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U.S. CONGRESSMAN TED POE



Judge Poe will truly be here this week, providing there are no floods to keep him away.

Judge Ted Poe was sworn in on January 4, 2005 as the United States Representative for Texas' 2nd Congressional District. Elected to a second term in 2006, 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 prosecutor 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.

Today, Judge Poe takes his passionate, common-sense approach to problems to Washington, D.C. where he has a commitment to security for the citizens of Congressional District 2 and the en-

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11th School Visit Day (see page 3)
18th Jim Stokes - West Point history

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REVIEW

Stan Spears of Chicago Bridge & Iron presented a very interesting program on a company whose recent local expansion has been receiving a lot of press coverage lately, although they no longer build bridges or forge iron.

Founded in 1889 by Horace E. Horton, CB&I provides projects to customers in industries that produce, process, store and distribute the world's natural resources. With over 118 years of industry experience, CB&I continues to grow and expand its services.

CB&I offers specialty engineering, procurement, fabrication, and construction. It currently employs 10,000 employees in 60 locations throughout the world. CB&I executes more than 700 individual projects each year, which range from several million dollars to more than a billion dollars in cost.

CB&I's newest facility is located on Beaumont's Island Park and allows for the deep water access to the Gulf of Mexico for ocean transport around the world and easy access to Interstate 10. This facility covers 74 acres along the Neches River. Due to the rich resources of materials and the strong workforce of 1,200 employees, CB&I considers Beaumont as its "flagship location."

CB&I's history in Beaumont started in 1973 with an engineering office. Construction and fabrication capabilities were added in 1980 and 1985 respectively. The engineering and fabrication allows for the construction of large scale process modules and steel plate sub-assemblies. The shop fabrication improves overall project safety, control of project cost and schedule, and achieves higher quality through a controlled shop environment.

Going forward, CB&I plans to continue its modification and upgrade opportunities in the Beaumont facility. CB&I will also continue to focus on the training and cross-training and prides itself on having all-employee workforce.

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tire state of Texas.

Congressman Poe has obtained significant appointments to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the House Committee on International Relations, and the House Committee on Small Business and in February 2005, Congressman Poe was selected as one of only three members of Congress to travel to Iraq to observe the historic Iraqi elections. Congressman Poe was proud to visit polling locations, speak with Iraqi voters and visit with troops from Texas and around the United States.

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In January 2005, Poe founded and co-sponsored the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus to represent and advocate before the United States Congress and the Administration on behalf of victims. The Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus facilitates discussions, organizes meetings, and disseminates information on the causes of victimization to help achieve greater understanding and to formulate sensible solutions.

Congressman Poe has a sustained passion for protecting abused, assaulted, and neglected children. He currently serves on the Board of the National Children's Alliance in Washington.

Previously, in his over twenty years of public service, Judge Poe has served on numerous boards and committees including: The Children's Assessment Center of Houston; CASA-Child Advocates; Child Abuse Prevention Council; Parents of Murdered Children; Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E); Roseate Women's Center for Abused Women; Abilene Christian University; the Houston International Theater School; Northland Christian School; and the Christian School of Kingwood, of which he was a co-founder and former president.

Ted Poe earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Abilene Christian University, where

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISIT DAY

In our club's efforts to provide the most information on the BISD bond issue, Program Chair **Jim Rich** has scheduled three programs this year:

1. BISD superintendent Dr. Carol Thomas presented the District's "report card" to the club in February;
2. **David Teuscher** presented the compelling need to and the community benefits of approving a bond issue at last week's meeting; and
3. on April 11th our Rotarians will visit four of the elementary schools most in need of replacement or expansion.

Kevin Roy began signing members up to visit the four elementary school in lieu of having a Rotary meeting that week. The schools are Amelia, Bingman, Caldwood and Martin. Please sign up at the next two meetings and plan to see for yourself the conditions of our local schools.

he served as class president. He went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the University of Houston Law Center where he was a member of the Law School Honor Society.

A proud member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's C-130 Unit at Houston's Ellington Air Force Base, Judge Poe's hobbies include photography and the study of Texas history.

BIRTHDAYS

4th Stewart Chisum (89)

President,
R.O. Williams & Company



Born in Winnsboro, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He and his wife **Bessie** are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys sailing and skiing. Stewart is a Paul Harris Fellow.

9th Lois Ann Stanton (87)

Executive Vice President - Trust,
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Born in Charleston, West Virginia, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband Robert are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. She enjoys sewing, dogs, being pampered at the spa. Lois Ann is a Paul Harris Fellow.

10th Sam Lord, Jr. (89)

Retired



Born in Rockland, Maine, he is a graduate of Tufts University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He and his wife **Evelyn** are the parents of Steven, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Victoria and William, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys gardening, Goodwill Industries and volunteer activities. Sam is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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