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**Executive Director Carol Flatten
Foundation for Southeast Texas**

PROGRAM PREVIEW JUNE 4TH



Carol Flatten has served as the Executive Director of The Foundation for Southeast Texas since 1998. She is responsible for facilitating the development and implementation of the foundation including its programs, promotion, and administration. The Foundation for Southeast Texas, a 501© (3) charitable organization, is a community foundation providing management, investment, and administration of funds, given by donors for numerous charitable purposes throughout Hardin, Jefferson and Orange counties. Carol is a graduate of the University of Texas where she majored in English and Communication and minored in Secondary Education. Her community involvement and service span many years and include participation or roles in the Beaumont Heritage Society, Leadership Beaumont, Beaumont League of Women Voters, Better Business Bureau – Board Chairman, I Have A Dream – Mentor, CASA, Leadership Southeast Texas and the Rotary Club of Beaumont, to name a few. She is married to our fellow Rotarian Gerald Flatten. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. She enjoys reading genealogy, travel and investment.

JUNE 4TH HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU

* Invocation **Michael Perez, The Salvation Army** * Pledge, **Barbara Brookner, Charles Reed & Assoc.** *
 *4-Way Test, **Marvin Brailsford, US Government** * Introduction of Guests, **Vesta Brandt, Clear Channel** *
 Elegante Menu will be **Chinese** food selections.

 **BREAKING NEWS** 

■ Your Board of Directors approved following proposed new members on May 22nd. Unless written objections to Board of Directors at the Rotary Office are received by Friday, **June 6th**, these candidates will be considered elected to membership. ■

Name	Position	Company	Classification	Proposer
Cindy Cherry	Supervisor	Jefferson County Community Supervisions and Corrections Dept	Government – County – Corrections	Randy Fluke
Margaret Ronquille	Sales Manager	Cumulus Broadcasting	Broadcasting – AM or FM	Paula Bothe
Randon Clark	Pastor	Triumph Church	Religion – Non- Denominational	Terry Bourdier
Laura Bowman	Director of Workshop	St. Giles Living Centers, Inc.	Institutions & Hospitals – Assistant Living	Donna Qualls

Rotaract Silent Auction contd...

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■ **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

June 11 – Daniel Mikolay, U. S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Resident Agent in Charge

June 18 – Member Recognition Day: Perfect Attendance, Paul Harris Fellows, New members

June 25 – President Angela's Swan Song

June 26 – Club Assembly at Munro's Community Room on MLK at 6pm

■ **PROGRAM REVIEW MAY 28th**

Our program this Wednesday was presented by Congressman Ted Poe. He currently serves on many committees and caucuses in Congress and presented an overview of current issues in Washington. He has just introduced legislation to create a commission to erect a memorial to World War I veterans. Congressman Poe sees several major issues in our country today. Iraq is the first. Congressman Poe was in Iraq on Easter weekend and is very impressed with our troops and their relentless and intense approach to their duty. One of ten people serving the U.S. is Texans. He feels that Iran is the real basis of the conflict, not the Sunni-Shite issue. Iran and Iraq control 40% of the crude oil in the Middle East. Iran, Syria and North Korea are developing nuclear weapons and are working together. The price of gasoline is the second issue. This problem is caused by the devaluation of the dollar, the lack of utilizing our own petroleum reserves and a lack of refining capacity. One philosophy is to restrict the use of energy use. Another group supports producing all energy from every source cleanly. Several politicians favor lifting the 18 cent gas tax but this goes to the highway trust fund and is used to maintain roads, bridges and highways. Others want to add a 50 cent tax per gallon to cut gasoline consumption. Congress is facing serious issues with the economy, the energy crisis and border security.