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State Senator Tommy Williams

Texas State Senator Tommy Williams, District 4, The Woodlands will offer his perspective on issues and challenges with potential impact on Southeast Texas during the upcoming 79th legislative session in Austin. Williams was recently re-elected to a second term in the Texas Senate after serving three terms in the Texas House of Representatives (1997 - 2002). Senate District 4 encompasses the Southeast Texas counties of Chambers, Liberty, Orange, Harris (partial), Montgomery (partial) and Jefferson (partial).

As a Texas Senator, Williams serves on the Senate Finance Committee, Education Committee, and Criminal Justice Committee and is Vice-Chair of the Senate's State Affairs Committee. By special appointment of Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, Williams serves as a member of the Legislative Audit Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Water Pol-

icy with an interim charge to study all issues related to ground and surface water law, policy and management. During his work in the Texas House of Representatives, Williams negotiated the historic annexation moratorium between the City of Houston and The Woodlands.

A life-long Texan born in Marshall, Williams attended schools in the Marshall Independent School District and Kilgore Community College before entering Texas A & M University where he graduated with a B. B. A. in accounting. After a career in industry and public accounting, Williams entered the insurance and financial services field in 1983. He is a member of the Texas Society of CPAs and President of Woodforest Financial Services, an affiliate of Woodforest National Bank.

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Future Programs

November
24th No meeting - Happy Thanksgiving
December
1st Rick Adams - Texas Wildcatters

Make-ups

Monday:

No. Port ArthurHoliday Inn Hwy 69
Vidor.....Hibernia National Bank

Tuesday:

Spindletop.....Holiday Inn 11th St.
Orange.....Sunset Grove
Port Neches.....Pompano Club

Wednesday:

Groves.....Pompano Club

Thursday:

Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:

Nederland.....Sanderson's

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(limit 3 times in each quarter)

Program Review

We were honored today to celebrate Veteran's Day as well as the Marine Corps birthday. Our featured speaker was Marvin D. Brailsford, Lieutenant General in the US Army. General Brailsford retired from the military in 1992 after 33 years of service.

General Brailsford reminded us that 86 years ago on November 11, 1918 that "All became quiet on the Western Front." World War I had ended. Five million servicemen had fought in this battle and over 116,000 had lost their lives in this War. One year later, President Wilson declared November 11 as a day to honor those who had served in the armed forces. As the years passed and more wars were fought, November 11 became a day to honor all veterans and the sacrifice they made for America. George Washington was the first president to honor this nation's veterans.


Besides reflection on the past, our focus should be on those fighting the War on Terror. We should reflect on the great debt we owe all Veterans. There are 32 million living veterans in America. Because of the sacrifices they have made, we enjoy our freedom and our democracy.

Americans need to provide the Veterans with:

- * Adequate pensions;
- * Adequate medical care; and
- * Adequate disability assistance.

We can show our commitment to Veterans by keeping the Torch of Freedom held high to preserve the Flame. General Brailsford stated the best way to demonstrate our commitment was to respect and support the troops.

Thank you, General Brailsford, for a moving speech and for reminding us that our freedom came with a price that Veterans paid. Thank you **President Maurine** for arranging the program and **Earl Hines** for introducing the speaker.



Last chance to clear your library shelves and bring books to donate to Africa

Rotary meeting - November 17th

**Resolution in Memory of
William C. Tyrrell, Jr.**

William C. Tyrrell, Jr., affectionately known by all those who knew him as Bill, was a native Texan...a native Beaumont! Born on January 16, 1906, Bill became the namesake of his grandfather, the legendary Capt. William C. Tyrrell, one of the early entrepreneurs of Beaumont and Southeast Texas. Bill Tyrrell's parents were W. C. Tyrrell and Ellen Christie Tyrrell. He had three brothers: Harry, Preston, and David; and one sister, Carol Tyrrell Kyle. A man caring deeply about his community and his family, Bill Tyrrell passed away on October 13, 2003, at the age of ninety-seven.

Bill spent most of his early years on the Tyrrell
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New Members!

Please welcome three new members who joined our club on November 10th:

Sue Denosowitz

Director,
Spindletop - Gladys City Museum



Born in Lamesa, she is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She and her husband Paul are the parents of Marisa and David, and are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Orange. Sue

was sponsored by **Richard Bothel**.

Mike McMullen

General Manager,
Ethan Allen Furniture



Born in Houston, he attended San Diego State University and George Washington State University and is a graduate of Grossmont College and Texas A&M University. He and his wife Judy are the parents of

Joshua. Mike was sponsored by **Sharen Kirksey**.

Greg Rodgers

Director of Marketing,
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Kathy are the parents of Joshua, and are members of Cathedral in the Pines. He enjoys gardening, landscaping, physical fitness

and horses. Greg was sponsored by **Jack Scott**.

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family farm in Belmond, Iowa. He graduated from the Belmond public school system, where he was an accomplished athlete, lettering in baseball, basketball and track. He then attended the University of Iowa for two years, followed by two more years at the University of Colorado, where he lettered in golf, graduated with a degree in business administration and met his wife of more than seventy years, Catherine Ross Sullivan. Bill was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity at both universities.

In 1930 following graduation and marriage, Bill brought Catherine home to Beaumont, where he managed a structural steel business. After the birth of their first daughter Jeanne, Bill and Catherine moved to Belmond where Bill and his brother Preston managed the Tyrrell family farming operation until the end of World War II. Bill served two terms as State Representative in the Iowa State Legislature.

In 1946 upon the death of his father, Bill was named Trustee of the W. C. Tyrrell Trust and moved his family, which by now had expanded to three daughters with the births of Lynne and Frances, to Beaumont. He served as Trustee for twenty years until the Trust was dissolved, then managed the Tyrrell family properties as Agent for the entire family until his retirement in 1985.

During his active years in Beaumont, Bill was very active in business and community life. He was crowned King Neches VIII by the Knights of the Neches in 1956. He served many years as a Director of the Community Chest (now the United Way) and also served as the General Chairman. He served as Director of American National Bank (now Hibernia National Bank) and of Beaumont State Bank (now Bank of America) and was a Trustee and later a Governor of Scott and White Clinic and Hospital in Temple, Texas. He was a Director of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association for many years.

In addition, Bill was actively involved in the Rotary Club of Beaumont for fifty-five years and was honored by his family as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1983. He was a long time member of First United Methodist Church and a patron of the Symphony of Southeast Texas, the Beaumont Music Commission, the Tyrrell Historical Library, the Art Museum of Southeast Texas and the Lamar University Cardinal Club. Fond of golfing, Bill was a member of the Beaumont Country Club and also a member of the Beaumont Club. He also had a very strong personal interest in those City of Beaumont properties that resulted from earlier bequests: Tyrrell Park and Tyrrell Historical Library.

Bill was predeceased by the love of his life, Catherine Sullivan Tyrrell, and by two of his daughters, Jeanne Tyrrell Eastman and Frances Tyrrell Gathright, and two of his sons-in-law, C. Kent Gathright and Clifford G. Campbell.

He is survived by the following family members: his daughter Lynne Tyrrell Campbell of Houston, his son-in-law Frank A. Eastman of Beaumont,

Birthdays

22nd Carol Flatten (98)

Executive Director,
Foundation for Southeast Texas



Born in Hartford, Connecticut, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband **Gerald** are the parents of Charlie, Eric, Catherine, and Christi, and are members of Trinity

United Methodist Church. She enjoys genealogy, reading and traveling.

23rd David Locke (98)

Senior Vice President, Lamar Bank



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He is the father of Carol and Blakey, and is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys fishing, gardening and spending time

with his children.

23rd Charlie Weinbaum, Jr. (49)

Partner,
Weinbaum Insurance Agency



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University, attended the New York University Graduate School and attained CPCU. He and his wife Gloria are the parents of Becky, **Bo**,

Danny, Jonny, and Bern, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys fishing, hunting, golf, softball and watching sports events. Charlie is a Paul Harris Fellow.

his grandchildren Ross Tyrrell and Laura Brown Eastman, Catherine Campbell and Frank J. Hevrdejs, William J. Campbell and Diane Dyer Campbell, all of Houston; Bryan C. Campbell and Donna Pankey Campbell of Austin; Cary Kent Gathright, Jr. and Leigh Beall Gathright of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Grayson Gathright Royer of Colorado; eleven great grandchildren. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont express sorrow at the death of William C. Tyrrell, Jr., and extend sympathy to his family as an expression of sincere feeling at the loss of a dear friend and long-time member of this Rotary Club.

And, Be it Further Resolved that this resolution is spread across the minutes of this Rotary Club, and that a copy be furnished to his family.

Passed by unanimous vote of the membership this 10th day of November 2004.

25th Larry Beaulieu (83)

Vice President & General Manager,
KFDM-TV



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Lamar University. He and his wife **Nancy** are the parents of Brad and Lara, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys

fishing, hunting, computers and scuba diving. Larry is a Paul Harris Fellow.

25th Melinda McNeely (00)

City Manager, Kelly Services



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Kenny are the parents of Garret and Abbey, and are members of Our Lady of Sorrows. She enjoys spending time with her children. Melinda is a Paul Harris Fellow.

26th Eddie Arnold (98)

Retired

Born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, he is a graduate of Upper Iowa University.



He and his wife **Sheri** are the parents of Aaron, Kelly, Holly and Carolann, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, fishing and travel. Eddie is a Paul Harris Fellow.

27th Margaret Cherb (87)

Retired



Born in Mobile, Alabama, she is a graduate of the Salvation Army College. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys music, travel and reading. Margaret is a Paul Harris Fellow.

29th Ken Ruddy (56)

President,
Southeast Texas Classic Automotive



Born in St. Louis, Missouri, he attended St. Louis State University and is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He and his wife Therese are the parents of Sharon, Deborah, Roane,

Therese, Christine, Ken Jr., Erin, Patrick, Elizabeth and Peter, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys fishing and hunting. Ken is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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