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Rotarians were dwarfed by the large welcome banner at the RI Convention in Chicago's McCormick Place.
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Chuck Whitlock - Investigative Correspondent



Chuck Whitlock, a nationally recognized speaker certified by the National Speakers Association (NSA), is the Executive Producer and

host of a one-hour television special for Telepictures (Time Warner Entertainment) entitled *Extra Undercover with Chuck Whitlock*. He is also an investigative correspondent for the daily syndicated television show *Extra*.

He received the 1996 National Headliner Award for Outstanding Investi-

gative Reporting and the 1996 Society of Professional Journalists' Sigma Delta Chi Award for Television Investigative Reporting ("Medicare Sting" for *Inside Edition*). He also received the 1998 NACAA Consumer Education Award in Television Broadcasting ("Loan Scam" for *Extra*).

He has contracted projects for *Hard Copy* and *Inside Edition*. He is the host of KGW-TV's *Easy Money* news segment (NBC affiliate in Portland, Oregon) and the host of *The Scam Show with*

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Head Table



INVOCATION
John Thomasson



PLEDGE
DEAN CONWELL



4-WAY TEST
Michelle Harris



GUEST INTRODUCTION
KYLE HARRIS

Spaghetti & Lasagna



**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

31st Chuck Whitlock

September

7th Commander Verne Gifford

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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REVIEW

Local State Representatives, Joe Deshotel of 22nd District and Allan Ritter of the 21st District reported on the last session of the Texas Legislature. Both representatives are recognized as leaders in the House and have been presented many honors for their legislative abilities.

Representative Deshotel serves on the Transportation, Economic Development and Redistricting Committees. He reported that much of the work was done this session to create the Trans-Texas Corridor, which is a 50-year project. One major part of a bill passed was to prevent Texas Department of Transportation from turning existing highways into toll roads. Most of the corridor will be built through rural areas to keep the project more affordable.

Deshotel reported that major legislation was passed on Enterprise Zones that would allow incentives for businesses to locate in economically deprived areas of the State.

Deshotel's comment on the failure of the Legislature to create an education bill is that there is a great deal of work must be done in tax reform before the bill can be a reality.

Representative Ritter is chairman of the House Committee on Economic Development and a member of the Ways and Means Committee. The Emerging Technology Fund was created this session to assist job development in the high tech sector. The first Centers were created in some of the larger cities.

Ritter will work for such a Center to be located in our area because of the unique combination of the training provided by Lamar University and the jobs skills of area workers.

He also reported on the Texas Enterprise Fund which has brought over 15,000 new jobs to Texas with the new focus on helping Texas compete globally for new businesses. Twenty-one new projects have been approved since the bill passed.

Ritter reported that major changes were made with the Worker's Compensation Bill. Incentives were created to get workers back on the job sooner and regulations were established to prevent fraud.

Both representatives are concerned that no bill emerged on public education, but both think that the Courts need to make a ruling before meaningful legislation can be enacted.

Thanks to Judge **Ron Clark** for arranging the program and introducing the speakers.

NEW ASSISTANT



Please welcome our new Rotary Office Assistant, Teresa Wike! She worked for several years in the medical supply field. A Houston native, Teresa and her husband Jimmy have one son, Garrett, who just started kindergarten. Jimmy is a tugboat pilot/captain. Teresa enjoys going to the lake, riding horses, hunting and fishing.

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Birthdays


31st Gary Linthicum (03)

Partner,
Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt
 Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University and South Texas College of Law. He and his wife Rachel are the parents of Travis and Shannon, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys being involved in youth athletics including coaching soccer and basketball.


2nd Maurine Gray (95)

Director of Libraries and Recreation, City of Beaumont
 Born in Galveston, she is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana State University and North Texas State University. She is a member of First United Methodist Church. She enjoys antiques, her pets and civic work. Maurine is a Paul Harris Fellow.

3rd Steve McGrade (03)

Owner,
Able Fastener
 Born in Pasadena, he and his wife Nancy are the parents of Harris and Zan, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, skiing, hiking, family and church.

3rd Sheri Arnold (99)


President,
Coldwell Banker Commercial - Arnold & Associates
 Born in Orange, she is

a graduate of Sam Houston State University. She and her husband **Eddie** are the parents of Holly and Carolann, and are members of Forest Park Methodist Church. She enjoys playing golf and racquetball. Sheri is a Paul Harris Fellow.

3rd Sharen Kirksey (89)

Designer,
Ethan Allen
 Born in Dayton, she is a graduate of the University of Texas and Parsons's School of Interior Design of New York. She and her husband **Leonard Juncker** are members of Westgate Church of Christ. She enjoys traveling and entertaining.

3rd Polly Matlock (98)

Administrator,
Horizon Health Care Services
 Born in Silsbee, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Robert are the parents of Kristi Ann and Derrick Lee, and are members of Westgate Memorial Baptist Church.

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Chuck Whitlock, a nationally syndicated radio show. He serves as Chairman of Law Enforcement Advisory Council. Mr. Whitlock has published several books including *Chuck Whitlock's Scam School* (Macmillan, 1997), *Easy Money* (Kensington Books, 1994), *Secrets of Successful Selling* (Contemporary Books, 1992), *How to Get Rich* (Contemporary Books, 1991), *Business Management Basics* (Kogan Page, 1990).

Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Thursday, August 25th and approved the following:

New Members:

Donald Burns
District Executive
Boy Scouts of America
"Assns: Boy Scouts"
Proposed by Alan Sampson

Scott Childers
Regional V. P. – Philanthropy
Christus Health Southeast Texas
"Medical – Philanthropy"
Proposed by Allison Nathan Golia

Guy Crabtree
Vice President
Crabtree Barricade Systems, Inc.
"Construction–Safety Management"
Proposed by Gerald Condon

Ramona Hutchinson
Archivist/Assistant Professor
Lamar University
"Education – University – Archives"
Proposed by Janice Trammell

Ivy Pate
Advocacy & Public Policy
Development
Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital
"Medical – Policy Development"
Proposed by Carol Flatten

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, September 9th, the candidates listed above will be considered elected to membership.

Due to space availability, the six resignations accepted by the Board will be listed next week.

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