

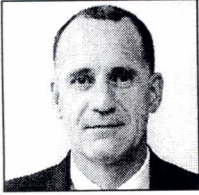
ROTARYgrams

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We are pleased to welcome Ronald G. Thompson, Regional Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to Rotary. Located in Dallas,

Texas, Mr. Thompson is responsible for the South Central Region which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. He oversees 19 institutions including two high security penitentiaries, two medical facilities, two female facilities, the Federal Transfer Center at the Oklahoma City airport, and of course the Beaumont Federal Correctional Complex. His region further includes contractual agreements for forty-five jails and thirty-two community corrections centers or half-way houses. All in all, Mr. Thompson is responsible for over 35,000 federal offenders and the supervision of almost 6500 employees.

This is the first Rotary program in over six years concerning the local Federal Correctional Complex which houses over 5000 inmates and employs 1000 staff in Southeast Texas, not including contracted medical services. With an annual payroll over \$35 million and an average of \$650,000 per month in small local purchases, the complex contributes significantly to our local economy.

Many Rotarians are probably unfamiliar with the industrial operations which include production of the battle dress uniforms for the military, diesel engine remanufacturing and plastic operations. The complex is accredited with the American Correctional Association (ACA) and the Joint Commission on Health Care Organizations (JCAHO).

Ron Thompson began his career with the Department of Justice in 1974 as a Correctional Officer at the institution built to replace Alcatraz, the United State Penitentiary in Marion Illinois. He advanced through a variety of assignments including Warden at the Federal Correctional Institution in Seagoville, Texas and El Reno, Oklahoma. Other assignments included Director of the Staff Training Academy in Glynco, Georgia, Senior Deputy Regional Director in Dallas, and Assistant Director for Human Resources in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Thompson received his Bachelor's Degree from Malone College and holds a Master of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Southern Illinois University. He has had extensive executive training at Princeton University. He is a member of the senior executive service with responsibility for all major personnel and policy decisions affecting the Bureau of Prisons.



Ramblings



The Past Presidents met with the Rotary Board on Tuesday to do some "bonding" between the past and the present.

President Harland challenged the Past Presidents to discuss the most memorable thing they did as President and what they wished they had done differently. The responses were interesting, but the real riddle was "Just when was **Benny Hughes** president?" **Benny's** term is actually remembered as The Pig Year. Ask any Oldtimer for the details.

Another break-through during the meeting was that the sandwich line **might** come back on a once per month basis. A word of advice to **Rhonda Perkins**, make sure you find the **Larry Beaulieu** squeeze bottles for the mustard and mayonnaise. The mystery of the day was **Maurine Gray's** disappearing éclair when she left the table to get an iced tea refill.

Charlie Foxworth disclosed that he has the ability to control the rain. Everytime he "streaks" down Eleventh Street, the rain stops. Obviously **Charlie** has been keeping his clothes on lately. Run, **Charlie**, Run! My yard is flooding.

Honorary Rotarian **Jimmy Simmons** and all of our **Lamar** executives are excited about the increase in enrollment numbers for the Fall semester. **Jimmy** has been brave enough to use the "F" word in public --- FOOTBALL! This is the year for the big decision. Make your preference known and let's help get FOOTBALL back to Beaumont.

Congratulations to **Greta Bowman** and her family for the birth of a son Tuesday morning. **Greta** has been on maternity leave and we hope to see her back soon.



Editor's Corner



Thanks to **Maurine Gray** we have additional information about the benefactors of the R.C. and Byrdie Miller Scholarship that we presented last week to Claire Guidry. Mr. Miller, who passed away in 1973 at the age of 100, came to Beaumont in 1904. He estab-

lished a grain business which later merged with the Josey Miller Grain Company. He also helped organize the Tyrrell Rice Milling Company. The Miller Family Trust funded the R.C. Miller Memorial Library which opened on Dowlen Road in 1982.



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"Computer Software -
Design & Consultation"



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Proposed by Angela Baker
"Photography, General"



Glen Engle, Attorney,
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Proposed by Doug Chase
"Real Estate - Title
Service"

Program Review



District Governor Charda Bronaugh, shown above being greeted by Beaumont Mayor **Evelyn Lord** (r), graced us with her presence, having visited 23 of 41 clubs in our District since July 28th. In his introduction, **Past President Roger McCabe** stated that although Past District Governors are often referred to as "Tarnished Brass", he is sure **Charda** will remain as shining as ever, even after her arduous year ahead.

She shared that the Rotary Club does much more than "meet, greet, take a

Birthdays



Aug 29 - Mike Cain, a new member since July, is Plant Manager of Equistar Chemicals, LP. Born in Ardmore, Oklahoma, he and his wife Vickie are the parents of Greg and David. Mike enjoys golf and sports.



Aug 30 - Ann Scoggin, a member since 1998, is the owner of Coldwell Banker Southern Homes. Born in Mexia, she is a graduate of Shasta College in Redding, California. Ann and her husband Sam are the parents of Glenn, Angela and Sammy and is a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys playing tennis.



Sep 2 - Maurine Gray, a member since 1995, is Director of Community Services for the City of Beaumont. Born in Galveston, she is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana State University and North Texas State University and a member of First United Methodist Church. Maurine's hobbies include antiques, pets and civic work.

seat & eat". Rotary will stand out above other service organizations for helping to eradicate polio, teaching children to read and its overall practice of good will throughout the world. She applauded our club for getting new members in and helping to orient them with the "30-Something" get togethers.

In closing, she reminded us of the Foundation and GSE workshops coming up in September and she asked each of us to think of what our fair share is to help Rotary International eradicate polio worldwide.

Our sincere appreciation to **Becky** and **Chuck Mason** for hosting new and current members at a dinner for **Charda** in their home Tuesday evening.



Sep 3 - Sheri Arnold, a member since 1999, is President of Sheri Arnold Properties. Born in Orange, she is a graduate of Sam Houston State University. She and her husband, Fellow Rotarian Eddie, are the parents of Holly and Carolann, and are members of Forest Park Methodist Church. Sheri enjoys playing golf and racquetball.



Sep 3 - Sharen Kirksey, a member since 1989, is a Designer with Ethan Allen. Born in Dayton, Sharen is a graduate of the University of Texas and Parson's in New York City. She is married to Fellow Rotarian **Leonard Juncker** and is a member of Cornerstone Church of Christ. Sharen enjoys travel and entertaining.

Sep 3 - Polly Matlock, a member since 1998, is Owner of Horizon Health Care Services. Born in Silsbee, she is a Lamar graduate. Polly and her husband Robert are the parents of Kristi and Derrick, and are members of Westgate Memorial Baptist Church.

Board Action

Your Board of Directors met on Tuesday, August 20th, and approved the following new members for Club consideration:

John Aikin, Montagne Center Director
Lamar University
Proposed by Camille Mouton
"University - Sports & Entertainment"

Dan Ford, Captain
Salvation Army
Proposed by Peg Towers
"Religious Organization - Salvation Army"

Roger Newton, General Manager
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