

THE BEAUMONT ROTARY CLUB



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PROGRAM PREVIEW AUGUST 27TH



Kevin Brady is serving his sixth term in Congress representing the 8th District of Texas in the U.S House of Representatives which stretches from the Louisiana Border in East Texas to the suburbs north of Houston. Counties include Montgomery, Walker, San Jacinto, Tyler, Polk, Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Orange and parts of Trinity and Liberty Counties. In order to stay close to the communities and neighborhoods he represents, Kevin chooses not to move to Washington but lives in The Woodlands with his family and commutes to work each week.

He is known as a pro-family, pro-small business conservative who believes in free enterprise. Congressman Brady holds the leadership post of Deputy Whip and serves on the Ways & Means Committee. He serves on the Social Security and Trade subcommittees. The Ways and Means Committee is considered by many to be the most powerful committee in Congress, with jurisdiction over 2/3 of the federal budget including taxes, Social Security, Medicare, international trade and welfare. In Congress, Kevin is recognized as the author of the bi-partisan Federal Sunset Act which would abolish obsolete federal agencies and eliminate waste and duplication by placing an expiration date on every federal program where they must justify their existence to taxpayers or face elimination. In Congress he has been named *Hero-of-the-Taxpayers*, *Small Business Champion* and *Super-Friend of the Seniors*. He has received the *Golden Bulldog Award* by Watchdogs of the Treasury, special recognition by Citizens Against Government Waste, and is a perennial winner of the *Guardian of Small Business* and *Spirit of Enterprise* awards. He is a recent recipient of *Deep East Texas Legislator-of-the-Year* and *Outstanding Texas Political Leader-of-the-Year*. Prior to his election in Congress, Kevin worked as a chamber of commerce executive for 18 years including Beaumont, The Woodlands area and Rapid City, South Dakota. A former city councilman, he served six years in the Texas House of Representatives earning distinction as *Ten Best Legislators for Families & Children* and a state leader in victim's rights. In 1994 he was named one of *Five Outstanding Young Texans*.



AUGUST 27th HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU



*Invocation, Erin Lacy, Spindletop MHMR *Pledge, Robert Besser, Wesley United Methodist Church * Introduction of Guests, Keith Giblin, U.S. District Court –Eastern District Texas

Elegante Menu will be Blackened catfish & Pot roast Selections

August 27th meeting will be held in the BALLROOM

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

Remember it is your responsibility to turn in your hours to the Rotary office by email, fax or in person to receive your **blue badge**.

Just as a reminder, points are earned towards your blue badge by participating in events and any Service Projects such as helping at the Wednesday meetings, attending “30 Something Meetings” & “Fellowship After Hours”, to name a few.

30-Something Fellowship



Thursday August 21, 2008

What a success!!! Host and hostess were **Eric and Phyllis Lawrence**. Phyllis Lawrence had anything and everything you could imagine to eat and drink. Everyone took advantage of the large selection of goodies. We had a very good turnout of 15 people show up at 7:30am even though it was a very bad rainy morning. The following club members and guests attended our first “30 something” Fellowship: **Harland Merriam, David Pecora, Bruce Hoffer, Donna Qualls, Jillian Day, David Mikolay, Robert Besser, Eric Lawrence, Erin Lacy, Laura Bowman, Craig Escamilla, Chris Ayers, Karen Weller, Brian Schlesinger & Paul Koester**. Eric Lawrence did an outstanding job explaining everything about how they actually put their mattresses together. He had 3 queen size mattresses that his capable staff put together to show us just why they are so different/better than the competition. It was very interesting and I believe he even made a few sales out of it ☺ GOOD JOB Lane Chair Paul Koester for putting this together.



ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY....NO ONE IS TO BE **BILLED** FOR THEIR LUNCH OR A MEAL TICKET BOOK. WE WILL GLADLY TAKE CASH, VISA, MASTERCARD OR CHECK.

■ **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**_____

August 27 – Congressman Kevin Brady
September 3 – “Smokey Joe’s Café,” a
broadway musical theatrical revue
September 10 – Texas State University
System Chancellor Charles R.
Matthews, Austin
September 17 – Rotary 5910 District
Governor Roger McCabe & Memorial
Resolution for George J. Shaumburg
September 24 – “What can *YOU* Do
For Beaumont?”
October 8 - Judge Ron Walker, State
of Jefferson County

WAY TO GO ROTARIANS!!!!!!!!!!

THE MAJORITY OF YOU HAVE ENTERED YOUR PROFILE INFORMATION IN CLUBRUNNER. (SOME HAVE EVEN ADDED YOUR COLORED PICTURE).

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVEN’T ENTERED YOU’RE PROFILE, INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL!!!

SOON THE NEW ROTARYGRAM E-BULLETIN WILL BE EMAILED DIRECTLY TO ALL MEMBERS WEEKLY. YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS IS NEEDED.

“PAST PRESIDENT’S MINUTE” (REFLECTIONS OF DAYS-GONE-BY)

Chairman of “Past President’s Minute” is Larry Beaulieu.

(See the **REVIEW** of “Past President’s Minute” for the year so far in ClubRunner under PPM’s).
(All reviews will stay in ClubRunner for you to go back & read)

Wilton White	(1986-87)	August 6 th (see review in Club Runner)
Floyd McSpadden	(1999-00)	August 20 th (see review in Club Runner)
James Broussard	(1984-85)	August 27 th
TBA		Sept 3 rd
Terry Bourdier	(2005-06)	Sept 10 th



Chairman of "Rotarian of the Day" Brian Schlesinger

"ROTARIAN OF THE DAY"

Jerry White - White Tire Supply Inc. (August 13th)

Robert Turner - JK Chevrolet- Isuzu (August 20th)

Michael Perez - Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club (August 27th)

Joy Regenbrecht - Children's Home (Sept 3rd)

DUTY ROSTER FOR AUGUST 27th MEETING

Please contact Steve Lucas or Vernon Pierce to volunteer

■ LOOKING AHEAD _____

August 28th – "Rotary after Hours" at Easy's on Calder from 5:00-6:30pm
Week of October 1st – "Rotary Goes Home" (offsite). Contact Vernon Pierce to host evening dinner in your home for club members during this week.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Knowledge is not having all the answers in your head, it's knowing where to find them. tb

**ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS
TIME HAS CHANGED.
OUR WEDNESDAY MEETINGS
WILL START PROMPTLY AT 12:15 PM.**

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO**

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?**
 - 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?**
 - 3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
 - 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?**
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THE PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

**Honor the Texas Flag,
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas
One state under God,
One and indivisible.**

**REVIEW FOR AUGUST 20th PROGRAM – Todd Staples, Texas Department of Agriculture
Commissioner**

On a rainy day in August **Mr. Todd Staples** braved the bad weather to come and speak to our club. Amazingly, a large number of dedicated Rotarians showed up to hear what he had to say. Agriculture Commissioner Staples, a native of Palestine in deep East Texas, was introduced by Dr. David Teuscher. Prior to his election to this post in 2006, Mr. Staples served in both the Texas House of Representatives and state senate. Mr. Staples stated that he is looking for new export markets for Texas. One of the countries he has been talking to is Mexico concerning the export of live cattle which was stopped back in 2003. This avenue is expected to re-open in about four weeks. Just recently Mr. Staples and twenty-four other Texans visited Cuba to talk about import and export. It seems that with the change in leadership Cuba might be looking for new ways of doing things. At this point, Mr. Staples feels that Texas has to be positioned to take advantage of this possible change and any others that may come up. He is working toward making that a reality. Mr. Staples closed with the fact that Texas has to provide our graduating children with multiple pathways that allow choices for careers. He also said that America should mean promise and that promise must be fulfilled by each generation. For more information from Mr. Todd Staples and the Texas Department of Agriculture, please visit www.agr.state.tx.us.