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Tuesday, December 8, 2009
 Chamber Luncheon Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2010
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*Greg Turner
 Turner Partners Architecture, LLP*

*West I-10 Chamber
 President's Message November 17,
 2009*

Congratulations to Rosemary Gambino and Sandy Buller, winners of this year's Annual Appreciation Awards. Both were recognized at our annual banquet on Saturday evening, November 14 for their contributions and dedication

to their community. Kathryn McAdams Wilson and Jim Meader did terrific jobs in making the award presentations in the festive atmosphere at The Brookwood Community. Please be sure to visit our website for more information about our award-winners, as well as some photos of the grand event!

At the banquet, our featured speaker, John Wright of Simple Leadership Strategies, provided an informative talk contrasting leaders vs. managers. John gave us inspiring as well as practical advice regarding how to run our businesses or organizations. It will do all of us in business well to remember how we should change a "customer"—someone who simply purchases goods or services from us—into an "advocate," who will enthusiastically recommend us to others. John's talk also spoke to how leadership should be simple, reminding us of the two basic commandments the

Lord gave us to live by--although simple does not necessarily mean easy!

Brookwood did an outstanding job hosting us again; the food and facility were first class. We are grateful to all of our sponsors who helped underwrite the costs; with special thanks to "gold level" sponsors West Engineers/Janet Montgomery CFP and Texas Children's Hospital. We thank all of our elected officials who participated, especially State Rep. John Zerwas and Cindy. We appreciate Deputy Bruce Zermeno for providing security. And our extra special thanks to Roberta Meader and Kathryn McAdams Wilson, who organized the event and tended to every detail. Also, let us not overlook all of the others who pitched in, too numerous to name here. We are very fortunate to have all of these wonderful people among us!



*West I-10 Chamber 2009
 Awards Banquet a great
 evening at Brookwood
 Community Center*

December 8 chamber luncheon to feature Texas Children's Hospital with Peter Dawson and Kara Borgmeyer

Kara Borgmeyer, Financial & Special Projects Coordinator, Texas Children's Hospital – West Campus, has been with Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) since 2006. Kara began her career at TCH as an Administrative Fellow, after obtaining her Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care from Baylor University in 2006. Immediately following her Fellowship, she worked as an Assistant Director of Regional Operations for Texas Children's Pediatric Associates from 2006 – 2008, which are the 44 primary care pediatrician offices located throughout the Greater Houston Area. In January of 2009, she was recruited to join the West Campus planning team to serve as the Financial & Special Projects Coordinator responsible for the Activation Process for the new hospital.

Peter Dawson, AIA, is the Sr. Vice President of Facilities Services at Texas Children's Hospital and is currently leading a \$1.5B Facility Expansion

Program at Texas Children's Hospital involving over two million square feet of new facilities to be completed in 2010-2012. He and has the administrative responsibility for a comprehensive facility program involving all aspects of building planning, design, and project delivery, as well as facility operations & maintenance, property management, and security services. Mr. Dawson is a licensed architect in Texas, an NCARB certificate holder, a Corporate Member of the American Institute of Architects, Texas Society of Architects, the Houston Chapter AIA, and the AIA Committee on Architecture for Health. He also serves on the Boards of South Main Center Association and the Texas Medical Center Thermal Energy Coop (TECO), and on several Texas Medical Center committees and task forces involving facility planning and construction.

Mr. Dawson is a 1969 graduate of the Texas Tech University College of Architecture, and was affiliated with several prestigious Houston architectural

firms prior to joining the healthcare industry in 1986. His professional career focus shifted to healthcare facilities project and program management at Houston's Methodist Hospital, where he lead the successful delivery of a 1.2 million square foot \$250M facility expansion project, and the Hospital's Capital Construction Program though early 2000; developing a uniform integrated healthcare building project management process and organization. Prior to joining Texas Children's Hospital in 2001, Dawson was the Director of Facility Planning at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, contributing to a 10-year / 5MSF / \$500M major facilities expansion program.

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 11:30 a.m. at LaQuinta in Brookshire, FM1489@I-10. Cost for the lunch is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations, call 281-375-8100 or email chamber@westi10chamber.org by Friday, December 4.



Kara Borgmeyer



Pete Dawson



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