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RON WALKER



Judge Ron Walker has worked as a sawmill hand, pipefitter, oil field roughneck, longshoreman, soldier, teacher, coach and lawyer. He is a former Chief Justice

for the Ninth Court of Appeals and over a nine year period from 1989 to 2002 authored in excess of 1500 legal opinions. He was elected Judge for the 58th District Court from 1983 to 1989 and practiced law from 1969 to 1982. He is currently under Senior Judicial Status – and Mediator for the Ferguson Firm.

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BILLY JOB



Billy was born in Houston Texas. Eventually, he found his way to the Golden Triangle, and employment at the Gulf Oil Refinery. After a decade there, Gulf Oil was such an attractive investment that Chevron Corporation purchased it. Chevron had a change in business direction about a decade later, and sold the refinery to Clark Oil, who became Premcor. Before Premcor was bought by Valero, Billy made his way over to Union Oil of California. Union Oil stock started a 24 month rise the week Billy got there

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DOUG CONNER



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 18th Charles Matthews

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 Orange..... Sunset Grove
 Port Neches..... Pompano Club

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Groves..... Pompano Club

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Please welcome three new members who were introduced during the September 27th meeting:



Keith Rogers
 President,

Expert Leadership Solutions, LLC
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Born in Freeport, he is a graduate of Michigan State University and Texas A&M University. He and his wife Janet are the parents of Will and Elizabeth, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and camping. Keith was proposed by **Jim Rich**.



Teresa Simpson
 Director, Career Center,
 Lamar University
 "Education - University - Career Center"

Born in Pasadena, she is a graduate of the University of Houston - Clear Lake and is attending Lamar University. She and her husband Art are the parents of Cameron, and are members of Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church. She enjoys her family, working in her garden and staying athletically active. Teresa was proposed by **Henry Venta**.



Cindy Westfall
 Executive Director,
 Junior Achievement of the
 Golden Triangle
 "Associations:
 Junior Achievement"

Born in Port Arthur, she attended Lamar University. She and her husband Kendall are the parents of Crystal and Mallory. She enjoys traveling. Cindy was proposed by **Lorrie Alfred**.

REVIEW

Vice Chancellor Leo Sayavedra is understandably proud of The Texas A&M System and he conveyed his message enthusiastically at last week's meeting.

Dr. Sayavedra was in town to attend the Beaumont A&M Club's 47th Annual Outstanding Classroom Teacher Awards. The six teachers each received a certificate of recognition, a silver tray and a check for \$200 from the John K. Mattingly Memorial Fund. They had been nominated by their fellow teachers for their achievements in the field of education. The annual awards ceremony honors Beaumont teachers for accepting the responsibility for inspiring and education our future leaders.

The Texas A&M System has eleven academic campuses in Texas and one in Qatar. It also includes the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, the Texas Cooperative Extension, the

Texas Forest Service, the Texas Engineering Extension Service, the Texas Transportation Institute and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

Dr. Sayavedra reported that within the next ten years the number of students in the Texas higher education system will more than double and we need to implement plans now to be ready for the enrollment increase. Thank you, **Michael Wolf**, for arranging the program and introducing the speaker.

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BIRTHDAYS

4th Melody Petitt (05)

Owner,
Melody Petitt, Attorney at Law



Born in San Antonio, she is a graduate of Texas A&M - Commerce and Baylor University School of Law. She and her husband Wayne are the parents of Alec, and are members of Temple Emanuel. She enjoys reading, swimming and training her brittany spaniel.

5th Ron Baumer (94)

President,
Beaumont Travel Consultants



Born in St. Joseph, Missouri, he is a graduate of University of Michigan and Akron University. He and his wife Pauline are the parents of Andrew, Michael, Megan, Eric and Nicki. He enjoys photography.

5th Milt Prewitt (93)

Owner/President,
J.M. Prewitt Company



Born in Lufkin, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Connie are the parents of Douglas, Lucy and Angela. He enjoys participating in outdoor activities, sports and spending time with his family. Milt is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Donna Birdwell (03)

Director of University Honors Program,
Lamar University



Born in San Angelo, she is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. She is the mother of Brendan and Rebecca. She enjoys crafts, reading and travel.

9th Bill DeMore (94)

President/Partner,
Cornerstone Media
Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he is a



graduate of Eastern New Mexico University. He is the father of Jarred and Christopher. He enjoys skiing.

10th Wyatt Snider (04)

Partner,
The Snider Law Firm



Born in Fort Worth, he is a graduate of the University of Houston and Baylor Law School. He and his wife Scarlett are the parents of Walker, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys golf and reading.

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Judge Walker's distinguished legal career followed his graduation from the University of Houston School of Law. Other public service positions include election as a board trustee for the Alief Independent School District in Harris County and the former South Park Independent School District here in Beaumont.

Judge Walker comes from a family of public servants. His wife, Sandy is retired Jefferson County Clerk and his son, Lane, serves as District Judge for the 252 Criminal District Court. Judge Walker's father Ted Walker served as Jefferson County Commissioner.

Judge Walker and Sandy have five children and twelve grand children.

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until Chevron Corporation paid 18 Billion dollars to get Unocal and Billy back on their payroll. There he remains today.

Billy has been married to his bride, Sherry, for 32 years and they have two birth children and three birth grandchildren. The birth part is emphasized because Billy and Sherry were foster parents for Jefferson County for 8 years,

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sharing their home with 40 different children during that time. Four of those foster children remain in touch and add seven grandchildren to the mix. Billy spent two years on the board of the Texas State Foster Parents Association.

Billy and Sherry now reside in Groves, where he was elected Mayor for two terms until he decided against re-election.

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