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REVIEW

State Senator Tommy Williams had an opportunity to both speak to our Rotary Club and earn a Rotary make up at the same time. We were honored he had the opportunity. He first assured us that our life, liberty and property were safe, because the State Legislature was not currently in session.

The Senator touched on both local and national issues. Starting with local issues, he talked about hurricane relief. He is advocating a statewide mutual aid agreement template that could be used by any government entity in Texas to apply for disaster relief. He suggested this could simplify and speed up the process throughout Texas.

Regarding the \$400 million Federal Block Grant the state will be receiving soon, he felt the majority of that money should go to Southeast Texas and the number one priority for these funds should be for housing. He promised he and other members of the Southeast Texas delegation would be working hard on that issue.

The Senator predicted there would be no change in the Junior Water Rights of Southeast Texas when the legislature reconvenes. Instead, he will introduce an initiative to build more lakes in Texas to provide for future water needs in the State,

and if this comes to fruition Southeast Texas will definitely be impacted.

Senator Williams expressed his concern about sex offenders and where they live. Many cities in Texas are enacting ordinances restricting the distance sex offenders can live from a park or school, and most are different. We can expect the legislature to pass a statewide law that could make the distances more uniform and hopefully longer.

In regard to statewide issues, he brought up border security, state taxes and fees. An issue he wishes to pursue is appraisal reform for real estate taxes. Simplification of the protest procedure is needed. It is proposed that if the property value is less than \$1 million, one should be able to demand mediation with only a \$300 deposit, thereby avoiding costly appeals to a district court.

The Senator said "a war is going on at our border. We must secure our border." The Governor is requesting a \$100 million appropriation to augment our border with policemen and cameras. However, there is only so much the state can do. The Federal Government must help.

A major priority of the next legislature will be to simplify and minimize various state and local fees.

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BIRTHDAYS

27th Jay Johnson III (68)

Retired



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas, the University of Chicago and Indiana University. He and his wife Betty are the parents of Laura and Letitia, and are members of St.

Stephen's Episcopal Church. He enjoys traveling, reading and spending time with his grandchildren. Jay is a Paul Harris Fellow.

30th Van Greer (04)

Vice President & General Manager, KBTB



Born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Mesa College in Grand Junction, Colorado. He and his wife Alea are the parents of Jordan. He enjoys skiing, playing golf, travel and spending time with his family.

30th Chuck Wall, Jr. (78)

Vice President, R.O. Williams & Company



Born in Baton Rouge Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University and Lamar University. He and his wife Lois Ann are the parents of Jennifer, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys playing tennis. Chuck is a Paul Harris Fellow.

2nd Gene Arnold (93)

Retired



Born in Wells, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Elizabeth are the parents of Lloyd and Lyn. He enjoys playing golf and flying.

2nd Eric Meadows (99)

Phelan Investments



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of Fordham University and the University of Texas. He and his wife Kathryn Grace are the parents of Morgan, Caroline, Jackson and Isabel. He enjoys playing golf, sailing and tennis.

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There are fees on cell phones, electric bills, telephone bills, sporting goods, and state park use. There seem to be fees for everything and the revenues from these fees are not necessarily going to departments they were designed to fund. Hopefully legislation will change that.

During the comment period, he assured **Jim Rich** that Lamar University's state funding would not decline due to the effects of the hurricane on enrollment. Chester **Jourdan** thanked the Senator for all of his efforts on our community's behalf for hurricane relief at the state and federal levels.

HARDIN COUNTY ROTARY CLUB



DGN Roger McCabe, our District's Club Extension Chair, reports that the new Hardin County Rotary Club held its organizational meeting on Thursday, August 17th. The club will meet at noon every Thursday at Novrozsky's in Lumberton.

Robert Peavey, Michael Lohr, Twila Baker, Lauren Brooks, Don DeMartino, Mike McMullen and Jerry Brown of North Port Arthur Rotary have been working for several months to assess community interest and encourage membership. Their goal is twenty charter members. Please notify the committee if you know of any prospective members. We'll report more on the new club in future issues.

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President of Texas A&M International University, Vice President for Academic Affairs of Laredo State University (now Texas A&M International University) where he was also a Professor of Education. He also taught chemistry, physics and mathematics and coached football and basketball in Texas public schools.

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