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Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program

**Class XII - Session 3
January 25 - 28, 2011
Austin**



**State Government: *Issues and Policies*
*“Leadership, Legislation, Laws”***

Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership
Texas AgriLife Extension Service

TALL XII - Session 3 - Austin, Texas
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DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel
303 West 15th St.; Austin, Texas (512) 478-7000
(Cannot check into rooms prior to noon. Hotel will store luggage if unable to check in.)

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

8:00 -11:30 a.m. Legislative Visits - on your own. Schedule ahead of time.

11:30.-12:45 p.m. Lunch on your own

Presiding Members: **Mr. Mike Metzиг & Ms. Marsha Moss**
Dress: **Business**
Transportation: **Walk**

12:45 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel

12:50-1:00 p.m. Walk together to the steps of the Senate Staircase

1:00 p.m. Photo Opportunity **The Honorable David Dewhurst**
Lieutenant Governor of Texas

1:20 p.m. Walk together to Capitol Annex Room E2.010 **Courtesy of**
Representative Fred Brown- District 14
Texas House of Representatives

1:30 - 1:50 p.m. “Agriculture Issues Facing Texas” **The Honorable Todd Staples**
Texas Agriculture Commissioner
Texas Department of Agriculture

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. “Various Issues for the Session” **Mr. Joe Cox**
Assistant Vice Chancellor for External Relations

3:00-3:30 p.m. “Issues Facing the 82nd Legislature and Texas Agriculture”
..... **Senator Glenn Hegar, Jr**
Texas State Senator, District 18

3:30-4:00 p.m. Break

Tuesday, January 25, 2011 - Continued

Presiding Members: Mr. Jason Pooley & Mr. Darren Rozell

4:00 - 4:45 p.m. “Responsibilities of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee”
. **Senator Craig Estes**
Texas State Senator, District 30

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. State Capitol, Lt. Governor’s Reception Room
Location: Second Floor, Senate Chamber, Room 2E.16
East end of building and walk up stairs

“How to work with the State Legislature” Mr. Bob Turner
Legislative Consultant & Former State Representative

“Issues Facing Texas” Representative Ryan Guillen
Texas House of Representatives, District 31

Meal Sponsored by:

Texas Pork Producers - Mr. Ken Horton, Executive Vice President

Texas Poultry Federation - Mr. James Grimm, Executive Vice President

Wednesday, January 26, 2011:

Presiding Members: Ms. Linda Ryan & Mr. Jimmy Schulz

Dress: Business
Room at the Doubletree Guest Suites : Longhorn Room

6:30 a.m. Breakfast sponsored by Texas Association of Dairymen Darren Turley
Executive Director

7:00 - 7:45 a.m. “Animal Health/Natural Disasters/Bioterrorism Issues” Dr. Dee Ellis
Executive Director/State Veterinarian, Texas Animal Health Commission

7:45 a.m. Walk to Capitol Annex Room E2.010

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. “The Role of TxDOT” Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr.
Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot)

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 - Continued:

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. **“Issues Facing the 82nd Legislature”** **The Honorable Joe Straus, III**
Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives

“Responsibilities of the Speaker’s Office” **Ms. Denise Davis**
Chief of Staff for Speaker Joe Straus

Mr. Kevin Robnett
Senior Policy Analyst

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. **“Responsibilities and Duties of the Senate Finance Chairman”**
. **Senator Steve Ogden**
Texas State Senator, District 5

10:00 a.m. *Meet in the gallery of the Texas House of Representatives*

10:00 a.m. **House Resolution recognizing TALL by State Representative Fred Brown**

11:00 - 11:20 a.m. **Senate Resolution recognizing TALL by Senator Steve Ogden**

11:20 a.m. *Walk to the First United Methodist Church/Family Life Center*
1300 Lavaca Street (NOTE: Enter door at Lavaca and 13th Street)
(Contact info: Mary Beth Allcorn, Ag Council Intern - 512/472-8288 or 281/797-0323)

Presiding Members: **Dr. Cassie Schulte & Mr. Kip Thompson**

Lunch Sponsored by Texas Ag Council

11:30 - 12:00 p.m **“TALL XI International Study Seminar to Poland/Russia”**
TALL XI Alumna **Ms. Anne Kimmey**
President, Cultivate Agency, Inc.

TALL XI Alumna **Ms. Cary Dupuy**
Natural Resource Policy Advisor-Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

12:30 - 1:00 p.m. *Walk to Capitol Annex Room E2.010*

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. **Homework assignments presented by TALL XII participants.**

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 - Continued

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. **“Responsibilities of the State Affairs Committee” . . . Senator Robert Duncan**
Texas State Senator, District 28

3:15 - 3:30 p.m. *Walk to DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel for TALL Alumni Meeting and
Advisory Board Meeting*

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. **TALL Advisory Meeting - Bluebonnet II Room, (1st floor)**

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. **TALL Alumni Meeting - Houston Room I & II, (2nd floor)**

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. **“ Redistricting” Mr. Eric Opiela**
TALL IX Alumnus, Former Executive Director, Texas Republican Party

NOTE to Friday’s presiders - Ms. Tanya Foerster & Mr. Klint Forbes: After the Alumni meeting, you will be responsible for the laptop and projector. Please take to your room until Friday. Set up projector for Dr. Chiodo’s presentation on Friday. After the presentation, make sure Dr. Jim has the laptop and projector to take home.

Presiding Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
Dress: Business
Transportation: Personal Vehicles

5:45 p.m. **Meet in hotel lobby and depart in your own personal vehicle for
“A Tribute to Texas Leadership” - TALL Alumni Reception
at the Austin Club, 110 East 9th Street, Austin, 512/477-9496.**
NOTE: Parking at 823 Congress Garage - next to the Austin Club.

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. **Social and Program**

7:30 p.m. **Program Honoring - Former Congressman Larry Combest**

Master of Ceremonies Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
Leadership Program Director and Professor, TALL Program

Welcome Dr. Mark Hussey
Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M System

Remarks Dr. Michael McKinney
Chancellor, Texas A&M University System

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 - Continued

- Introduction of TALL XII** **Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**
- Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Foundation Sponsor Recognition**
..... **Presented by Mr. James Powell**
President, TALL Foundation
- Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Distinguished Alumnus Award**
..... **Presented by Mr. Mike Kuck**
President, TALL Alumni
- Texas Agricultural Lifetime Achievement Award**
..... **Presented by Dr. Ed Smith**
Director, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M System
- HONOREE** *Former Congressman Larry Combest*
- Closing** **Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**

Adjourn for Evening

Thursday, January 27, 2011:

- Presiding Members:** **Ms. Ilona Schilderink & Mr. Scott Taylor**
- Dress:** **Business**
- Transportation** **Walk**

6:30 a.m. **Breakfast on your own**

7:45 a.m. *Meet in hotel lobby & walk to Capitol Annex Room E2.010*

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. **“Funding Public Education and Budget Shortfalls”**
..... **Representative Jimmie Don Aycock**
Texas House of Representatives, District 54

9:00 -9:40 a.m. **“Energy and Ag Issues Facing Texas”** **Representative Rick Hardcastle**
Texas House of Representatives, District 68

9:40 - 10:00 a.m. **Break**

Friday, January 28, 2011:

CHECK-OUT OF HOTEL!

Presiding Members: **Ms. Tanya Foerster & Mr. Klint Forbes**

Dress: **Business Casual**

Room at the Doubletree Guest Suites: **Bluebonnet II (1st floor)**

7:00 a.m. **Check out of hotel - be ready to leave immediately after Dr. Chiodo's presentation!**

7:30 a.m. **Light Pastries and Drinks in Bluebonnet II (1st floor)**

NOTE TO PRESIDING MEMBERS:

Dr. Chiodo will have a power point presentation.

Presiding members, make sure the following items are set up for Dr. Chiodo: (Dr. Jim will have the following equipment. **Make sure this is put in his vehicle after the presentation.**)

- TALL Projector
- TALL Laptop (This is only for a back-up. Set up only at Dr. Chiodo's request)

HOTEL WILL PROVIDE SCREEN, A/V TABLE, POWER STRIP AND EXTENSION CORD.

8:00 a.m. **“Character Driven Success”** **Dr. Beverly Chiodo**
Professor, Department of Management - Texas State University

9:30 - 9:40 a.m. **Break**

10:00 - 11:30 **“Character Driven Success” resumes** **Dr. Beverly Chiodo**

Presiding: **Mr. Scott Piercy & Ms. Kim Ratcliff**

Transportation **Personal Vehicle**

11:30 a.m. **Leave for Capitol Land & Livestock**

12:30 **Lunch sponsored by Texas Beef Council**

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. **“Beef Checkoff Update”** **Mr. Richard Wortham**
Executive Vice President, Texas Beef Council

1:30 - 2:00 p.m. **Remarks** **Mr. Jim Schwertner**
President and CEO, Schwertner Farms, Inc. dba Capitol Land & Livestock

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Tour Capitol Land & Livestock**

Session is Adjourned - Have a safe trip home!

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“Tribute to Texas Leadership” Reception:

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Reception in the Lt. Governor’s Reception Room:

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General Session Breakfast Sponsor:

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General Session Lunch Sponsor:

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Lunch at Capital Land & Livestock:

Texas Beef Council