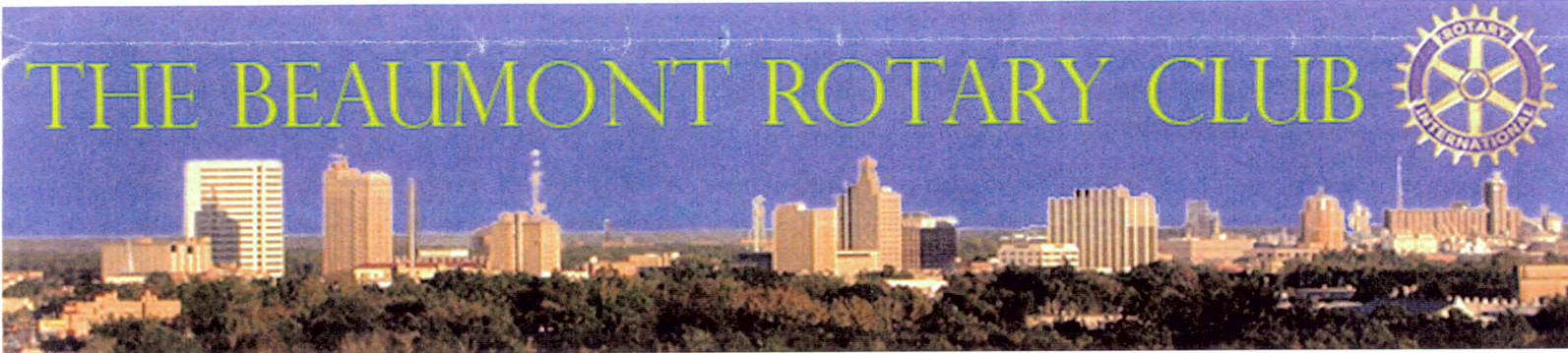


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Allan Ritter is a member of the Texas House of Representatives from District 21, covering the western part of Jefferson County.

In 1999, he was elected "Freshman of the Year" in a bipartisan vote by his House col-

leagues. He has successfully passed legislation in areas ranging from criminal justice and tax policy to economic development and higher education. He is currently vice-chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means and a member of the Land and Resource Management Committee.

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Wednesday noon:

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REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 12TH PROGRAM

Last Wednesday's meeting was a special treat with complimentary Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla ice cream (its best seller) for all of us! **Travis Brewer** introduced Bill White, Chair of the 100th year Celebration of Blue Bell.

Blue Bell is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a year-long celebration. The company began in 1907 as Brenham Creamery Company and in 1911 made their first ice cream.

In the early years the company struggled. But in 1919, E. F. Kruse became the manager and the company flourished. In 1930 he changed the name to Blue Bell Creameries, naming it after a native Texas wildflower. In 1951 E. F. Kruse died suddenly and his oldest son Ed took over. In 1954 younger son Howard joined the company and in 1969 developed the number one flavor, Homemade Vanilla.

In 1986 a third generation Kruse was convinced by his father to close his law practice and join Blue Bell. Paul became CEO and President in 2004. In 1960, the company expanded into the Houston market, in 1972 built a new production plant, and in 1973 expanded to Beaumont. They currently operate in 17 states.

The 100th Anniversary has featured a traveling exhibit, *Blue*

Bell 100 Years Tour. So far the exhibit has traveled 99,268 miles and will travel another 2, 500 through December. A contest featuring Taste of the Country Flavors had entries such as Blizzard, of Oz (Kansas), Sweet Cone Alabama, Sooner Sundae (Oklahoma) and Grand Prize Winner, Southern Hospitality (South Carolina).

Bill shared with us that some of company's core values are be truthful, be honest, be fair, take care of people and have a strong work ethic – all values shared by Rotary. **President Angela** noted that in her 17 years at Rotary she had never seen so many smiling faces as many of us went back for seconds (and thirds!) of Blue Bell. Thank you, Travis, for arranging such an enjoyable (and delicious) program!

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As president of Ritter Lumber Company, his family's 60 year-old business, Allan has been a prominent member of the business community in Jefferson County. He has been named "Small Businessman of the Year" by the Nederland Chamber of Commerce.

In 2003, Allan was recognized for his success as a lawmaker. He was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, and "National State Legislator of the Year" by the National Home Builders Association. He was

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BIRTHDAYS

19th Beverly Hatcher (90)

President, Golden Triangle
Minority Business Council



Born in Wellington, Kansas, she attended Wichita State University. She and her husband Stanley are the parents of Breck, LaTye and James, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys reading, travel and watching the news.

20th Donna Ferchak (02)

President/CEO, Fairway
Management & Rentals



Born in Lafayette, Louisiana, she is attending Lamar Institute. She and her husband Richard are the parents of Ashlyn, Ralph, Haylee, Dick and Amy. She enjoys playing golf, cross stitching, reading and travel.

20th Jerry Johnson (55)

Retired



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Lamar Junior College and University of Texas School of Medicine.

He and his wife Suzanne are the parents of Sydney, Ann, Amy and Jamie, and are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Jerry is a Paul Harris Fellow.

22th Wilton White (79)

Retired

Born in Corpus Christi, he attended Southwestern and Lamar



University, and is a graduate the University of Indiana and Rutgers University.

He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Kristi, and are members of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting and playing golf. Wilton is a Paul Harris Fellow.

24th Robert Hickman (03)

Vice President & Principal,
Leap Engineering



Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Shawn are

the parents of Abigail Elizabeth and Emaline, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys fishing and boating.

25th Twila Baker (03)

Director of Internal Audit, Lamar
University



Born in Tulia, she is a graduate of Angelo State University. She and her husband Victor are the parents of

Chris, and are members of Pinewood First Baptist Church. She enjoys playing tennis.

25th Jerry Nathan III (68)

Of Counsel,

Benckenstein, Norvell & Nathan

Born in Beaumont, se is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Texas School of Law. He and



his wife Iris are the parents of Allison and Irl, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys playing golf and tennis. Jerry is a Paul Harris Fellow.

25th Hubert Oxford III (88)

Partner, Benckenstein & Oxford



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the University of Texas School of Law. He and

his wife Cindy are the parents of Franny, Hubert, Mary, Ginny, Danielle, Adrianna and Gabriella, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys fishing, hunting and languages.

25th Joy Regenbrecht (88)

Retired



Born in St. Louis, Missouri, she attended Baylor University and is a graduate of Lamar University and Sam

Houston State University. She and her husband Charles are the parents of Cyndy and Eric, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. She enjoys speaking, writing, and participating in life enrichment workshops.

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also named to the Texas Association of Realtors Hall of Fame and has been recognized by The Texas Association of Professional Educators and the Texas Classroom Teachers Association for his commitment to education.

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