25 year anniversary



R. Gregory Turner, AIA, President of Turner Partners Architecture, pictured with wife, Ann, invited clients, colleagues, and family to the 25th Anniversary Open House celebration on June 11, 2009 to commemorate the silver anniversary of the firm's founding.

This year, Turner Partners Architecture, LP celebrates 25 years of client service, executing a full-range of architectural services – planning, designing and managing projects where you worship learn and work. Our portfolio is a gallery of projects with

significance, not only because of their purpose, but also due to the collaborative contributions of the people involved.

Prior to opening his own practice in Houston, Texas in 1984, Greg gained valuable experience at some of the most reputable and prestigious firms in the nation, including CRSS, Inc. in Houston and Philip Johnson/John Burgee Architects and I.M. Pei & Partners, both in New York City. Greg's background includes project management on commercial projects valued at up to \$130 million. He made significant contributions to some "landmark" projects such as the AT&T Corporate Headquarters in New York City (Philip Johnson/John Burgee Architects project), a 36-story tower that is noted as the first major "post-modern" style structure in the world. He was also architectural designer for the 12-block long granite "carpet" incorporated in Denver's 16th Street Mall (I.M. Pei & Partners). In the summer of 1984, Greg Turner left the world of corporate practice to found R. G. Turner Architects in Houston. The intervening

two decades have seen consistent and manageable growth as the firm focused on religious, corporate, and educational projects. Between 1996 and 2003 the firm was known as Turner & Bair Architects, reflecting the combination with R. S. Bair & Associates in a move that broadened the firm's institutional client base to include educational and financial facilities.

Turner Partner's scope of work is a diverse mix of worship/faith-based, institutional, educational and corporate projects showcasing the multiple talents of the staff from conceptual design to project management. Recent projects include St. Agnes Academy's Center for the Sciences and Student Services, the BP (British Petroleum Americas) Westlake Child Development Center; REEDHycalog's World Headquarters; and corporate interior build-outs for ConocoPhillips and Mustang Engineering; and branches for Members Choice Credit Union and Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union.

Currently, Turner Partners is ranked second Top Design Firm in the

Worship/Cultural project category by McGraw Hill - Texas Construction and has received a Best of 2008 Excellence Award for the St. Agnes Academy - Center for the Sciences and Student Services. Jack Duran has been quoted in national and local publications including Worship Facilities, Christian School Products, and the Houston Business Journal. Recent building dedications were made at First Colony Church of Christ, Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union, Christ Church Katy, and Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The list will soon include Seabrook United Methodist Church, and Notre Dame Catholic Church.

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