

## COMMITTEES & GROUPS 2016

**Looking to get involved, give back, and develop your skills?** Join a Chamber Committee! All members are encouraged to join, and prospective members are welcome to visit. Contact the listed chamber representative for more information.

### 1,001 COMMITTEE

**Chair** Errol Allen, Errol Allen Consulting (281-467-9189 / errol@errolallenconsulting.com)  
**Board Liaison** Tony Samper, American Services (281-355-9100 / tony@hvacsolution.net)  
**Chamber Rep** Angela Robles (713-785-4922 / angela@hwcoc.org)

*This committee works to increase the quality of Membership by examining the value provided through the Chamber. \*\*Meets on a quarterly basis at the Chamber Office, Suite 125, from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.*

### AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE [By Application Only - Contact Chamber Rep for Details]

**Chair** Paul Dickens, Sovereign Wealth Advisors (713-527-3435 / paul.dickens@lpl.com)  
**Board Liaison** Cliff Simpson, Culhane Meadows PLLC (713-554-6903 / csimpson@culhanemeadows.com)  
**Chamber Rep** Marketa de Rooy (713-785-4922 / marketa@hwcoc.org)

*This committee focuses on engaging and orienting new Members to the Chamber and is instrumental in Member retention. Must complete application to be considered. \*\*Meets on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at the Chamber Office Building, Suite 890, from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.*

### BUSINESS & EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Co-Chair** Dee Jones, Alief ISD (281-498-8110 / delores.jones@aliefisd.net)  
**Co-Chair** Elizabeth Beguerie, Fusion Academy Houston Galleria (713-963-9096/ebeguerie@fusionacademy.com)  
**Chamber Rep** Stephanie White (713-785-4922 / stephanie@hwcoc.org)

*This committee supports efforts to mentor and provide jobs through our four ISDs and private schools in West Houston. This committee also plans the **Annual Business and Education Luncheon** in May. \*\*Meets on the first (1st) Thursday of each month, Aug – May, at various Chamber Member locations from 8:30 - 9:30 am. Check the Chamber's online calendar for up to date meeting locations.*

### BAGELS & BUSINESS

**Hosted by** Gerard Charles, P.F. Chang's Highland Village  
**Chamber Rep** Stephanie White (713-785-4922 / stephanie@hwcoc.org)

*This monthly networking event provides a forum to expand business connections through organized activities and a complimentary breakfast. \*\*Meets on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month at P.F. Chang's Highland Village, 4094 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77027, from 7:00 - 8:30 am.*

### BUSINESS OVER BREAKFAST

**Hosted by** Bill Thorne, Edward Jones and Joanne Ericksen, The Ericksen Law Firm  
**Chamber Rep** Angela Robles (713-785-4922 / angela@hwcoc.org)

*This monthly networking event provides a forum to expand business connections through organized activities and a complimentary breakfast, with an average attendance of over 80 Members and Prospective Members. \*\*Meets on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at various Chamber Member locations, from 7:00 – 8:30 am.*

### BUSINESS RESOURCE COMMITTEE

**Chair** Amber Timmermeyer, JE Dunn Construction (713-353-6239 / amber.timmermeyer@jedunn.com)  
**Board Liaison** Kathie Edwards, Westpark Communications, LP (713-785-3238 / kedwards@westparkcom.net)  
**Chamber Rep** Stephanie White (713-785-4922 / stephanie@hwcoc.org)

*This committee provides Chamber Members and guests with educational and supportive seminars to improve business practices in West Houston. \*\*Meets on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month at the Chamber Office Building, Suite 890, Houston, TX 77042, from 7:30 - 9:00 am.*

## GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (APRIL)

**Board Liaison** Steve Peters, Amegy Bank of Texas (713-232-1518 / [steve.peters@amegybank.com](mailto:steve.peters@amegybank.com))

**Chamber Rep** Angela Robles (713-785-4922 / [angela@hwcoc.org](mailto:angela@hwcoc.org))

*This committee works together to plan, execute and host the chamber's **Annual Business Golf Classic**, held in April.*

*\*\*Meets on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month (November to May) at the Chamber Office, Suite 125, Houston, TX 77042, from 12:30 – 1:30 pm.*

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Co - Chair** Joanne Ericksen, The Ericksen Law Firm (832 588-3346 / [joanne@theericksenlawfirm.com](mailto:joanne@theericksenlawfirm.com))

**Co-Chair** Ted Tarver, Zippy Shell of West Houston (713-747-0505 / [ttarver@zippysshell.com](mailto:ttarver@zippysshell.com))

**Chamber Rep** Angela Robles (713-785-4922 / [angela@hwcoc.org](mailto:angela@hwcoc.org))

*This committee works to educate membership and actively participates in legislative and public policy issues directly affecting the West Houston business community, hosting a **Legislative Trip to Austin** in February, a **Pre or Post Legislative Update** in the fall, and the **Diamond Leadership Awards Breakfast** in December. **\*\*Meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Brookstreet BBQ, 10705 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77042, from 11:45 am -1:00 pm with special luncheons throughout the year. Check the Chamber's online calendar for up to date meeting locations.***

## HEALTH & MEDICAL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER)

**Chair** Dr. Brian Sekula, The Health Performance Institute (713-484-6871 / [bsekula@briansekula.com](mailto:bsekula@briansekula.com))

**Chamber Rep** Angela Robles (713-785-4922 / [angela@hwcoc.org](mailto:angela@hwcoc.org))

*This committee works to raise funds for the annual **Health & Medical Luncheon**, held in September, to provide at least two scholarships of \$1,000 to adults seeking a secondary education in the health and medical field. **\*\*Meets on the second (2nd) Thursday of each month at Chamber Office Building, Suite 890, from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm.***

## SALUTE TO VETERANS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (NOVEMBER)

**Chair** Susan Parish, Amegy Mortgage Company (832-397-6383 / [Susan.Parish@amegymortgage.com](mailto:Susan.Parish@amegymortgage.com))

**Board Liaison** Clyde Bryan, Highlights Electrical (713- 266-6464 / [clyde@hohi.net](mailto:clyde@hohi.net))

**Chamber Rep** Angela Robles (713-785-4922 / [angela@hwcoc.org](mailto:angela@hwcoc.org))

*This committee plans, executes and hosts the annual **Salute to Veterans Luncheon**, held in November, to recognize the contribution of our local service men and women. **\*\*Meets on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month at various Chamber Member locations from 11:45 am - 1:00 pm. Check the Chamber's online calendar for up to date meeting locations.***

## SEO411 INTERNET MARKETING CLASS

**Hosted by** Beth Guide (281-389-5117 / [beth@seo411.com](mailto:beth@seo411.com))

**Chamber Rep** Angela Robles (713-785-4922 / [angela@hwcoc.org](mailto:angela@hwcoc.org))

*This interactive monthly class provides information to Chamber Members about the uses of internet marketing, with topics ranging from search engine optimization to social media. **\*\* Meets second (2nd) Wednesday of each month at The Forum at Memorial Woods, 777 N Post Oak Blvd, Houston, TX 77024, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Second session meets on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month at the Chamber Office Building, Suite 890, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.***

## SMOKIN' CONNECTIONS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (NOVEMBER)

**[By Application Only - Contact Chamber Rep for Details]**

**Board Liaison** Michael Griffin, SilverOak Financial ([MGG@SilverOakfinancial.com](mailto:MGG@SilverOakfinancial.com)/ 713-830-6345)

**Chamber Rep** Stephanie White (713-785-4922 / [stephanie@hwcoc.org](mailto:stephanie@hwcoc.org))

*This committee plans, executes and hosts the annual **Men's Only Event**, in November. **\*\*Meets on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at the Chamber Office, Suite 125, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.***

## WEST HOUSTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT COMMITTEE (FEBRUARY)

**Chair/Board Liaison** Dick Helmey, truecolorGRAPHICS/FASTSIGNS 15301 (281-579-4407 / richard.helmey@fastsigns.com)  
**Chamber Rep** Stephanie White (713-785-4922 / stephanie@hwcoc.org)

*This committee plans, executes and hosts the annual **Economic Development Summit**, held in February, to announce the findings of the Annual University of Houston Economic Development Study focused on West Houston. \*\*Meets on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month from July through March at Memorial Meeting Room, 12665 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77024, from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.*

## WEST HOUSTON LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (WHLI)

**Chair** Rusty Graham, Spring Branch ISD (713-251-2469 / rpdgraham@gmail.com / admin@whli.net)

*The West Houston Leadership Institute (WHLI), a 501 (c) 3 charity, was created by the HWCOG to train and develop leadership in the West Houston community by building on the common core values, goals, and strategic teamwork of our residents and businesses. WHLI is now a stand alone program (a sister organization to the HWCOG), operating under the guidance and direction of a dedicated team of current business people and community leaders. WHLI provides the framework for dialogue and analysis of issues facing the community. Self-organized learning expeditions help participants determine first-hand what opportunities and threats affect the community. This 10-month leadership program costs \$1,800 for Members and \$2,000 for prospective Members. For more information, visit [www.whli.net](http://www.whli.net).*

## WOMEN DRIVING BUSINESS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**[By Application Only - Contact Chamber Rep for Details]**

**Chair** Sarah Cain, Sarah's Florist (281-497-5533 / sarahs-florist@sbcglobal.net)  
**Board Liaison** Dulcie Wink, The Wink Law Firm, PLLC (832-772-0002 / dulcie.wink@winklaw.com)  
Kathie Edwards, Westpark Communications, L.P. (713-785-3238 / kedwards@westparkcom.net)  
**Chamber Rep** Stephanie White (713-785-4922 / stephanie@hwcoc.org)

*This committee plans and executes a three-part event series aimed at key businesswomen in West Houston, including C-Level Executives and female businesses owners. The Women Driving Business series provides opportunities to network, connect, and promote business through exciting and uniquely feminine events held in August, September, and October. \*\*Meets on the second (2nd) Tuesday of the month at various restaurants from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.*

## WOMEN'S EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**[By Application Only - Contact Chamber Rep for Details]**

**Co-Chair** Sarah Cain, Sarah's Florist (281-497-5533 / sarahs-florist@sbcglobal.net)  
**Co-Chair** Donna Vallone, Tony's Restaurant (713-622-6778 / dgvallone23@gmail.com)  
**Chamber Rep** Angela Robles (713-785-4922 / angela@hwcoc.org)

*This committee plans and executes a four-part event series aimed at key businesswomen in West Houston, including C-Level Executives and female business owners. The Women's Excellence in Business series provides opportunities to network, connect, and promote business through exciting and uniquely feminine events held in November, January, March and May. \*\*Check the Chamber's online calendar for luncheon dates.*

## ZEST IN THE WEST FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (OCTOBER)

**Chair** Jeannie Bollinger (713-785-4922 / jeannie@hwcoc.org)  
**Board Liaison** Martha Ceballos, MC Business Products (832-969-9947 / martha@elpenterprisesinc.com)  
**Chamber Rep** Angela Robles (713-785-4922 / angela@hwcoc.org)

*This committee plans and hosts the annual wine, food and beer festival, **Zest in the West**, held in October, which raises funds for the West Houston Leadership Institute (WHLI). \*\* Meets second (2nd) Monday of each month at various area restaurants that support event from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Check the Chamber's online calendar for up to date meeting locations.*