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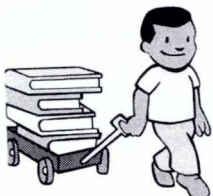


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# ROTARYgrams

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## Judge Ted Poe



Judge Ted Poe, District 2 Congressional candidate, was appointed as one of the youngest judges in the state in 1981 after serving for 8 years as chief felony prosecutor with the district attorney of Harris County.

During the more than twenty years he has served as a felony court judge, he has moved approximately 20,000 cases through the Harris County court system.

As a judge, Ted Poe saw a problem with the punishment of criminals in Harris County and sought creative and innovative solutions. He has gained national attention for his "Poetic Justice" in sentencing criminals. His innovative punishments include:

- Ordering thieves to carry signs in front of the stores they stole from
- Requiring a man who abused his wife to publicly apologize on the steps of Houston City Hall
- Ordering sex offenders to place warning signs on their home (after they have served jail time)
- Ordering murderers to securely place a photo of their victim on the wall of their prison cell—giving the offender a daily reminder of his crime.

In 1999, Poe helped write innovative legislation allowing Texas judges to order public notice of a crime in probation cases. His public punishment has garnered international media attention.

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## Head Table



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**KEVIN ROY**



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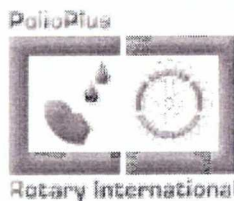
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GUEST INTRODUCTION  
**ROBERT THOMPSON**

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**Future Programs**

November  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rotary Goes to Work

**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

**On-line: [www.rotary5450.org/eclub](http://www.rotary5450.org/eclub)  
(limit 3 times in each quarter)**

**Rotary Goes to Work**

On Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be no regular club meeting at the Elegante' Hotel. Instead, Rotarians will have the opportunity to select their meeting locations from 16 businesses throughout the city. Chair **Neal Baker** and his committee - **Jo Ann Block, Vesta Brandt, Carolyn Johnson, Frank Maida, Melinda McNeely, Jeff Oliverio, John Quigley** and **Robert Thompson** - have worked hard to arrange very interesting and varied venues:

Location

Beaumont Chamber of Commerce  
Beaumont Enterprise  
Beaumont Mayor's Office  
Beaumont Central Library  
Blue Bell Creameries  
ClearChannel Communications  
Collisions & Classics  
Colorado Canyon  
Cornerstone Media  
Funchess, Mills, & White  
Goodwill Industries  
Hibernia Trust  
Jefferson Theatre  
KFDM-TV  
Lamar University  
Texas Wildcatters

Host Rotarian

**Jim Rich**  
**Jeff Noble**  
**Evelyn Lord**  
**Maurine Gray**  
**Travis Brewer**  
**Vesta Brandt**  
**Gerald Condon**  
**Dennis Moncla**  
**Bill Demore**  
**Terry Whiddon & David White**  
**Emily Compton**  
**Jeff Oliverio**  
**Carolyn Howard**  
**Larry Beaulieu**  
**Camille Mouton**

We wish to thank all the Host Rotarians for graciously taking part in this enlightening and enjoyable program.

Box lunches will be available at each site. If you haven't already signed up, do so at this week's meeting. If you don't sign up, please report your make up meeting or activity to the Rotary Office for make up credit.

**Program Review**

Program Reviews for the October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> meetings will be printed in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of *RotaryGrams*.

**Flag Project**

Our Flag Project volunteers will be out before dawn on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, setting out nearly 200 flags around the city in honor of Veterans Day.

Sign up or renew by November 5<sup>th</sup> to participate. Forms will be available at the meeting or contact the Rotary Office.

Your \$100 donation (tax deductible) will entitle you to a flag installed in front of your home or business on six patriotic holidays throughout the year.

Donations support the Beaumont Rotary Foundation's scholarship program, Camp Enterprise and "A Book About Me" program for all Beaumont kindergarten students and will fund improvement projects at the Boy Scouts' Camp Umland.

**Good News!**



Proud grandparents Marie and **Alex Broussard** welcomed their 12<sup>th</sup> grandchild, Joshua, into their family on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Weighing is at a strapping 9 pounds 6 ounces, he is the son of their daughter and son-in-law, Marian and Steve West of Carrollton.

**Frank Eastman** recently married Kay Sells.

**Stephanie Williams** and **Ryan Harkey** have been named partners at the Pollans & Cohen accounting firm.

Congratulations, everyone!

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# Birthdays

## 29<sup>th</sup> Clif Cummings (04)

Pastor,  
First Baptist Church



Born in Borger, he is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Pamela are the parents of Joy and Zachary, and are members of First Baptist Church. He enjoys golfing, biking and hunting.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Miriam Johnson (01)

Tax Assessor Collector,  
Jefferson County Tax Office



Born in Jacksonville, Florida, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Bill are the parents of Karen, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys playing the guitar.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Paul Skinner (89)

President,  
Star Graphics



Born in Kirbyville, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Cindy are the parents of Michelle and Ryan, and are members of Pinewood Baptist Church.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Janet Walker (88)

Executive Director,  
Family Services of Southeast Texas



Born in Pueblo, Colorado, she is a graduate of Texas Tech and the University of Houston. She and her husband Jim are the parents of Karen, and are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. She enjoys playing bridge, tennis, canoeing and spending time with family and friends.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Dean Conwell (03)

Director,  
Convention and Visitors Bureau,  
City of Beaumont



Born in Corpus Christi, he is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He is the father of Chris and Alex, and is a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys travel, golfing and fine dining.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Dessie Richard (04)

Banking Center Manager,  
Guaranty Federal Bank



Born in Tyler County, she is a graduate of Chenick Business College. She and her husband Stanley are members of Douglas Memorial CME. She enjoys volunteer work.

## 31<sup>st</sup> Neal Baker (81)

President,  
Thermacon Service Company



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Helen are the parents of Erin and Colin, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys hunting and golfing.

## 31<sup>st</sup> Travis Brewer (97)

Branch Manager, Blue Bell Creameries



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Claudene are the parents of Angela and David, and are members of First Baptist Church. He enjoys golfing.

## 31<sup>st</sup> Toby Castro (02)

Sales Manager, Texas Coffee Company



Born in Beaumont, he attended Lamar University. He and his wife Diane are the parents of Sara and Colby, and are members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He enjoys playing jazz, hiking and camping.

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Judge Poe has a passion for protecting abused, assaulted and neglected children. He currently serves on the Board of the National Children's Alliance in Washington, D.C. He has served on numerous boards and committees in his over twenty years of public service.

A graduate of Abilene Christian University and the University of Houston Law Center, he and his wife Carol have lived in Humble for more than twenty years where he is a member of the Church of Christ. They have four grown children.

# Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, and approved the following:

## New Members:

Tyrone Cooper  
City Attorney  
City of Beaumont  
"Law – City Attorney"  
Proposed by **Maurine Gray**

Sue Denosowitz  
Director  
Spindletop-Gladys City Museum  
"Assns – Gladys City Museum"  
Proposed by **Richard Bothel**

Jennifer Frisbee  
Director of Criminal Justice Program  
Lamar University  
"Education – University – Criminal Justice"  
Proposed by **Roger McCabe**

Michael McMullen  
General Manager  
Ethan Allen Furniture  
"Retail – Furniture & Design"  
Proposed by **Sharen Kirksey**

Barbara Metzinger  
Rabbi  
Congregation Temple Emanuel  
"Religion – Jewish"  
Proposed by **Allison Nathan Golias**  
and **Michael Wolf**

Greg Rodgers  
Director of Marketing  
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital  
"Medical – Rehabilitation Hospitals"  
Proposed by **Jack Scott**

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, the candidates listed above will be considered elected to membership.

## Resignations Accepted with Regret:

Leonard Clifton - moved  
Marty Vershel - moved

## Classification Changes:

**David Heilman** – "Clothing-Uniform Rental"  
**Linda Moore** – "Automobiles-Motorcycles-Retail"  
**Smythe Shepherd** – "Honorary"  
**Paul Skinner** – "Publishing & Printing-Office Equipment"

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