



Spencer Bell Frontrunner for the RGV Partnership

The Rio Grande Valley Partnership, Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Spencer Bell, General Manager, of RGV Express, Weslaco has been elected Chairman of the Board for 2013. He succeeds outgoing Chairman, **Allen Shields, President** of *Frost Bank, Alamo*.

Spencer was born in McAllen, Texas and raised in Donna, by parents Charles and Carolyn Bell along with three siblings. After graduating from Donna High School he attended the prestigious Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, earning a BA in History. Upon graduation, Bell worked for Pappas Restaurant Management Group in Houston. He returned to the Valley in 1996 as owner/operator of Catering Unlimited, Inc., managing the food and beverage needs within the Best Western Palm Aire Hotel in Weslaco. Since 2007, Spencer has provided administration for RGV Express, a family-owned hospitality management company that operates the Holiday Inn Express & Suites and the Hometel Haciendas, extended-stay properties in Weslaco.

“I am honored to serve as chair of the RGV Partnership’s board of directors which includes so many talented, community-centered leaders,” commented Spencer Bell, General Manager of RGV Express in Weslaco. “In partnership with the Regional Chamber’s dedicated staff, we will continue a tradition to the Program of Work and exceptional service to the broad range of businesses and organizations that make up our diverse membership. I am thrilled to be able to share my energy and enthusiasm to advance our shared economic well-being and quality of life.”

“Spencer’s vision, business acumen and leadership extend beyond his work with RGV Express, GBB Rentals and AHEC Properties; into the community. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Museum of South Texas History in Edinburg, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce and Board of Directors for the American Heart Association in Cameron County. Spencer also continues his service with the Board of Directors for the Foundation at Knapp Medical Center. Through his words and actions, Spencer is a champion for all sectors in the Rio Grande Valley Region working in tandem through the Partnership to drive economic and community prosperity,” said Julian Alvarez, President and CEO of the Chamber.

Spencer is married to Lori, and has three awesome kids, Grace Kathryn, William Spencer and Joseph Aden. When leisure time allows Bell enjoys travel and the great South Texas outdoors, spending time with family.