WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1992

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"On April 2, 1968, after aggressively fighting bureaucracy in all walks of life, I experienced a sudden conversion during a staff meeting in the state department. It was a flashing recognition of the errors of my ways. It was the discovery that there can be inspiration in dynamic inaction...doing nothing but doing it with style. It was the revelation that there can be beauty in a bag of mush, poetry in nondirective language, and music in the fuzzistic mumbles of marginal thoughts. I had the sudden urge to show my repentance by becoming an International Missionary to preserve and strengthen the bureaucratic way of life today. I am a Boren-again bureaucrat."

- Jim Boren
President of the International Association
of Professional Bureaucrats

The above quotation from our speaker recalls his twenty years as a professional, academic, governmental and clerical bureaucrat. Dr. Boren is the Founder-President of the 1700 member organization which has members in 38 countries. He says, "Bureaucrats are not opposed to cutting red tape...as long as they cut it lengthwise. His guidelines are: when in charge, ponder; when in trouble, delegate; when in doubt, mumble.

Dr. Boren has been an educator, oil company president, and state, federal and international humorist. Much of his humor has been published in the Russian humor magazine *Krokodil*. His program this Wednesday is bound to bring out a lot of laughs from our membership. He says it is better to exchange humorists than bombs, because you can't fight when you are laughing. Here is his philosophy:

"Laughter has no accent."
"Sharing ignorance may not lead to wisdom, but it spreads responsibility
"Bureaucracy is the epoxy that greases the wheels of progress."
"If you are going to be a phony, be sincere about it."

Jim Boren has appeared on the Today Show, Good Morning, America, CNN, on all networks and on many talk shows. We know you will enjoy hearing him. **Why not take this opportunity to invite a friend - but if you do, why not call the Rotary Office, 842-1913, so we can give the Beaumont Hilton an accurate count. It will be appreciated!**

HOT BUFFET
Chicken Picate Sliced Roast Beef
New Potatoes Au Gratin Squash Buttered Broccoli
Lemon Ice Box Pie
Coffee/Iced Tea

COLD BUFFET
Soup du Jour
Assorted Meats & Cheeses Potato Chips
Tossed Salad Spiral Pasta Salad 3-Bean Salad
Spinach Salad Cole Slaw
Coffee/Iced Tea

HAPPY B-DAY!!!

D/B	ROTARIAN	PLACE OF BIRTH
5/30	GEORGE BROWN,III	BEAUMONT
5/31	MIKE WHITECOTTON	LUBBOCK
6/2	WALT SNIDER	BEAUMONT

RAMBLINGS...

Past President and Newscaster Larry Beaulieu got everyone's attention when he checked to see if Joe Austin and Jerry Mallett were in attendance this past Wednesday.

Then he related the story of a study at Texas A&M which says most superintendents lack vision to lead the education system toward change because they have left-brain behavioral preference.

"People with left-brained thinking styles see no need for change. They see only the task at hand and utilize the same administrative behaviors from decades in the past; they have no vision," said Elly Soler, who conducted the brain hemispheric study for her doctorate in educational administration.

However, she said Wednesday, superintendents can change.

They can develop new skills, or build a management team that complements such useful left-brained skills as organization with right-brained attributes of vision and creativity.

No comment from the superintendent or superintendent designate.

Member Verlon Bradley began his talk on duPont's Beaumont Works' pollution control efforts by saying he felt much like Liz Taylor's latest husband on his wedding night: He knew what he was supposed to do, but he wasn't sure he could make it interesting for us.

Nonetheless, he made a fine effort, and the only Morpheus Award recipient of the week was Earl Brickhouse.

Verlon noted:

•The duPont Beaumont Works comprises seven different business units - the Hypalon line, Nordel, Ammonia, acylonitrile, methanol, aniline and methyl methacrylate.

•duPont has sold its methanol operation, because it doesn't consider methanol its core business. It also is selling the methyl methacrylate business to ICI in a deal which will consolidate ICI's worldwide acrylic business and allow duPont to strengthen its worldwide nylon business.

•duPont has ended upon the top of pollution emission lists by virtue of the sheer size of its Beaumont operation, but the company has made substantial progress in curbing emissions.

•duPont has reduced toxics emitted into the environment by 40.3 percent since 1987 and air carcinogens by 35 percent. It has invested $100 million in emission reduction over the past five years, even though one study shows that industrial emissions account for only two percent of the reported cancers.

•The credo for the plant is, "We will not make, handle, sell, transport or dispose of any product unless we can do so safely and in an environmentally responsible manner," Verlon said.

In summing up, President Bruce remarked that he, too, felt like Liz Taylor's new husband. He had seen everything that was presented, but wasn't sure he could handle it all.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

At at meeting of your Board of Directors on Monday, May 18, the following were approved for publishing for membership, subject to this notice to you for your comment in writing to the Secretary within ten days:

E. STEPHEN (JAKE) JACOBS
"Assns: Private Clubs"
Tower Club
Proposer: Toby Castro

WALTER E. MYERS
Senior Active Membership
A. G. Edwards and Sons, Inc.
Proposer: Susan Dix Ramsdell

Your Board of Directors voted to record its opposition to Adopted Enactment 92-133 of the R. I. Council on Legislation, in the hopes that sufficient opposition will be indicated to bring this Enactment to the floor of the R. I. Convention in Orlando, Florida.

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 92-133

To permit a per capita annual dues increase of US$2.00 per year for a three year period payable by the clubs to RI to commence in 1993.

At the recent District Assembly in Lufkin, club presidents-elect of our District voted to increase the per capita annual district dues by $2.00. In January of 1992, R. I. increased the cost of THE ROTARIAN magazine $2.00 annually.

ROTARIANS: PLEASE NOTE INSERT WITH THIS GRAMS FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLUB BY-LAWS REVISION! WE WILL VOTE JUNE 3, 1992.