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**TOMMY WILLIAMS TO OFFER KEYNOTE AT 25TH ANNIVERSARY
BRYAN ROTARY 10 BUSINESS PERFORMANCE AWARDS LUNCHEON**

On July 11th, Bryan Rotary Club will honor the 2018 Bryan Rotary 10 Business Performance Award winners during the club's 25th Annual Bryan Rotary 10 Awards luncheon. Tommy Williams, senior advisor for fiscal affairs to Texas Governor Greg Abbott, will offer the keynote address. Reservations are \$40 per person and tables are also available.

Williams served as the Vice-Chancellor for Federal and State Relations for the Texas A&M (TAMU) System. Prior to working in the TAMU System, Williams was a Texas State Representative from 1997-2003, and a Texas State Senator from 2003-2013. While in the Senate, he served as Chairman of three different committees: the Administration Committee, the Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, and the Finance Committee. During his legislative career, Williams was a respected leader on budget, education, transportation and tax issues. He graduated with a BBA in Accounting from Texas A&M.

Since 1994, Bryan Rotary Club has been celebrating high performing small businesses in the Brazos Valley. Today, Bryan Rotary 10 is the mark of excellence for growing businesses in Brazos County. Bryan Rotary Club, composed of area business and professional men and women, is the principal sponsor of the program, in cooperation with the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce and in partnership with the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University. The program is generously underwritten by Anco Insurance.

"For 25 years, Bryan Rotary Club has honored business excellence in our community by recognizing the ten fastest growing small businesses in the Brazos Valley," said Steve Bledsoe, 2017-2018 president of Bryan Rotary Club. "We invite community members from across the Brazos Valley to join us in honoring the contributions of area small business leaders. Nominate your favorite local business for this prestigious award and join us for the awards luncheon on July 11th."

Research economists at Mays Business School will assess the sales growth of each company and rank them in order to identify the top 10 small businesses that will be honored at the luncheon.

Kathy Gregory, president of Anco Insurance said, "Anco Insurance is honored to help support the Bryan Rotary 10 Awards. Each year, we look forward to being a part of recognizing the outstanding small businesses in Brazos County. Working with Bryan Rotary and the B/CS Chamber of Commerce is a rewarding experience for our organization."

Two additional awards will be presented at the July 11th luncheon, including the Bryan Rotary Club/Anco Insurance Award for Lifetime Business Achievement. Introduced in 1998, the Anco Achievement Award is given to a company that has a sustained history of success and respect in their industry and has significantly contributed to the quality of life in our community. Anco Insurance is the underwriter for this prestigious award.

The Research Valley Partnership is also partnering with Bryan Rotary Club to support the growth of new businesses in the Brazos Valley. by presenting the first ever Launch Award. Introduced this year, the Research Valley Partnership Launch Award will recognize a new business that is less than six years old and that is contributing to the economic growth of the Research Valley.

The Bryan Rotary Club was chartered in 1921 and is the longest standing Rotary Club in the Bryan/College Station community. With more than 100 members, Bryan Rotary Club serves the Bryan/College Station community, providing service projects, grants to teachers and non-profit organizations, hosting International Youth Exchange students, and much more.

To purchase individual tickets or tables for the Bryan Rotary 10 Awards Luncheon, visit Bryan-Rotary.org or contact Janie Williams at 979.862.5408 or email jwilliams@athletics.tamu.edu.

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