



# NEWSLETTER – January 2010

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## Upcoming Events

**Monday, February 15, 2010**

Membership Luncheon at  
 Royal High School

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010**

Political Candidates Forum at  
 PAVFD at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

Membership Luncheon TBA

## Board of Directors

Greg Turner . . . . . President  
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## 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/West  
 Engineering

### Membership

Karl Skadowski/Texas Landman, Inc.

### Fundraising

### Nominating

### Program & Events

Pat Doucette/Edward Jones

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*Greg Turner  
 Turner Duran Architects, LP*

*West I-10 Chamber  
 President's Message January 15, 2010*

Every year begins with a burst of energy and enthusiasm. Such has been the case in 2010 as well. Our board met on January 6 for our annual planning retreat, looking forward to how we can

keep the Chamber marching forward and enhance the value of your membership. In general, the discussion centered on a couple of issues.

First, we'd like to increase membership. While a good part of this involves marketing, anyone in business knows that you must have something good to sell. Thanks in large part to Pat Doucette, our Programs Committee Chairman (who also doubles as Chamber vice president!), we have seen an increase in networking and educational opportunities for our membership. We now have luncheons on a monthly basis, and the lineup of speakers has been absolutely solid! So now that Pat has done his job in creating a "good product," it's your turn. I encourage you to invite a guest or two to our monthly luncheons, and put a membership application in

their hands.

Second, we need to energize our committees. We are presently working "behind the scenes" on an effort to do just that, and I hope to have much more to announce next month. If you are interested in helping keep our Chamber marching forward through committee work, please let me know. Your assistance is appreciated, and vital!

Monthly programs that draw members, and active committees, are the "blocking and tackling" of Chamber of Commerce work. Improvement in both of these areas will give us a stronger financial position, which in turn will allow even more and better events in the future.

Best wishes for a great 2010!

## Member News . . .

The year 2010 opened with very exciting developments for Turner Partners Architecture - which has transitioned to Turner Duran Architects and upgraded to a Silver Level WI-10 member. Jack Duran has been welcomed to the firm's masthead and to his well deserved, increased stature in the firm. . . . 2010 welcomes a fresh look and improved Times Tribune with Publisher/Editor, Jan Mincy back at the helm and new Lead Reporter, Creighton Holub, on board. Mary Martin heads up Sales/Graphics for The Times Tribune,

Fulshear Times and the Suburban Country . . . Beth Stuart has replaced Craig Childs as Director at The Oaks at Brookshire. Childs has moved into corporate position . . . . Paul McConnell of Key Insurance Agency, is taking over the administration of the West I-10 Chamber's website. . . . Eve's Garden has added Corporate Housing to its list of services. . . . Right Choice Credit Union upgraded from NP to Business Member. . . . John Zerwas Invitational Golf Tournament, Monday, February 1, 2010, at Weston Lakes Country Club, Fulshear . . for participation information, contact Mandi Bronsell 281-282-7476.

## Chamber Welcomes NEW Members in January

Business Member: DAYS INN, 542 Koomey Road, Brookshire, TX 77423, Tel: 281-934-4477, Fax: 281-934-3969, website: daysinn.com; Dave Patel, General Manager, Email: DaysInnofBrookshire@yahoo.com . New ownership has made extensive renovations and improvements to the original site of CareFree Inn. Look for the new Days Inn signage to be erected soon.

Individual: OLIVER STANLEY KITZMAN, JR., P.O. Box 53, Pattison, TX 77466

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*Texas Children's Hospital*

*Turner Duran Architects, LP*

For complete list of members, go to:  
[www.westi10chamber.org](http://www.westi10chamber.org)



## January Luncheon at Cross Creek . . .



Guest speaker, Roger Hord, CEO of the West Houston Association highlighted the growth through 2050 of the Greater West Houston; Greg Turner presented new member, Michael Elam/Gr8 Insurance with West I-10 Chamber membership plaque; Members and guests enjoyed luncheon catered by Essence Café; Texas Children's Hospital, Ellen Phillips and Mayor Jamie Roberts; Business Spotlight speaker, Ankur Wadhwa, GM of La Quinta Inn & Suites in Brookshire, Jim Vaughn of Igloo Products; Vickie Casto of Brookshire EDC and Glenn Beckendorff, Waller County Commissioner Pct 4.

January Luncheon attendees were greeted with warm welcome from Fulshear Mayor Jamie Roberts at Cross Creek Ranch

Special thanks to LJA Engineering for sponsoring the meeting, to guest speaker, Roger G. Hord, CEO of the West Houston Association, to the door prize donors, Amegy Bank, LJA Engineering, Right Choice Credit Union, Brookshire EDC, to Louis and staff of Essence Café for providing the excellent food and service, to the management and staff at Cross Creek Ranch for accommodating us so well, to the warm sunshine, and to ALL of the attendees – for the superb meeting.

### Change of Date and venue for February luncheon meeting

The date of the February membership luncheon meeting has been moved to Monday, February 15 to accommodate a change in the program schedule. The meeting will be held at RISD in the new Royal High School's cafeteria at 11:30 a.m., which is Presidents Day and a holiday for the students. RISD High School and the Career Tech Building Faculty will be on the program and will speak about the current programs they

### Candidates forum February 16

West I-10 Chamber is hosting a Candidates Forum at the Pattison Area Voluntary Fire Department on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. All candidates in the 2010 Waller County Election are invited to speak and all Waller County citizens are encouraged to attend to meet and speak with the candidates. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and program starts at 7:00 p.m.

are offering, to prepare the students to attend Technical Schools after college or apprenticeship programs. Included on the program will be a tour of the Career Tech Building. Attendees can expect to learn how RISD is providing more opportunities for its students now and after high school as well as receive details of the upcoming livestock show functions. \$15/Member/Member Guest and \$25/NonMember. For reservations, call 281-375-8100 or email: chamber@westi10chamber.org.

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