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Future Speakers

Nov 12 2008
Texas State Senator Tommy Williams

Nov 26 2008
NO MEETING "HAPPY THANKSGIVING"

Dec 3 2008
Texas State Representative Allan Ritter

Dec 10 2008
Barbara Best, Executive Director, CDF Texas

Dec 24 2008
NO MEETING "HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

Dec 31 2008
NO MEETING "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Upcoming Events

FLAG PROJECT - VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 11th
Nov 11 2008

New Member Indoctrination November 12th
Nov 12 2008

Rotary "Goes to Work" November 19th
Nov 19 2008

"30 SOMETHING" November 20th
Nov 20 2008

"Rotary After Hours" November 20th
Nov 20 2008

Board Meeting November 25th
Nov 25 2008

"Holiday Party" December 17th
Dec 17 2008

"Rotary After Hours" December 18th
Dec 18 2008

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

NOVEMBER 12th

Occupation: President, Woodforest Financial Services
Education: Texas A&M University, BBA, 1978
Legislative Experience: House Member, 1997 - 2002, Senate Member, 2003 - present
Hometown: The Woodlands
Party: Republican

Senator Tommy Williams brings a strong record of business achievements, community involvement and public service to the people of Southeast Texas. Williams served in the Texas House of Representatives for three terms, and in November 2002 Texans showed their confidence once again by electing him to the Texas Senate with 64% of the vote, and was re-elected to the Texas Senate in 2004 and 2008. He is a member of the Texas Society of CPA's, an outspoken advocate for Texas taxpayers, and a recognized and respected leader in budgetary issues.

Williams is a life long Texan. He was born in Marshall, Texas and attended schools in the Marshall Independent School District. After graduating from Texas A & M with a BBA in Accounting, he began a career in industry and public accounting prior to entering the insurance and financial services field in 1983. He now serves as President of Woodforest Financial Services, an affiliate of Woodforest National Bank.

As a Texas Senator, Williams serves on the powerful Senate Finance Committee, Education Committee, Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, Vice-Chair of the Senate's State Affairs Committee and Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus. By special appointment of Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, Williams serves as a member of the Legislative Audit Committee, and the Joint Special Committee on the Texas Youth Commission. Most recently the Lt. Governor appointed Sen. Williams as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee's Subcommittee on Property Appraisal and Revenue Caps, and as a member of the Select Committee on Public School Accountability and the Joint Legislative Task Force on Sporting Goods Sales Tax. Williams also serves on the Toll Projects Study Committee. His legislative leadership and strong conservative voting record have been recognized and honored by many state and community groups and organizations throughout his tenure in the Texas House and Texas Senate.

The proud parents of two sons, Tommy and his wife, Marsha, are active community leaders and members of The Woodlands United Methodist Church.

"30 Something" December 18th
Dec 18 2008

2009 "Rotary Large Club Conference" Oklahoma City
Feb 8 2009

T. Kelsey Lamb Ethics Award
Mar 4 2009

Rotary "Goes To School"
Mar 18 2009

District 5910 Conference "2009"
Apr 24 2009

2009 "RI Convention" Birmingham, England, UK
Jun 21 2009

News

NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - Who Said It?

DAVID TEUSCHER'S SON PFC DEREK J.

First Graduation Ceremony of "Rotary University" December 3rd

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NOVEMBER 12th HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU

*Invocation; Randon Clark, Pastor, Triumph Church

*Pledge; Tom Jordan, President, US Flag & Flagpole Supply

*Introduction of Guests; Jamie Smith, Office Administrator, Jefferson County Clerk's Office

Elegante Menu will be cornbread, crusted talapia, garlic mashed potatoes & green beans

November 12th meeting will be held in the FOUNTAINVIEW ROOM

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FLAG PROJECT COMING UP

NOVEMBER 11th

"VETERAN'S DAY"

"REMEMBERANCE DAY"

CALL OR EMAIL PAT ANDERSON OR PHIL DUNLAP TO HELP OUT

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"ROTARY GOES TO WORK"

NOVEMBER 19, 2008

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HOLIDAY PARTY COMING UP

DECEMBER 17TH

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"30 SOMETHING"

November 20th @ 7:30am

Tentatively **Symphony of SE Texas by Craig Escamilla, Executive Director**

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"ROTARY AFTER HOURS"

November 20th @ 5:30pm until

SARTIN'S

ON CALDER by Dean Conwell, Director of City of Beaumont Convention and Visitors Center

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Any events happening in the lives of our Rotary Club members, whether it be happy or sad, where a Congratulations or Sympathy is needed contact our Chairperson Karen Weller at 409-782-0374.

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Attention Members!!!

The following is information that EVERYONE needs to know. Please read carefully:

This is the website link to the NEW ClubRunner Website: www.clubrunner.ca/beaumont Once we finish with the new website, we will no longer have the old one. Please make a note of the NEW website.

SOME OF YOU HAVE STILL NOT GIVEN US THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE A ROSTER FOR EVERYONE. THE SOONER YOU DO, THE SOONER EVERYONE CAN PRINT OUT A COMPLETED ROSTER.

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IF YOU NEED ANY HELP INPUTING INFORMATION, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL OR EMAIL THE ROTARY OFFICE MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 8AM - 5PM.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR HELP AT THE NOVEMBER 5TH MEETING

Robert Besser, Claudie Hawkins, Kim Tompkins, John Neely, Cindy Cherry, Roy Huckaby, Erin Lacy, Norman Lee, Barbara Brookner, Karen Weller, Harland Merriam, Patty Thompson, Lee Freeland, Jack Scott, Marilyn Smith, and others that help no matter what.

Also a BIG thank you to Michael Perez & Karen Newton for doing an Outstanding Job organizing the volunteers the last couple of months.

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HAVE YOUR BADGE SCANNED UPON ARRIVAL

THIS WILL ASSURE ACCURATE ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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HEAD SHOT PICTURES ARE STILL NEEDED TO COMPLETE ROSTER . EMAILS WILL BE SENT OUT SHORTLY TO THOSE OF YOU WHO DO NOT HAVE YOUR PICTURES TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAKE-UPS. WE ARE STILL MISSING ROUGHLY 40% OF MEMBER PICTURES.

THANK YOU **VERNON PIERCE** FOR TAKING SOME MAKE-UP PICTURES AT THE NOVEMBER 5TH MEETING

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SPONSOR PINS

Beginning in December All Club members who have sponsored a new member since July 1, 2008 will be awarded a Sponsor pin.

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Speaker Review for November 5, 2008

Rotary members were treated to a wonderful and heartfelt tribute to members of our beloved Armed Services. The patriotic music was uplifting and every time each of us stood in tribute to our own service or of that of a loved one, personal pride was evident. Rotarian Robert Thompson from Interior Development Concepts introduced his new friend, World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veteran **Henry Haskell** to share his experiences in May 2008 on the Lone Star Honor Flight.

A trip from Houston was arranged through the assistance of Congressman Kevin Brady to allow veterans to participate in an adventure to visit Washington, DC and the WWII Memorial. How amazing to hear about the many, many details to ensure the event could take place in one full day, all through the efforts of volunteers, donations and fundraisers held through Montgomery County ISD, Montgomery High School and the generosity of Montgomery County residents and businesses.

Mr. Haskell was deeply moved by the attention from so many people, especially children lining up at the airports to show their appreciation to our veterans and Honor Guards from the military branches. One of Henry's special moments was his visit to Arlington National Cemetery. When he saw the many rows of graves of fallen soldiers and recognized what the white markers represented, he said, "It took my breath away".

Henry inspired all of us with his recollection of what service to our country means and his dedication to do his part. Henry Haskell said that he was not a hero, but he served with many of them. All of us enjoyed Henry's special day and our thanks go out to Robert for finding this jewel to share with fellow Rotarians. For more wonderful photos of the Lone Star Honor Flight, go to http://www.misd.org/lshonorflight/index.htm.

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CHECK OUT THE HOME PAGE FOR OTHER STORIES AND PHOTO'S OF HAPPENINGS

NOTE: SOME PHOTO'S ARE STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS

YOU'LL ENJOY LOOKING BACK AT ALL THE PHOTO'S OF THE YEAR SO FAR