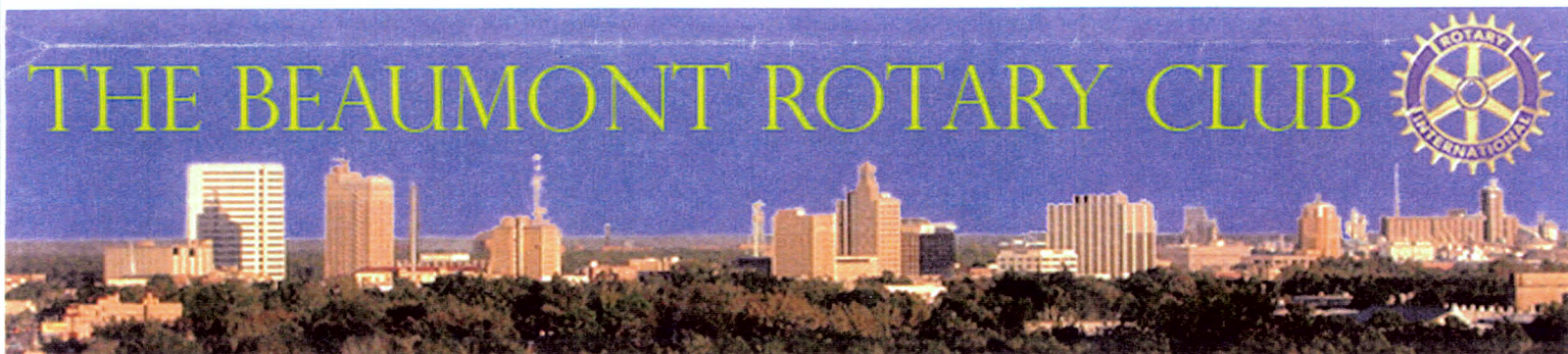


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On May 19, 2007, John L. Ratcliffe assumed the duties of United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas.

Previously, Ratcliffe has served as both First Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of Anti-Terrorism for the Eastern District.

As United States Attorney, Rat-

cliffe now directs thousands of federal prosecutions and civil cases in a 43 county area stretching from the Oklahoma border to the Gulf of Mexico. He oversees a budget of more than \$8 million and actively manages a staff of more than 100, including 50 lawyers in six fully staffed offices located in Beaumont, Plano, Tyler, Sherman, Texarkana and Lufkin.

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REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 26TH PROGRAM

Our speaker for the meeting was State Representative Allan Ritter. Representative Ritter was introduced by Club Vice President **Kevin Roy**. Representative Ritter represents District 21 covering the western part of Jefferson County.

Representative Ritter opened the meeting by complimenting the area on our response to Hurricane Humberto. He stated that the area pulled together to support each other in an excellent fashion.

Representative Ritter focused his remarks on the proposed constitutional amendments that will be on the November 6th ballot. He explained that the Texas Constitution dates back to 1876. To date it has been amended 400 times.

The amendment process begins with a joint resolution of the

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As Anti-Terrorism Chief, Ratcliffe served as the district's lead prosecutor in both international and domestic terrorism matters.

As United States Attorney, Ratcliffe continues to focus on the prevention of terrorism, as well as the Department of Justice's other priority areas of violent crime, including gun and gang prosecutions, drug trafficking, crimes against children, corporate fraud and public corruption.

Ratcliffe is an AV rated attorney and is board certified by the Na-

Texas House and Senate. If the resolution is approved by a 2/3 majority in each chamber, it then goes to a state-wide election. If approved, an amendment cannot be vetoed by the Governor.

Representative Ritter quickly reviewed each proposition and discussed the positives and negatives of each. Details for each proposition can be found on the Secretary of State web site at:

www.sos.state.tx.us

He also encouraged members to contact his staff if we have any questions.

In closing, Representative Ritter encouraged each of us to be sure to vote on November 6. This is our chance for our voices to be heard on these important issues.

We wish to thank Kevin for arranging such a timely and informative program.

tional Board of Trial Advocacy. In addition to his roles as federal prosecutor and civil litigator, Ratcliffe has served as an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in Dallas and at Texas Wesleyan School of Law in Fort Worth.

Ratcliffe grew up in Chicago, Illinois and graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1986 and from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1989. Ratcliffe and his wife Michele have been married for 17 years and have two daughters, Riley, 8, and Darby, 5.



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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.

Sep 29th Judy Kelfstrom (07)

Director of Development,
The Salvation Army of Beaumont



Born in Elgin, Illinois, she attended Northern Illinois University and is a graduate of Lamar University. She is the

mother of Bruce, Susan and Steven. She enjoys producing Light Flight, writing devotional material and taking grandkids on weekend trips.

30th Van Greer (04)

Vice President &
General Manager,
KBTB - Channel 4

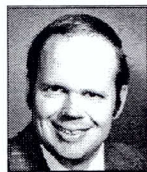


Born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Mesa College in Grand Junction, Colorado. He

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.

October

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.

FYI

Pat Anderson and twenty-six other Rotarians on the Show Your Colors Flag Committee displayed nearly 450 flags around throughout our community on Tuesday, September 11th.

We wish to thank the following members for participating that morning:

Jason Armstrong, Angela Baker, Ron Baumer, Quincy Bird, Glenn Bjornaas, Marvin Brailsford, Gerald Condon, George Crawford, Randy Fluke, Keith Giblin, Leonard Juncker, Sharen Kirksey, Jack Koch, Dan Mikolay, John Neely, George Pate, George Perrett, Charles Regenbrecht, Brian Schlesinger, Randy Shelton, Jack Tenner, John Thomasson, Brad Tutunjian, Bruce Walker, Leenette Wilke and Thomas Williams

Pat is seeking volunteers to display the flags again on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10th to make up for the July 4th flag day which was cancelled due to flooding rains.

Please contact him if you can help:

782-4057

patrick@beckerprint.com

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Scholarship Committee

Our Beaumont Rotary Foundation annually funds two four-year scholarships valued at \$8,000. High school seniors from the Beaumont, Hamshire-Fannett, Lumberton, Hardin-Jefferson and Silsbee school districts are invited to apply. This committee chaired by **Richard Bothel** reviews and evaluates the scholarship applications and selects the two recipients.

The applications and required documents average more than

twenty pages and we have had as many as forty-five applicants, making this committee's work challenging. Its members include:

Debbie Frazier, David Gaultney, Scott Hall, Gene Hughes and Willis Mackey

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