



# NEWSLETTER – October 2009

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, November 14, 2009**  
 Annual Banquet & Awards

**Tuesday, December 8, 2009**  
 Chamber Meeting

## Board of Directors

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### Annual Banquet

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Kathryn McAdams Wilson  
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Greg Turner  
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West I-10 Chamber  
 President's Message October 17, 2009

Our board of directors elected the officers for the next year at our October

board meeting. Wallace Everitt is returning as the Secretary of the board, and our new Vice President is Pat Doucette. Yours truly will remain as President. We are all looking forward to serving you for the next twelve months, and hope to enhance the value of your membership more as we move forward.

In case you missed Royal ISD board president Chris Cardiff speak at our most recent membership luncheon, a key point he made dealt with growth. Under Chris' leadership, the district is doing its best to anticipate growth trends, in order to stay ahead of the curve as the area gets ready for the inevitable influx of development. Growth is a good thing for our businesses, of course, but it also poses challenges. Thank you to Chris

and Royal ISD for looking ahead and trying to plan for the future effectively.

Our annual banquet rapidly approaches. Please go to the new chamber website, or contact the chamber office for information regarding how to purchase tickets (which we've been able to keep at the same price as last year). We will be thrilled to honor two well-deserving citizens, Rosemary Gambino and Sandy Buller. And we have a terrific speaker, John Wright, of Simple Leadership Strategies in Dallas, who will talk with us about "transformational leadership" for your business or organization. Remember, November 14 at 6:00 pm at Brookwood. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 2009 Appreciation Award Recipients Selected



Sandy Buller



Rosemary Gambino

Sandy Buller and Rosemary Gambino, both active West I-10 Chamber members, have been selected as the recipients of the 2009 Appreciation Award for their outstanding community service and

dedication to the improvement of Waller County. Sandy and Rosemary will be honored at the 8th Annual Banquet & Appreciation Awards being held at the Café at Brookwood on Saturday,

November 14th. Sponsors of this year's banquet: Gold – West Engineering Services and Janet J. Montgomery, CFP; Bronze: Memorial Hermann- Katy, Igloo Products Corp, Turner Partners Architecture; Brass: Amegy Bank, LJA Engineering & Surveying, Thomas Instrument. For ticket information, please call 281-375-8100 or email the chamber at chamber@westi10chamber.org.

## Huge Patio Sale at Oaks at Brookshire

Huge Patio Sale at Oaks at Brookshire, Saturday, October 24th. Volunteers and the Family Council of the Oaks at Brookshire are staging a multi-family garage sale and bake sale Saturday, October 24 – 9AM-3PM. All proceeds from the sale will go to help fund activities and services for the residents throughout the coming year – including monthly birthday parties and special occasion celebrations, bingo, recreational activities, and projects to enhance their lives at the Oaks. Oaks at Brookshire Healthcare Center is located at 710 FM 359 S, in Brookshire. The Family Council is a non-profit 501c3 organization of volunteers, family members and friends of the Oaks residents. Any donated item or financial contribution to the sale is tax deductible and is gratefully appreciated. If you have items to donate for this worthwhile event, you may call Evelyn Bolds, 281-375-5272 or Carolyn Furber at 832-443-9578.

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## Retiring Board Directors recognized at October 13 Luncheon



Guest Speaker RISD School Board President, Chris Cardiff



Receiving appreciation plaques for their service: left, Greg Turner and Paul McConnell; right, Greg Turner and Ted Krenek.



Ted Krenek and Paul McConnell were honored for their service on the Board of Directors 2002-2009. At the October Board of Directors meeting, Pat Doucette, Edward Jones Financial Advisor, and Marla Van Overbeke,

proprietor of Eve's Garden, were appointed to fill the director positions vacated by Krenek and McConnell. Marla and Pat, along with September elected directors, Greg Turner, Jim Vaughn, Michael Montgomery, and

Wallace Everitt, were officially sworn in by Judge Krenek. Guest Speaker at the Luncheon was Chris Cardiff, Royal ISD School Board President.



## Annual Veterans Day Ceremony & Celebration

November 11th at 11:00a.m.

This is a beautiful "must attend" outdoor Veterans Day celebration presented annually by the Katy Elks Lodge #2628, VFW Post 9182 Katy, The American Legion Post of Katy, Military Order of the Purple Tri-County Chapter 723 at Oaks at Brookshire facility at 710FM 359 S in Brookshire. This year's Special Speaker is Commissioner Glenn Beckendorff. Special Invited Guests will be the City Mayors of Katy, Brookshire, Pattison, Fulshear, and Houston. Following the ceremonies, lunch will be provided for everyone by the Katy Elks and VFW.

### West I-10 Chamber Welcomes New Member

Joe Garcia joined in October as an Individual Member and we welcome him back and look forward to his participation and support of the chamber.



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