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ROTARY GOES TO WORK

In the spirit of Rotary founder Paul Harris' original goal of "rotating" meeting location from week to week, we will be visiting the workplaces of sixteen of our fellow Rotarians.

Neal Baker and his committee have done great work this year making all of the arrangements for us.


if you have not signed up for a location yet, please call the Rotary office by noon on Tuesday, November 2nd to guarantee your place (and your lunch). Lunch is \$4.00.

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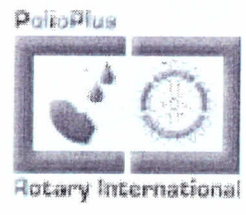
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Future Programs

November
10th Veterans Day Program
17th State Senator Tommy Williams

Make-ups

Monday:

No. Port Arthur.....Holiday 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)

Your Program Committee invited the two District 2 Congressional candidates to present their perspectives of the current race. In an effort to present measured and unbiased coverage of their programs, we chose to print both reviews together in this issue.

Your RotaryGram Committee reminds club members to make time on November 2nd to vote.

October 20th - Congressman Nick Lampson stated his case for re-election, presenting himself as a sincere and experienced representative, appropriate for a man who has been our Congressman for eight years.

He cited the millions of dollars in grants he has helped obtain; the work he has done for missing and exploited children; and his record in serving constituents when individuals need help with the federal government.

Congressman Lampson earnestly criticized the redistricting effort which stretched the district he represents over a line 100 miles from east to west, mentioning that two individuals and eight companies have been indicted for activities in connection with that redistricting. One result, he said, is the polarization of the Texas Congressional delegation, with two of them now refusing to fly on the same plane. Lampson said such divisions make it very difficult to reach consensus on legislation. "We cannot allow our country to be so divided that we can no longer carry on the business of this country," he told us.

As for the issue of missing children, the Congressman said he only became interested in the question after his election to Congress, when a little girl in Friendswood was kidnapped. He said 8,000 people participated in the search for her, a remarkable effort which ended in tragedy when her body was found. Lampson said he once tossed away the fliers we get in the mail carrying pictures of missing children. Not any more. He said one out of every seven children who are pictured do get returned home.

He said he has enjoyed his service, though there have been many times he has thought "it would be easier to be digging ditches in the rain," than flying back and forth between Washington and Texas, trying to solve all the problems brought to his attention. He assured us that there is a lot of work left to do and he said Southeast Texas can be served more effectively by someone with seniority and contacts than by a freshman Congressman.

Rotarian **Jim Rich** introduced the Congressman.

October 27th - Judge Ted Poe promised the Beaumont Rotary Club that he would bring a can-do attitude and an innovative approach to Congress if he is elected to represent District 2 on November 2nd.

In a speech rich with anecdotes, many taken from his 22 years as a felony court judge in Harris County, Judge Poe gave several examples of the unusual sentences he has given criminals, both great and small, over the past two decades. "I want to bring the same listening, problem-solving attitude to Congress," he said. "We can make a difference."

Judge Poe succinctly stated his position on several issues:

- The tax cuts should be made permanent, including the elimination of estate taxes. "Keeping our money here will help the economy," he said.
- More federal money should be made available to provide security for petrochemical plants and other area facilities. Judge Poe said "I don't understand why states such as Wyoming and Idaho are getting more funds than we are."
- All federal programs should be subject to the sunset rules, i.e. they should be eliminated unless they justify their existence to a Congressional subcommittee.
- Health care must be improved and one way to do that is to eliminate the fraud in the Medicare program.
- The water in Jefferson County is a resource that belongs to this area and he would not favor hijacking it to Houston.
- The Social Security system must be protected.

Judge Poe started his legal career as a prosecuting attorney in the Harris County District Attorney's office and he said a horrific murder case during that part of his life made him aware that a duty of society is to protect the weak, those unable to protect themselves. He credited his grandmother with instilling in him the call to public service.

Rotarian **David Teuscher** introduced the judge.

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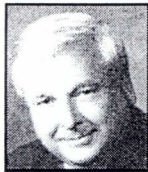
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Birthdays

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3rd Arthur Berry (72)

President,
Texas Food and Beverage Supply



Born in Orange, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Connie are the parents of Alison and Catherine, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and all outdoor sports.

3rd Henry Venta (02)

Dean, College of Business,
Lamar University

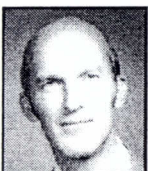


Born in Habana, Cuba, he is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico and Northwestern University. He is the father of Laura and Amanda, and is a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys

biking.

4th Gerald Flatten (83)

Partner,
Rienstra, Dowell & Flatten



Born in San Antonio, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and South Texas College of Law. He and his wife Carol are the parents of Charles, Eric, Catherine and Christi, and are members of

Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys teaching Sunday School and playing the banjo. Gerald is a Paul Harris Fellow.

4th Gene Hughes (02)

Editor,
Beaumont Journal



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He enjoys film, music, photography, writing, genealogy, community theater, the study of Irish history and culture and the study of terrorism.

6th Tom Neild (95)

Vice President, H.B. Neild & Sons



Born in Beaumont, he attended Lamar University and Southern States College. He and his wife Karen are the parents of Thomas, Annie, Taylor, Allie and Ty, and are members of First Baptist Church. He enjoys teaching Sunday School. Tom is a Paul Harris Fellow.

6th Michele Snider (04)

Public Affairs Advisor,
Exxon Mobil Corporation



Born in Trenton, Michigan, she is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is the mother of Collin. She enjoys sports, travel and chess.

7th Lulu Smith (89)

Retired



Born in Louisiana, she is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical Branch and is married to Wesley Washburn. She enjoys gardening and skiing. Lulu is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Chuck Mason, Jr. (82)

President,
Mason Construction



Born in Nacogdoches, he attended Southwestern University and is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Becky are the parents of Chad and Kristin, and are members of First Christian

Church. He enjoys basketball, diving, and choir singing. Chuck is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Jeff Noble (00)

Advertising Director,
Beaumont Enterprise



Born in Lubbock, he is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University. He and his wife K'Lin are the parents of Parker and Tyson, and are members of First Baptist

Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, music and playing golf, basketball and softball.

9th Tom Barras (93)

Owner,
Barras Insurance Agency



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Janice are the parents of Jim, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing

golf.

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Good News!

Eddie White married Whitney Granger on October 23rd.

Barbara and James Broussard welcomed a new granddaughter into their family. Quency was born on October 19th in Jonesboro, Arkansas to their daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Layng Guerriero.

Congratulations to all of you!

9th Robert Thompson (84)

President,
Interior Development Concepts



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Joyce are the parents of Jeff, Kevin, and Greg, and are members of St. Anthony Cathedral. He enjoys sailing scuba diving and travel-

ing. Robert is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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