



Last Week's Meeting

Cynthia Hellen

T-Bone Walker Blues Fest

T-Bone Walker and the blues festival that bears his name both were birthed in Linden.

Walker, who was named Aaron Thibeaux by his parents when he was born in 1910, went on to



become a critically acclaimed songwriter and musician credited with bringing the electric guitar to the blues.

The T-Bone Walker Blues Fest was begun in 2006 by the Linden Economic Development Corp. and Music City Texas Theater to honor their city's native son.



For various reasons, the festival in 2014 moved to Longview and this June 3-4 will have its third show in our city.

"We're very excited about this project that we are about to have for the third time in Longview," said Cynthia Hellen, a blues festival board member who joined us last week to talk about the event and its East Texas namesake.

Though the festival's dates have slid from one weekend to another during its transition from Linden, Hellen said that going forward it would always be on the first weekend in June at Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Center.

More than music: The festival main stage inside Maude Cobb and an outdoor stage on the lawn south of the center are the locations of the festival's main reason for being: the music performances Friday and Saturday. But Hellen said the festival is much more than those main events, which are surrounded by food and other vendors.

There also is a guitar-playing contest for students in the third through 12th grades. Called the Junior Showcase, it gives young musicians an opportunity to play for and be judged by professional musicians – with the winner playing on stage at the festival.

The Junior Spotlight is an essay contest for students in ninth through 12th grades. The winning composition on the importance of music in schools and the impact it has on student's lives will win the author a year's worth of music lessons.

The Blues Fest Car Show brings together car collectors to display custom vintage cars. And the Pleasant Hill Quilting Group provides programs of music and oral history about how escaping slaves relied on the underground railroad quilt code for information on their road to freedom.

Economic impact: A survey conducted during last year's festival found 83 percent of purchases around the festival were by people from outside local ZIP codes, while attendees were split 50-50 between local and visitors. Non locals spent more than \$73 per day while here, and the festival itself spent nearly \$115,000.

More information: Visit tbnewalkerbluesfest.com

Last week's visitors and guests

Visitors: Vincent Dulweber, Longview Greggton. Joe Wallace, Longview Greggton. **Guests:** Yvonne Harvey, guest of Shirley Griffin. Evan Dolive, guest of Wayne Dolive. Student of the Month Meredith Novy and Leslie Novy, mother.

Rotaview News

April Student of the Month

Meredith Novy was introduced last week as our club's Student of the Month for April.

The daughter of President Scott and Leslie Novy, she is a senior at Longview High School, where she has been a scholar, athlete and leader.

Meredith is in the International Baccalaureate Program and has earned top grades. She also has been involved with Student Council, Zonta Club, UNICEF and the National Honor Society, which she has served as president. She's a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Meredith is captain of the varsity tennis team and has been to regionals all four years of her high school career – and won district the week before last.

She plans to attend Texas A&M University, where she intends to major in business specializing in human resources and minor in Spanish.

Congratulations, Meredith, and good luck!



Next week's meeting: Industry Tour

Next week's meeting will be an Industry Tour of the Summit Club, 3700 Judson Road. Please sign up today using the sheet at your table, or respond to the email you've received as soon as possible so we can get an accurate count for our meal.

Remember, we won't be meeting downtown next week!

For a look at more upcoming programs, visit rotarylongview.org and find the "Speakers" section.

Welcome back, Yvonne!

We noticed Yvonne Harvey was among our number last week, and were pleased by word from Shirley Griffin that Yvonne will be rejoining us soon. Great to see you, Yvonne! We're looking forward to having you back with us!

Missing an issue of Rotaview?

If you've missed an edition of our weekly club bulletin, you may find back issues of Rotaview in the archive being built on our website at rotarylongview.org.

The archive currently reaches back to early October, with the latest edition being added each week and more back issues added regularly.

To find the archive, visit rotarylongview.org and click the link "Rotaview Archives" under "Site Pages" on the left side of the home page.

Calendar of events

Wednesday: Board meeting, Gerald's. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 29: PolioPlus Drawdown, East Texas Builders Association. Got your tickets?

May 3: Longview Citizen of the Year award banquet, First Baptist Church. Noon.

May 18: Board meeting, Gerald's. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

May 20-21: District Conference, First Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon.

June 15: Board meeting, Gerald's. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

June 25: District Installation of Officers, Hilton Garden Inn. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Longview, Texas

P.O. Box 2244 - Longview Texas, 75606

Club website: www.rotarylongview.org

District 5830 website: www.rotary5830.org

Meets at noon Tuesday at
First Baptist Church, Longview - (903) 758-0681
Enrollment as of March 22: 96



Be a gift to the world

Ash, Kandi 0 YPA Attorney - Registered Nurse
Barkman, Donald FS, PH+1, 30 YPA Pecan Grower
Bartlemay, William FS, PH+1, 3 YPA Self Storage
Bell, Deborah PH+2, 0 YPA Medicine - Humanitarian
Bennett, Gai PH, 2 YPA Business Manager - Construction
Bentley, Bob PH, 0 YPA Scout Executive - Retired
Best, Shane FS, PH+2, PP, 25 YPA Banking - Commercial Loans
Bigony, Jayne FS, PH+7, 19 YPA Insurance - Fire
Bogle-Sherman, Kristi 0 YPA Nonprofit Administration
Boon, Mark FS, PH+3, PP, 33 YPA Law - Estate Planning
Brack, Richard 2 YPA Newspaper Editor
Butler, Stephen 0 YPA Chemical Plant R&D
Cammack, Casey PH+1, PP, 33 YPA Insurance - Estate Planning
Chaikin, Craig 3 YPA Banking - Personal Trusts
Chaney, Frank FS, PH+2, 8 YPA Real Estate - Commercial
Chaney, Jill FS, PH, 3 YPA Banking - Loans
Cox, Doug FS, PH+2, 25 YPA Pub. Education - Dir. of Athletics
Cromer, Jon 0 YPA Banking - Commercial Loans
Deike, Terri PH, 2 YPA University Athletics
Dial, Richard PH, PP, 35 YPA Income Tax Service
Dolive, Wayne PH+1, 30 YPA Civil Engineering
Drayer, Kellyn FS, PH+1, 10 YPA Investments - Vice President
Florence, Patricia FS, PP, PH+5, 22 YPA Law - Title
Florio, Charles PH+1, PP, 38 YPA College Administration
Forester, Sam FS, PH+2, 1 YPA Investments - Financial Services
Greenwaldt, C. PDG, FS, PH+7, PHS, PP, 25 YPA Chem. Plant - Admin.
Greenwaldt, Mary FS, PH, PHS, 1 YPA Higher Education
Griffin, Keith PH, 0 YPA Accounting Services - Taxes
Griffin, Shirley FS, MD, PHS, PP, PDG, 19 YPA Travel Agency
Hall, Kevin 0 YPA Insurance - Specialty
Harrison, John W., Jr. FS, PH+2, PP, 49 YPA Electr. App. Retail
Hays, Tom FS, PH, 0 YPA Real Estate - Appraiser
Herrington, Angie 0 YPA Investment Advisor
Henry, David 0 YPA Attorney - Oil and Gas
Hildebrand, Kristin 0 YPA Tax Manager
Hollis, LaJuan PH, 0 YPA Non-profit Administration
Horaney, Betty FS, PH+3, 14 YPA Feed Supply
Hubbard, Griff FS, PH+1, 5 YPA Railway Management
Hugman, James FS, PH+5, PP, 3 YPA Architect
Jameson, B.H. 35 YPA Justice of the Peace
Johnson, Dietrich PH, 2 YPA Municipal Gov't. - Administration
Johnson, Joel FS, PH+2, 16 YPA Consultant - Business
Jordan, Gene 0 YPA Business Development
Key, Carl 0 YPA School Administration
Khoury, Dorothy FS, PH+1, 9 YPA Consultant - Political
Knollenberg, Steve 0 YPA Boy Scouting
Lanier, Jack, Jr. PH, 0 YPA Police Chaplaincy
Lewis, Cindi-Marie FS, PH, 4 YPA Primary Education

Liu, Jeannie 0 YPA Neurosurgery
Loy, Lindsay 0 YPA Non-Profit Administration
Maly, Robert FS, PH+2, PP, 0 YPA Civil Engineering
Manley, Richard FS, PH, 3 YPA Real Estate - Development
Mann, Jack FS, PH+4, 1 YPA Distribution - Soft Drinks
Martinez-Berrios, Pedro 0 YPA Public Accounting
Matlock, Paul 0 YPA Building Construction and Electrical
McClellan, Joe 1 YPA Music Education
McFaul, Justin PP, 3 YPA Banking - Trust Services
McGaughey, Robert 0 YPA Ministry - Business Office
McKinney, Ronnie PH+1, 3 YPA Construction Consulting
McLemore, Reagan FS, PH+3, 21 YPA Business Broker
McReynolds, Allen 0 YPA Real Estate Investments
McWhorter, Gene FS, PH+1, 33 YPA Advertising - Industrial
Mwakikoti, Alex 0 YPA Higher Education
Neal, Billy PH, 0 YPA Vehicle Collision Repair
Neill, Jeremy 0 YPA Banking
Northcutt, Gordon FS, PH, 0 YPA Financial Advisor
Northcutt, LeGrande FS, PH+2, 51 YPA Insurance - Fire
Novy, Scott 25 YPA Law - Taxes
Overman, Rodney FS, PH+2, 14 YPA Income Tax Service
Parrott, Deborah FS, PH, 16 YPA Banking - Mortgage
Pigeon, Lee PH+2, 32 YPA Chemical Plant - Engineering
Pistone, Joseph PH, 0 YPA Emergency Medicine
Primo, Darryl PH, 0 YPA Oil and Gas Leases
Rice, Bill PH, PP, 19 YPA Financial Advisor
Risinger, Charles FS, PH+3, 27 YPA Chemical Plant Utilities
Roberts, James FS, B, PH+8, PHS, PP, 14 YPA ... Accounting Services
Ruff, Eric 6 YPA Real Estate - Commercial
Scoggins, Don FS, PH, SE, 12 YPA Chemical Plant - Admin.
Smith, R.H. Jr. "Hank" PH, 2 YPA Insurance - Casualty
Smith, Philip FS, PH+1, 25 YPA Insurance - Casualty
Smith, Trey FS, MD, B, PHS, PP, 19 YPA Oil and Gas Properties
Stoudt, Bill FS, PH+2, 0 YPA Investments
Taylor, Gary PH+1, 0 YPA Bank Executive
Thomas, Linda FS, PH+7, PP, 20 YPA . Plumbing and Heating Supply
Thomas, Wiley FS, PH, 5 YPA Information Systems Manager
Thompson, Chris FS, PH, 1 YPA Banking - Real Estate
Walker, John FS, PH+7, 30 YPA Gasoline Distributor
Welge, Ava FS, PH+3, 20 YPA Education - Testing
Welge, Jack Jr. PH+3, PP, 36 YPA Law - Aviation
Wells, Wes 0 YPA Administrator- Long-term Care
Wilcox, James 0 YPA School Administration
Wilkinson, Dickens 2 YPA Sulfur Sales
Willett, Jim FS, PH+1, PP, 9 YPA Financial Advisor
Williams, Kasha PH, 3 YPA Home Health Care
Winn, Terry FS, PH, PP, 0 YPA Civil Engineering
Wiseman, Tim 0 YPA Ministry - Executive Director



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The Four-Way Test

Is it the *truth*?

Is it *fair* to all concerned?

Will it build *goodwill* and better friendships?

Will it be *beneficial* to all concerned?

Today's Program

The American Legion and Texas Boys State

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B: Benefactor. DG: District Governor. FS: Foundation Sustaining Member. H: Honorary Member. MD: Major Donor.
PDG: Past District Governor. PH: Paul Harris Fellow. PHS: Paul Harris Society. PP: Past President.
SE: Senior Exempt. YPA: Years of Perfect Attendance.

Area Club Meetings

Monday: Marshall Metro, Trinity Episcopal Church. **Also:** Big Sandy, Greater Paris, South Tyler.

Wednesday: Kilgore, Meadowbrook Country Club. **Also:** Jacksonville, Jefferson, Lake Fork, Pittsburg.

Thursday: Gladewater, Chamber of Commerce. **Also:** Atlanta, Marshall, Overton, Quitman, Texarkana, Tyler.

Friday: Longview Greggton, First Baptist Church. **Also:** Carthage, Henderson, Paris.

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