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Upcoming Events

2014 Calendar – Save the Dates

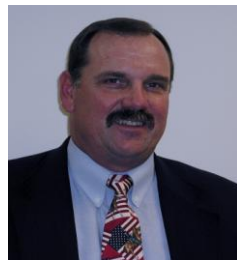
Sept 9 – Member Luncheon/Annual BOD Elections/Program: Dalton Discovery Park

Oct 14 – Member Luncheon/Program TBA

Nov 8 – Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet

President's Message

Bill Fry /Severn Trent Services



Thanks to all of those that attended our luncheon on August 12 at La Quanita. Sorry that I could not attend. However, I heard that Adam did a great job of filling in for me.

CHANGE has been the biggest thing that has occurred this year with our Chamber day to day management. As you know, Kathryn Wilson retired as Administrative Director as of March 31. The Board made a decision to hire Jack Gindorf as the new Executive Director. Due to various reasons, Jack has resigned as the Executive Director effective August 15. The Board has made a decision to search for another Administrative Director rather than continue the employment of an Executive Director. Julie Ormond has graciously accepted the position.

Julie and her husband Robert own and operate Kyle Custom Homes, LLC. Julie has been an active member of the Chamber for many years and helped to start the Education Committee in 2011, which has been a huge success. She has also been active in assisting the Fundraising Committee in the annual Ice Cream Socials. We are excited about the skills, passion, and commitment Julie will bring to the Chamber and look forward to a smooth transition with her.

The Chamber greatly appreciates every member for their support of this Chamber. Please bring a guest with you when attend our luncheon on September 9 at the Drilling Education Center located at 35002 Cooper Road, Brookshire, Texas (see [map](#)). Please help us to welcome Julie as our new Administrative Director!

Look forward to seeing you then.

Stay Cool and Safe!

Website
Paul McConnell/Key Ins. Agency

Annual Banquet
Roberta Meader/Cotton Gin LLC

Fundraising
Steve Pierson/Katy Family YMCA

Nominating
Anthony Francis/LJA Engineering

Governmental Affairs
Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank
Jason Holmes/Wyatt Resources

Education
Rachel Hillsman-Valis

Membership
Open

Administrative Director
Julie Ormond

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Rooms To Go
Turner Duran Architects
Brookshire Economic
Development Corporation
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Memorial Hermann Katy
Texas Automotive Muscle, LLC

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Allen Samuels Katy Dodge
Amegy Bank
Aradyne Industries, Inc.
BES Engineering
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Brookshire Economic Development
Brookshire Family Medical
Brookshire Municipal Water District
Brookshire Steel
Brookshire's Best Auto Repair
Brookshire Residence & Rehab Ctr.
Brookshire Smile Dental
The Brookwood Community
Burger King-30/Brookshire
Career & Recovery Resources

September 09, 2014 Luncheon/Meeting

The Brookshire Youth Foundation will present a program about the future community park to be located at the corner of Fifth Street and Bains Street in Brookshire.

Once constructed, the park will provide a safe environment where Brookshire's youth and families can unite and learn together. The innovative play equipment proposed will provide unparalleled learning opportunities. Members of the BYF board have selected equipment demonstrating Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) concepts to expose young people to complex ideas in a fun and energizing manner. . For more information on the park, [click here](#).

Reservations are requested by September 08, 2014 to chamber@westi10chamber.org or online at www.westi10chamber.org. Members/Member Guest \$15, Non-Members \$25 by cash or check at door or pay by PayPal or credit card when registering online.



Members news and events

Brookwood:

September 12 – *Spice Up Your Landscape with Herbs* No need to dig up a plot of land or build a raised bed. . .learn to incorporate herbs into your landscape plus helpful landscaping tips for your yard! ([Click for more details](#))

Royal I.S.D.:

October 17 – *Fall Festival*

6:00 p.m. at Royal High School.

Save the date and watch for upcoming details regarding this fun, safe community event. Last year's festival featured food, games, and activities for all ages.

West I-10 Committee News

Governmental Affairs Committee Co-Chairs Adam Traweek (Amegy Bank) and Jason Holmes (Wyatt Resources). Election season is fast approaching and the Governmental Affairs Committee will host an event in mid-October prior to the November election period. All county-wide candidates will be invited to attend as well as candidates for several local positions. Be on the lookout for more details on the location and date, coming soon!

The **Programs Committee** is still in need of a Chairperson providing interesting and informative speakers for the monthly luncheon. Members interested in chairing the Programs Committee and/or members who have suggestions for topics of interest or speakers for future programs, please speak with any board member or contact the Chamber at chamber@westi10chamber.org.

Cecil Bell, Jr.
 CenterPoint Energy
 City of Fulshear
 City of Pattison
 Comfy Home, Inc
 Consolidated Communications
 Darleen St. Jean
 Days Inn, Brookshire
 Daystar Publishing, Inc
 Dennis W. Homolka, CPA
 Dustin Harwell-Texas Farm Bureau
 Edward Jones
 Enterprise Bank
 Eve's Garden
 Family Freedom Festival
 Family Medical of Brookshire
 Farmers Insurance Group
 Fast Tags Engraving
 First Service Credit Union
 First United Methodist Church/
 Brookshire
 Fort Bend Family Health Center
 Galileo's Mexican Grill
 Gateway Realty
 Gr8 Insurance
 Green Group Holdings, LLC
 Grundfos, CBS Inc
 Hasta La Pasta Italian Grill
 HDH Instruments, LP
 Hillsman & Vahalik
 Houston Executive Airport
 iEnergy North America
 Igloo Products Corp
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 J&J Packing Company
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 Joe Trimm, Jr.
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 Jones & Carter, Inc.
 Kathryn McAdams Wilson
 Katy Area EDC
 Katy Family YMCA
 Katy Heritage Society
 Keep Waller County Beautiful
 Ken Carter Photography
 Key Insurance Agency
 Kyle Custom Homes LLC
 LJA Engineering, Inc.
 La Quinta Inn & Suites, Brookshire
 McDonald's Carmichael Ent.
 Memorial Hermann Katy
 NAVCON GROUP, LLC
 New Life Beginnings Church
 Oliver S. Kitzman, Sr.
 One 2 mini Ranch Tack & Feed
 Orizon Industries, Inc.
 Patriots Junk Removal & Hauling
 Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Dept
 Pattison United Methodist Church
 Priority Emergency Room
 Ray's Grill
 Repka's Grocery & Kitchen

The **Economic Development Committee, Chairman Jon Strange (JNS Engineering)** is seeking a volunteer to Co-Chair and assist with obtaining speakers for the committee meetings held every other month and open to all interested members. Greg Turner of Turner Duran has agreed to join the EDC Committee and assist in leadership for the rest of this year and co-chair with Arnold England for next year.

The **Annual Banquet, Chairwoman Roberta Meader (Cotton Gin, LLC)** is just around the corner on November 8 at Hemi Hideout. If you would like to be involved with the **Annual Banquet Committee**, please contact the Chamber at chamber@westi10chamber.org.

The **Education Committee, Chairwoman Rachel Hillsman-Valis (Waller Co.)** is continuing its monthly luncheons for at-risk students at the DAEP campus of Royal I.S.D. The Education Committee also made a \$1,000 contribution to purchase school supplies for area students and will donate \$200 to each Royal I.S.D. campus library.

In Case You Missed It

August 2014 Member Luncheon

Daniel Franks, Enterprise Sales for ICTX, was the scheduled guest speaker at the Chamber's August 2014 Member Luncheon about the future of telecommunications and internet services technology. Due to a family emergency, Mr. Franks left the meeting early. Mr. Robert Schaffner of Fibertown gave a great impromptu speech regarding telecommunications infrastructure needs and anticipated growth in the community.



The meeting also featured a discussion by the Katy Mayor Fabol Hughes, who recapped growth in the city and gave a preview of what is to come in the next months and years, including a new master planned community, board walk, and several new hotels.

Rhino Solutions
 Right Time Real Estate LLC
 Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve
 Rooms To Go
 Roosevelt Alexander
 Rose Hill Ranch
 Royal I.S.D.
 Ryan Ford
 Saturn Machine, Inc.
 Severn Trent Services, Inc.
 Shanco Equipment Specialists
 Southwest Properties
 Stan Kitzman, Commissioner Pct 4
 State Rep. John Zerwas MD
 Stewart Title, Fulshear
 Ted Krenk, JP, WC Pct 4
 Texas Automotive Muscle LLC
 Texas Children's Hospital
 Texas First Industrial Corporation
 Texas Landman, Inc.
 Thomas Instrument
 Turner Duran Architects
 Vahalik & Vahalik, PC
 Waller County Economic Development
 Partners
 Waller County Fair Association
 West Engineering Services
 Weston Lakes Country Club
 Wyatt Resources, Inc.

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Call for Candidates!

Elections for Board of Directors positions 2, 4, and 6 will take place at our September 09, 2014 meeting. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact Julie Ormond at chamber@westi10chamber.org by September 01, 2014. We will send a sample ballot prior to the meeting.



Thank you for supporting YOUR Chamber!