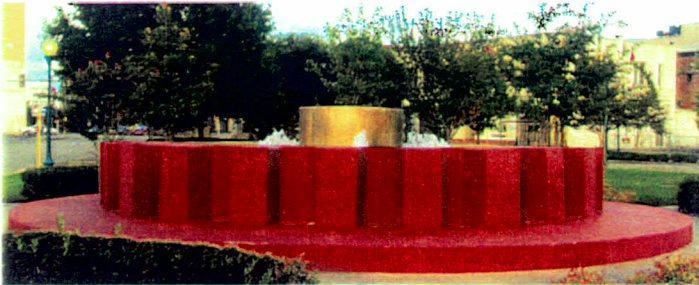


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Bob Phillips—Texas Country Reporter



For most of us, roads and highways are simply a means to a destination, but for more than 30 years, the backroads of Texas have been home and office for Texas country reporter Bob Phillips.

Bob was born in Dallas, but spent most of his youth growing up on the family farm near Texoma. He is a 1973 graduate of Southern Methodist University and earned his master's degree there in 1976.

His "Texas Country Reporter" television series, which he began in 1972 while working at KDFW-TV in Dallas, is a celebration of the Texas way of life and a tribute to the real heroes of our time - the

everyday men and women who make Texas such a special place. It is now seen on 25 television stations throughout Texas and surrounding states and has a weekly audience of 1.3 million viewers. He has been honored for his work by AP, UPI, the Press Club of Dallas, Telly Awards, Texas Historical Commission, WorldFest International and the coveted Emmy® Award.

Bob is the owner and president of Phillips Productions, Inc., which produces "Texas Country Reporter" and with Belo Corporation, Centex Corporation, Neiman Marcus, Southwest Airlines, Abilene Christian University and Tyler Junior College as clients. He is the author of four books and is a professor of communication at Amberton University.

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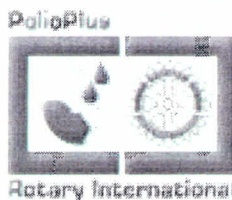
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Orange.....Sunset Grove
Port Neches.....Pompano Club

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Rotary Club of Beaumont
Resolution of Memorial Tribute
in Memory of
J. Michael "Mike" Bradford
1952 - 2003

J. Michael "Mike" Bradford, a native Texan, lived first in Houston and then in Dallas. He was the son of Lanette Herzog Clapp and Foy E. Bradford. Mike was brother to two sisters and father to two children. Born on September 10, 1952, Mike Bradford was almost fifty-one when he died on September 8, 2003. We remember him for his seven-teen years of loyalty and service to the Rotary Club of Beaumont.

Born, raised and educated in Texas, Mike was Texas-proud! Upon graduation from high school, Mike earned two degrees: BA from the University of North Texas and law degree from the University of Texas.

In 1979 Mike started his law career, working for a short time as a briefing attorney for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Then he joined a Beaumont law firm that eventually became known as Mehaffy, Garcia, and Bradford. In 1983 Mike went to work in the U.S. Attorney's office and in 1987 he became Federal Magistrate for the U.S. Eastern District of Texas. In 1989 Governor Bill Clements appointed Mike judge of the 58th District Court of Jefferson County. In 1994, upon the recommendation of U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks, President Clinton nominated Judge Bradford to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas and the U. S. Senate confirmed Mike's nomination. At the time of his death, Mike was associated with the law firm of Benckenstein and Oxford, LLP.

Mike Bradford's professional career included some of the most notable cases in the United States:

- Investigation and prosecution of three men charged with the Jasper dragging death of James Byrd, Jr.
- Recovery of more than \$400 million in a suit against major oil companies for royalty payments due the government
- Investigation of the fatal fire at the Branch Davidian complex near Waco

An intent public servant, Mike's creed in life was to do his duty; and he did his duty both as a professional and as a volunteer. As an Eagle Scout, Mike embraced the values of Scouting for life in all levels of his life. He worked effortlessly and tirelessly for his community, serving as chairperson for Leadership Beaumont, helping to form CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and serving as President of both Three Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Rotary

Club of Beaumont. In addition, he also served as president of the Texas Young Lawyers Association and as president of one of the state's first mediation centers that he helped to found.

Over the years, Mike Bradford received numerous honors, including the following:

- Honored in 2000 by the Justice Department with its highest honor: the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service
- Honored by CASA of Southeast Texas in 2002 as its guest of honor
- Silver Beaver Award from Boy Scouts
- Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International

But more important to him than honor or personal gain was his legacy of serving with honor and living a life of service-above-self.

Mike is survived by two young children: David Patrick Bradford of Beaumont and Emaline Hart Bradford of Dallas. He is also survived by his wife, Liz Wiggins Bradford of Dallas; his father Foy E. Bradford and his sister Kay Bradford, both of Grapevine; and his sister Beverly Frost and brother-in-law John Frost of Carrollton. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lanette Herzog Clapp.

With a distinguished soft-spoken demeanor and playful twinkle in his eye, Mike Bradford won the hearts of all that met him. People of all ages respected him for his character and for his integrity and for the genuine interest that he had in them. As a listener, he helped them. As a man of action, he helped them. He was a gentle soul whose impact was that of a giant. Brief was his life but vast were his accomplishments as an exceptional public servant and community leader; treasured friend and mentor; gifted attorney/litigator and outstanding judge; and, above all else, loving son, brother, and father.

Mike Bradford was respected and admired both locally and nationally, especially by the membership of the Rotary Club of Beaumont. We miss our friend Mike. We miss his leadership and his wise counsel. We miss how we felt in his presence. We miss our friend Mike.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont express sorrow at the death of J. Michael Bradford and extend sympathy to his family as an expression of sincere feeling at the loss of a dear friend and longtime member of this Rotary Club.

And, Be it Further Resolved that this resolution be 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 6th day of October 2004.

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Birthdays

13th Ted Moor III (93)
Executive Vice President,
Talon Insurance Agency



Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Texas Tech and the University of Texas. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Kelly, Kristen, Sarah and Rachel. He enjoys snow skiing, water skiing and playing golf. Ted is a Paul Harris Fellow

13th Alan Sampson (98)
Partner, Benckenstein & Oxford



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Norma are the parents of Sarah, Micah and Benjamin, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys playing golf. Alan is a Paul Harris Fellow

14th Paul Davidson (95)
Southeast Texas Area President,
Hibernia National Bank



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of Lamar University and Texas Tech. He is the father of Hunter, and is a member of Westgate Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and all sports.

14th Laurie Ritchel (04)
Associate Athletic Director,
Lamar University



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University (BBA). She and her husband Mark are the parents of Katie Kiker, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. She enjoys reading and traveling to the Caribbean and Mexico.

16th Charles Locke (58)



Retired
Born in Fort Worth, he is a graduate of Texas A & M University. He and his wife Gloria are the parents of

David and Ann, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. Charles is a Paul Harris Fellow.

16th Larry Porter (74)
President/CEO, Porter's Carpetmax



Born in Jean, he attended Lamar University. He and his wife Jalle are the parents of Larry III, Cathy and Pam, and are members of Wesley United Methodist

Church. He enjoys playing golf, woodworking and photography. Larry is a Paul Harris Fellow

17th David Heilman (80)

Uniform Rental,
Shepherd's Uniform & Linen Service



Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he attended Rockhurst College. He and his wife Anita are the parents of Stefanie, Stacy and Eric, and are members of St.

Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys playing tennis, racquetball and skiing.

18th Bill Benning (95)
Brokerage, Texas State Bank



Born in Dayton, Ohio, he is a graduate of Texas Christian University. He and his wife Mary Jane are the parents of Caitlin, Mark, Will and Mary Claire, and are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He enjoys spending time with his children, hunting, fishing and skiing.

18th Earl Hines (91)

Magistrate Judge, United States Courts



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Betsy are the parents of Stella and Cade, and are members of Wesley United

Methodist Church. He enjoys playing the piano, guitar, accordion and the trumpet.

E-clubs

Many of you have already used Rotary's E-club (see "Make Ups" on page 2) for make up credit. The article below was excerpted from the rotary.org website:

Among the legislation proposed at the 2004 Council on Legislation in June was item No. 04-18, "to allow attendance credit for a 30-minute interactive club Web site activity."

The passing of this item significantly expanded the definition of make-up meetings, and by extension, Rotary activity. Now, if a member misses a meeting, in order to receive attendance credit, he or she can go online. This offers an alternative to making up a meeting at another club.

The Council's recognition both attests to the number of Rotary club Web sites — estimated at 4,000 and growing — and highlights a recent trend in the Rotary world: Web-based clubs that are not merely Web sites of physical clubs but legitimate clubs that exist exclusively on the Internet.

The future of eClubs seems bright, especially to members who are hooked on the concept. "I'm sure the numbers of e-clubs will grow throughout the world, but I don't see them replacing the regular in person meetings. I see e-clubs as more of an option to keep extremely busy professionals involved in Rotary," says Brown of Rotary eClub of District 7150 NY1. "As more and more folks become aware of the e-club option, the membership of, and involvement in, Rotary will increase dramatically."

Paul Harris could have never imagined e-clubs when he founded the first Rotary club nearly 100 years ago. Whatever the future holds, no one can doubt that e-clubs are providing a whole new way to experience Rotary and bring new members into the Rotary world.

*Joseph Derr
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