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Senator Tommy Williams, District 4



Senator Tommy Williams brings a strong record of public service, business achievements and community involvement to the people of Southeast

Texas. In November, Texans showed their confidence in Williams by electing him to the Texas Senate with 64% of the vote.

He is a three-term member of the Texas House of Representatives and is an outspoken advocate for Texas taxpayers and a recognized

leader in budgetary issues. Williams is a lifelong Texan. He was born in Marshall and attended schools in the Marshall Independent School District. Graduating from high school in three years, Williams attended Kilgore Community College for one semester before entering Texas A & M University.

After graduating with a BBA in accounting, he began a career in industry and public accounting prior to entering the insurance and financial services field in 1983. He

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Head Table



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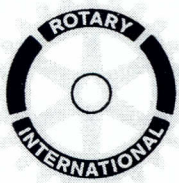


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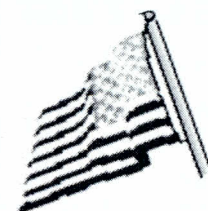
GUEST INTRODUCTION
TRAVIS BREWER,
 BRANCH MANAGER,
 BLUE BELL CREAMERIES



From the chef: Roast Beef



Don't forget to sign up
 for the Flag Project!
 See your July 23rd
RotaryGrams for details.



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27th Joan Walker - Waterborne
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Program Review

Warden R. D. Miles of the Federal Correctional Complex presented a very interesting and informative program last week about of local facility that most, if not all, of us have neither visited nor toured.

The complex employs more than 900 Southeast Texans with an annual gross payroll of more than \$40 million and an operating budget of more than \$22 million, providing a significant impact on our economy. As Warden Miles pointed out, crime is a recession-proof industry.

Additionally, the inmates average more than 1,000 visitors weekly who also add to the local economy by frequenting local hotels, restaurants and other local firms.

The complex consists of four separate facilities which house more than 5,600 inmates with an age range between 19 and 75: a minimum-security camp, a low- and a medium-security prison and a maximum-security federal penitentiary. Most inmates have been convicted of drug-related offenses, immigration, burglary and firearms violations as well as a few murderers.

Drug rehabilitation programs and vocational training are required and work programs generate additional income for the complex. Currently, the facility has a contract with the Department of Defense to manufacture helmets and uniforms for U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq.

Warden Miles closed the program by commenting that they are

proud to be a part of our community and appreciate our support.

Larry Beaulieu, who introduced the warden, then called the names of Rotarians who had 60% or greater attendance so far this year as recipients of helmets the warden brought as door prizes. Winners were **Robert Turner, Russ Schultz, David Locke, Arthur Berry** and **Jay Johnson**.

Thank you, Larry, for an interesting program. Thanks also go to **Joy Reagan, Henry Strait, Mary Ellen Robertson** and **Roger Newton** for doing Head Table honors last week.

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is a member of the Texas Society of CPA's and now serves as President of Woodforest Financial Services, an affiliate of Woodforest National Bank.

During his work in the Texas House of Representatives, Williams negotiated the historic annexation moratorium between the City of Houston and The Woodlands. Williams also led a successful effort to increase school funding for thousands of school children all across Texas.

As a Texas Senator, and by appointment by the Lieutenant Governor, Williams serves on the powerful Senate Finance Committee, Education Committee, Business and Commerce Committee, and is Vice-Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee. Additionally, numerous state and community groups have recognized Senator Williams' legislative and leadership accomplishments throughout his elected public service.

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Attendance

Throughout August and September, we will continue to post your July 2002—June 2003 attendance percentage next to your name on your *RotaryGrams* address label.

Congratulations to our fifteen members with 100% attendance for the period!

Please call the Rotary Office if you think some of your make ups were not included.

One of **President Azim's** goals for his year is to raise our club's overall attendance. **Vice President Paula Bothe** and her Program Committee are lining up an outstanding schedule of programs so please plan to join us every week!

Ramblings

It all started when **Arthur Berry** asked **Angela Baker** to get an auto-graphed (gee-tar) guitar...**Donna Blanchette** was surprised when the table support dropped into her lap...Then, before we knew it, **Arthur** (coming to the rescue) was underneath the table and **Gene Hughes** was wishing he had his camera. **Dean Conwell** enjoyed the activity at the table and **Jo Ann Block** chose wisely to say nothing. **Roger McCabe's** wish came true. "I sure hope there is someone from Ramblings sitting at this table!"

Gene Arnold is well known for his hospitality and should receive the "Host Table Award"!

Vic Zaloom is home recovering from bypass surgery. We hope to see him back at meetings soon.

Birthdays

21st Brock Brentlinger (69)
Assistant to the President,
Lamar University



Born in Flora, Illinois, he is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He and his wife Barbara Jean are the parents of Gregory, Gary, Garth, Bobbie Sue and Geoffrey. They are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys camping, jogging and gardening. Brock is a Paul Harris Fellow.

21st Michael Clayton (97)
President/CEO,
Better Business Bureau



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Dallas Baptist University. He and his wife Dee are the parents of Chris, Kim and Kendall. They attend and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. Michael enjoys playing baseball, and working on his lawn and garden.

21st Elaine Shellenberger (02)
Executive Director,
Nutrition & Services for Seniors



Born in Liberty, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Don are the parents of Angie and Collin. They are members of Unity Church of Beaumont. She enjoys gardening, cooking and entertaining.

Kevin Roy called to thank us for the sympathy card, but said it was another Kevin Roy whose brother passed away.

22nd Michael Wolf (86)
Financial Professional,
The Mony Group



Born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University. He and his wife Cynthia are the parents of Natalie, Sallye and Marc. He enjoys fishing, hunting, swimming, playing bridge, and youth activities. Michael is a Paul Harris Fellow.

24th Tiger Polk (73)
Retired



Born in San Augustine, he is a graduate of Texas A&M. Tiger is the father of John, Scott and Leland. He is a member of First Methodist Church in Vidor He enjoys doing woodcrafts and bowling. Tiger is a Paul Harris Fellow.

24th Thomas Williams (89)
Thomas F. Williams, D.D.S.



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of University of Texas at Houston. He is the father of Noel. He is a member of First Methodist Church.



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