

Published by the
 Rotary Club of Beaumont
 Subscription price \$5.00 per year
 Periodicals postage paid at Beaumont, Texas
 Published weekly, except Christmas week, New Years
 week & two unspecified non-meeting weeks
 POSTMASTER: send address changes to
 MCM Elegante' Hotel, Suite 213
 2355 IH-10 South
 Beaumont, TX 77705

USPS 471-700



Periodical
 POSTAGE
 Paid at
 Beaumont, TX



ROTARYgrams

Photo by Steve Buser

A Publication of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, Texas - Club 72

Vol. 96 No. 7, August 23, 2006

U.S. CONGRESSMAN KEVIN BRADY



"This week we want to express our appreciation to Congressman Kevin Brady for his outstanding work with Hurricane Rita recovery. With Congressman Ted Poe (who will speak to us in January) and the entire Texas delegation working together, major tax legislation and appropriation bills were passed with language and provisions beneficial to Southeast Texas. Congressman Brady's seniority and experience helped shape the strategy necessary to build support and respond to what the media pegged the

"forgotten storm".

Kevin Brady is currently serving his fifth term in Congress, representing the 8th District of Texas in the U.S House of Representatives. The 8th District includes Montgomery, Walker, San Jacinto, Tyler, Polk, Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Orange and parts of Trinity and Liberty counties.

In order to stay close to the communities and neighborhoods he represents, Brady chooses not to move to Washington but lives in Texas with his family and commutes to work each week.

(Continued on page 3)

HEADTABLE



INVOCATION
JEFF DYSON



PLEDGE
IVY PATE



4-WAY TEST
DESSIE RICHARD



GUEST INTRODUCTION
DON DEMARTINO

Cheese Enchiladas, Beef & Chicken Fajitas

IT'S BACK! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! IT'S BETTER THAN BEFORE!

**HOLIDAY INN BEAUMONT PLAZA
 3950 I-10 SOUTH
 409-842-5995**

ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT OFFICERS

Gerald Condon President
 Angela Baker..... President-Elect
 Jim Rich..... Vice President, Programs
 Carole Reeves..... Secretary
 Steve Lucas..... Treasurer
 Lee Freeland Sergeant at Arms
 Floyd McSpadden..... Past President, Advisor

DIRECTORS

Bobbie Applegate
 Vesta Brandt
 George Crawford
 Marvin Dunnam
 Joe Fisher, Jr.
 David Locke
 Robert Peavey
 Carole Reeves
 Kevin Roy
 Russ Schultz
 Robert Turner
 Michael Wolf

BEAUMONT ROTARY FOUNDATION, INC.

Gerald Condon
 Terry Bourdier
 Maurine Gray
 Bobby Celli
 Robert Edgar
 Floyd McSpadden

Bessie Chisum, RotaryGram Committee Chair

Alexine Boutin, Executive Director

Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

409-842-1913 • Fax: 409-842-5613

rotarybmt1@yahoo.com

Meets Wednesdays at Noon

MCM Elegante' Hotel • International Ballroom

2355 IH-10 South

Future Programs

August

30th Dr. Paul Szuch - LIT

September

6th Michael Williams

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..... Holiday Inn Hwy 69

On-line: www.rotaryclubone.org

(limit 3 times in each quarter)

REVIEW

Last week our own Past President Harland Merriam spoke to us about the Southeast Texas Interfaith Organization which he heads up. It is an all inclusive organization that brings together faith-based organizations throughout the region to work together to help Southeast Texas families in times of need. After Hurricane Rita last year there were many elderly, handicapped and others who needed help desperately, and it was amazing how many faith based organizations responded.

Harland recited a litany of groups and organizations that gave their time, money and energy to help people affected by Hurricane Rita. The list was astonishingly long ...too many to list in this review. It was enlightening how many organizations responded. Some came from as far away as Washington, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Colorado. They represented all walks of life, all religious denominations and organizations. He gave some examples, such as the University of Houston students, Mennonites from Pennsylvania and carpenters from Denver. The list was astounding.

God measures us by our hearts, not our muscle, and all of those who helped had big hearts. Harland saw a sign that read:

"Love thy neighbor.
 I meant it,
 God."

The people of Southeast Texas do love their neighbors, no matter what their religion, color or creed. He thanked everyone for their contribution.

Hurricane Rita knocked down fences, trees and walls, but it also knocked down some walls separat-

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome two new members who were introduced during the August 16th meeting:



George Pate

District Executive,
 Boy Scouts of America

"Associations – Boy Scouts"

Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Excelsior College. He and his wife Ivy are members of Cathedral in the Pines. He enjoys playing golf. He was proposed by **Don Burns**.



Donna Qualls

Director of PR & Marketing
 Goodwill Industries

"Associations - Goodwill Industries"

Born in Covington, Kentucky, she attended Lamar University. She and her husband Tom are the parents of Chad and Sara, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys walking, riding motorcycles, exercising, socializing and shopping. She was proposed by **Larry Beaulieu**.

ing many diverse groups, bringing them together in one gigantic effort to help others.

Harland urged us to talk to any organization of which we are a member and explore what that organization could contribute in a time of disaster and get them involved in SETIO. You can do it. It is like walking. Put one foot in front of the other, then put the other foot in front of the other. Repeat!

**Wathen,
 DeShong
 & Juncker,**

L.L.P.

Certified Public Accountants

4140 Gladys, Ste. 101 • Beaumont, TX 77706-3648

Phone (409) 838-1605 • Fax (409) 838-3316

www.wdjcpa.com

**TIME WARNER
 CABLE**

Public Affairs/
 Government Relations
 Gary Underwood
 727-1515

Ad Sales Manager
 Bruce Walker
 924-9500

ROGER MCCABE – Rotary Past President
 Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law
 by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
 JOE E. BROUSSARD –
 Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law
 by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
 THOMAS MAYO

MEHAFFYWEBER Houston | Beaumont

ATTORNEYS

A Professional Corporation

MehaffyWeber.com

713.655.1200 | 409.835.5011

BIRTHDAYS

24th Tiger Polk (73)

Retired



Born in San Augustine, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He is the father of John, Scott and Leland, and is a member of First Methodist Church in Vidor. He enjoys doing woodcrafts and bowling. Tiger is a Paul Harris Fellow.

24th Thomas Williams (89)

Thomas F. Williams, D.D.S.



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas at Houston. He is the father of Noel, and he and his wife Marlys are members of First United

Methodist Church. Thomas is a Paul Harris Fellow.

27th Lee Freeland (98)

Owner,

Occupational Health Consultant



Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Loyola University, New Orleans. He and his wife Corinne are the parents of Kathryn and Lynne, and

are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys gardening, photography and working at Some Other Place. Lee is a Paul Harris Fellow.

27th Mike McMullen (04)

General Manager,

Ethan Allen Furniture



Born in Houston, he attended San Diego State University and George Washington State University and is a graduate of Grossmont College and

Texas A&M University. He and his wife Judy are the parents of Joshua.

27th Kevin Roy (94)

President/CEO,

InterFlow Factors Corporation



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Jill are members of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

He enjoys mountain bike riding, horseback riding, water skiing and snow skiing.

28th Charlie Glass (78)

Retired



Born in Mount Pleasant, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He is the father of Stephanie, Jennifer and Rebecca. He enjoys

playing golf. Charlie is a Paul Harris Fellow.

28th Robert Thomas III (99)

Partner,

Law Offices of Robert L. Thomas III



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Baylor University. He and his wife Susan are the parents of Hannah and Robert IV, and are members of

Beaumont Bible Church. He enjoys reading, music, softball, baseball and spending time with his children.

29th Anthony Toups (03)

General Sales Manager,

Classic Chevrolet



Born in Palestine, he attended Lamar University. He and his wife Kerri are the parents of Sondra, Tonya and Ethan, and are members of North

End Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, bowling, playing golf and softball.

CONGRATULATIONS!

...to **Tillie Hickman**, Principal of Odom Academy which received the distinguished "Recognized" rating by the TEA. Odom is one of very few secondary schools statewide to receive this rating.

THANK YOU!

...to **Pat Anderson, Bobbie Applegate** and her husband Joe Pizzo, **Jason Armstrong, Steve Buser, Guy Crabtree, Fred Kristiansen, Leonard Juncker, Sharen Kirksey, Roger McCabe, Harland Merriam, Charles Regenbrecht, Brian Schlesinger, Jack Tenner** and **Thomas Williams** for putting out more than 400 flags around Beaumont on August 12th, the makeup day for the Memorial Day flag display which was rained out.

(Continued from page 1)

Brady holds the leadership post of Deputy Whip and serves on the Ways & Means Committee in the seat formerly held by past Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer and the 41st President George H.W. Bush. Congressman Brady also serves on the Joint Economic Committee and House Policy Committee. Brady serves on the Social Security and the Trade subcommittees.

Congressman Brady lives in The Woodlands with his wife Cathy Patronella Brady and his two young sons, Will (6) and Sean (3). A Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary and active in his community, Brady also attends Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands. One of five children, he was born April 11, 1955 in Vermillion, South Dakota, and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Dakota, a school his father, brothers and sisters each graduated.

jkchevrolet.com 409-722-0443

JK CHEVROLET
JK ISUZU
at the airport
Our People Make the Difference

ADVERTISE with KBTB and reach potentially **100,000 viewers** in Southeast Texas
KBTB 4 Hometown News



Support your local United Way - Making a difference in your community all year long

UNITED WAY

of Beaumont and North Jefferson County