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Congressman Ted Poe



With his swearing in on January 4, 2005 as the United States Representative for Texas' 2nd Congressional District, Judge Ted Poe continues his distinguished career of public service to the Lone Star state.

Judge Poe first made a name for himself in Texas as a straight-talking, no-nonsense Assistant District Attorney and criminal court judge famous nationally and locally for his "shame punishment" of criminals.

Poe's tough reputation began as a top-

notch district attorney in Harris County. As an assistant district attorney and chief felony prosecutor for 8 years, Poe tried hundreds of cases, even those seeking the death penalty, and never lost a jury trial. When Poe was appointed judge in 1981 by Governor Bill Clements, he continued his dedication to justice and became one of the youngest judges in the State of Texas.

A felony court judge in Houston, Texas for more than 22 years, Judge Poe garnered national media attention for his "Poetic Justice" in sentencing criminals. Among his innovative punishments, Poe ordered thieves to carry

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Head Table



INVOCATION
Barbara Metzinger



PLEDGE
CHARLES COX

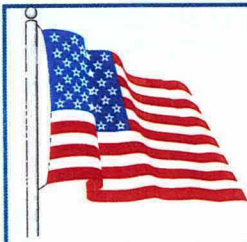


4-WAY TEST
Charles Regenbrecht



GUEST INTRODUCTION
DEAN CONWELL

Chicken Fried Chicken & London Broil



**Congratulations to the
 Beaumont Rotary Foundation & the
 Three Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts beginning
 the third year of the Flag Project on September 11th!
 Thank you, everyone, for your support.**



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Future Programs

August
24th Representative Allen Ritter
31st Mike Hoke, Shangri-La Gardens

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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REVIEW

Micky Bertrand, Beaumont Fire Chief and Chief of Emergency Services, gave an informative presentation about "Sabine Neches Chief's Association-A Mutual Aid Organization That Works."

The Sabine Neches Chief's Association (SNCA) is a mutual aid organization organized on February 9, 1949 for Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange County. The first meeting included nine entities, four fire departments and five industrial entities. The organization now has over 120 entities representing industry, municipal fire and police, public and private EMS, hospitals, health departments, and federal and state agencies. SNCA's goal is to provide mutual aid assistance for man-made or natural disasters.

Since Nine Eleven, SNCA plays an important role in Homeland Security, "Protecting Southeast Texas." The Southeast Texas Homeland Security team consists of (1) SETRPC-Funding, (2) LEPC-Education, and (3) SNCA-Response.

There are a variety of Mutual Aid Resources available such as:

- Task Force Teams
- Medical Response
- Fire and Foam Pumpers
- Hazardous Materials Equipment
- Oil Spill Equipment
- Rescue Vehicles

There are four communication centers operating 24/7 located at:

- Beaumont Fire and Rescue (Main)
- Port Arthur Fire Department
- Port Neches Fire Department
- Orange Fire Department

SNCA has responded in the past to chemical plant hazards, refinery fires, ship fires, roadway hazardous materials, train derailments, biological emergencies, and major building fires.

As part of the Homeland Security pre-

paredness, over 330 Southeast Texans participated in a "Weapons of Mass Destruction" exercise on March 15-17, 2005. The cost of the exercise was approximately \$250,000 paid for by the federal government. The exercise was informative and successful. At the conclusion of the exercise, SETX was adequately prepared for a variety man-made disasters.

Thank you, Chief Bertrand, for taking your time to speak to us today. Our special thanks to you for all the years of protecting and serving the Beaumont Community. We can all sleep better at night knowing that we have such able-bodied leaders watching out for us.

And thank you, **Ron Clark**, for arranging this important program.

GOOD NEWS!

Marvin Dunnam is recovering back in Beaumont. He will be at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital for the next several weeks.

Stephanie Williams and her husband Chad welcomed Grace Olivia into their family on July 28th.

Gillian Maness Jenkins and her husband Will welcomed William Gates IV (Gates) into their family on July 29th.

Michael Clayton and the Better Business Bureau of Southeast Texas were recognized by its national organization, the Council of Better Business Bureaus, as meeting all standards of performance and related policies.

Congratulations, everyone!

Are you a member of a veteran's organization?

Please notify the Rotary office by Wednesday, August 24th

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Birthdays

17th James Broussard (73)

President, Broussard's Mortuary



Born in Beaumont, he attended Texas A&M and Lamar University and is a graduate of Commonwealth College of Science and the National Foundation of Funeral Service, School of Management. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Cheryl, **James Jr.**, Catherine and Karen, and are members of St. Anne Catholic Church. He enjoys boating. James is a Paul Harris Fellow.

18th Chris Colletti (98)

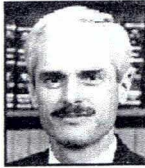
Executive Vice President,
Young Men's Business League



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Colleen are the parents of Hannah, Carina and Aaron, and are members of Cathedral in the Pines. He enjoys camping and playing golf.

19th Robert Edgar (94)

Principal, Edgar, Kiker & Cross



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Baylor University and the University of Texas, Arlington. He is the father of Sarah, Daniel, John and Nathan, and is a member of Cathedral in the Pines. He enjoys jogging, hiking and canoeing.

19th Randy Fluke (05)

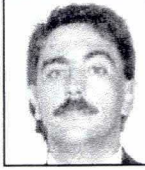
Assistant U. S. Attorney,
U.S. Department of Justice



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of San Jacinto Junior College, the University of Texas and Texas Tech School of Law. He and his wife Emily are the parents of Austin, Erin and Caroline, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys outdoor activities with his family, running, surfing and honey do's

19th John Johnson (94)

Partner, Orgain, Bell & Tucker



Born in Kinder Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife **Lori Falk** are the parents of Jacob and Abigail, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys sailing. John is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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, Rebecca, Bobbie Sue and Geoffrey, and 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 and Lamar University. He and his wife Dee are the parents of Chris, Kim and Kendal, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He 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, and are members of Unity Church of Beaumont. She enjoys gardening, cooking and entertaining.

22nd Michael Wolf (86)

Financial Professional,
AXA Advisors



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, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys fishing, hunting, swimming, playing bridge, and youth activities. Michael is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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signs in front of stores from which they stole; required men who abused their wives to publicly apologize on the steps of Houston's City Hall; commanded sex offenders to place warning signs on their home after serving jail time; and directed murderers to securely place a photo of their victims on the wall of their prison cells creating a daily reminder of their crime.

Poe was one of the first Republican judges elected in Harris County since Reconstruction. His successes and no-nonsense style helped him get re-elected six times. During his career, Judge Poe moved approximately 20,000 cases through the Harris County court system.

In 1999, Judge Poe helped craft pioneering legislation allowing Texas judges to order public notice of a crime in probation cases. His public punishment approach has been showcased through media venues such as 60 minutes, 20/20, Dateline, National Geographic, and Australian, German, French, Bulgarian, Japanese, and British newscasts. Frequently, Judge Poe has appeared on FOX News Channel, MSNBC, CNN, and numerous local news broadcasts as a political and legal analyst.

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