



DIANE M. WITTRY

Conductor

This week our club will enjoy having the lovely Diane Wittry for a patriotic pre-fourth celebration. Diane is Music Director and Conductor for the Allentown Symphony in Allentown, Pennsylvania. She has held her position there since 1995. As you know, prior to her position in Allentown, she was Music Director and Conductor for our own Symphony of Southeast Texas for four years.

Diane has guest conducted numerous orchestras, some of which are the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Florida Philharmonic, The Wichita Falls Symphony, and the Olympia Philharmonic Orchestra.

She has held the position of Music Director and Conductor for the Lamar Chamber Orchestra, the Pasadena Symphony, The Greater Miami Youth Symphony and the Southern California Sinfonia.

Ms. Wittry has received many honors and awards, some of which are the American Symphony Orchestra League's Helen M. Thompson Award, the Southeast

Texas Arts Council's Achievement Award and the Chamber Music America's Merit Award. She has been published in Newsweek, Upbeat, and The Instrumentalist.

This week's program was arranged by **PAULA BOTHE**.

PROGRAM REVIEW...

If you missed Lois Ann's Swansong, it's a sad day for you. The production and cast of characters brought amusement, outrageous acting (maybe not) and total enjoyment to the members (and it was a pretty packed house). Kenneth Starr Beaulieu and his Jefferson County Grand Jury of "Hang um Highs" charged President Lois Ann with abuse of power, promotion of the University of Texas, and high moral turpitude (whatever that is). The jury looked suspiciously like one that some of us have seen before. The defendant's opening statement of "I did nothing wrong, and if I did I didn't know it was wrong...at the time" did not pass muster with the jury.

George McTurco, Chancellor of A&M, doubted the defendant's integrity. Paul Bob Jones' testimony (that funny little man) claimed defamation of character and forcing the dance upon him. Webster Stubbell (**GERALD FLATTEN**) gave what has become his annual song concerning women in Rotary. The Boys from Dream Avenue did great dancing (**MICHAEL WOLF** and **ERIC LAWRENCE**) with the YMCA and insisted that Lois Ann was a regular at the lounge and she liked to dance (just not with her husband who never came along). Monty Lewinski (**BARBARA KNIGHT**) and her questionable attorney, Jill Ginzburg (**HARLAND MERRIAM**), made quite a case for the defendant's picking up young men and dancing at Camp Enterprise. Of course, the jury declared her guilty (they didn't even leave the room) but her husband Roberto (**LORI FALK**) stood steadfastly

by. The sentence: No more dancing, 3 years mandatory attendance at the Aggie bonfires, and Unseated as President of the Rotary club of Beaumont.

Lois Ann accepted the sentence graciously and thanked the club for making her year as President a great one! **JOHN QUIGLEY** will be inducted next week.

"30" SOMETHINGS
FOR YOU TO MEET THIS WEEK
GARY MOORE - Badges
MICHAEL COLLINS - Ticket Sales
DAN BATES & DAVID LOCKE - Buffet Lines
KAL KINCAID - Registration

RAMBLINGS...

So, what's the scoop from last week at Rotary?

At this one table, there was more Rice than I've seen since the last double-wedding. Sitting there were the following Rice graduates: **WALTER CRAWFORD**, **BOB BURNS** and **Marvelous MARVIN GORDY**. That's a load! **Doug Steinman** was at the next table and **CHESTER WEBER** was not far away (both wise Owls).

Were you aware that Rice limits its student enrollment to 4,000 including graduate school? So it is said. And that's at current levels. When Walter was there, the total was 1,400. In the days of Bob and Marv, the figures were around 2,400 or so.

Walter brags that in his senior year ('32 I think) Rice won the Southwest Conference. Marv tops that by saying that Rice won the conference 4 out of 5 years it took him to get his Associate's Degree...or was that an Architectural Degree? Bob Burns was very silent. Guess which one was in the most recent graduating class? **DALE DOWELL** took all this in with a sly grin; as did Carol Flatten, **GERALD's** lovely wife...both of them deep burnt orange.

Speaking of the Marvelous one: He

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CLUB NEWS

is again going fly fishing in Montana this July. Has to travel on horseback for two days across rivers and gorges, and up rugged mountain peaks to reach this certain hidden glacial lake, up above tree line at 15,000 feet, where the big ones are hiding. Seems like there is a big one in there, all right.

Walter has the choice of staying in Beaumont to attend a July 4th Bar-B-Q with an old flame, or to cool it in Colorado for a couple of weeks. Guess what Mary Edna had to say about that?

Carol Flatten: Now, there's a lovely person! She has come out of retirement of late, to serve as the first Executive Director of the Foundation for Southeast Texas. Not aware of what that is? Stay tuned. You'll be hearing more about this new Foundation as it becomes public. It has the promise of underpinning the future economic stability of the cultural and charitable organizations of our area, far into the future. Also involved in this enterprise are such notable Rotarians as EVELYN LORD, WILTON WHITE, JOHN QUIGLEY, FLOYD McSPADDEN, LARRY BEAULIEU, MAURINE GRAY, PEG TOWERS, CHARLES TURCO, DOUG STEINMAN, SUSAN RAMSDALL, and DAVE HITT, plus a cast of thousands from Southeast Texas. Exciting things are coming.

Our thanks to CINDY BLOODSWORTH for a wonderful year as the Editor of Rotarygrams! Her careful administration and slave-driving techniques got this darned thing published faithfully every week. Loved the way she gently enlisted help, systematically reminded contributors of their assignments, and then thoughtfully thanked everyone for their efforts. It is best never to get in her debt.

THE WEAK CAN NEVER FORGIVE. FORGIVENESS IS THE ATTRIBUTE OF THE STRONG.

-Mahatma Gandhi



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TO ATTEND THE ...**

CLUB ASSEMBLY 98-99

TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JULY 7,
1998 AT GIGLIO'S, 155 MLK PKWY.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER PREPARED BY PDG ALEX BROUSSARD AND PALS AT 5:30 P.M. ASSEMBLY WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 AND WILL BE OVER BY 7:00.

PLEASE CALL TRICIA IN THE ROTARY OFFICE AT 842-1913 AND LET HER KNOW OF YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND.

A PITCH FOR SUCCESS

Sometimes accomplishment is simply a matter of perspective. Sometimes it may need a word or two of explanation. This was apparent in the case of the boy who received a new baseball bat and ball for his birthday.

The youngster went to the park with his father and proceeded to demonstrate his prowess. He tossed the ball in the air, swung the bat mightily, and completely missed the ball.

He then repeated the throw and swung, again failing to connect. After a third swing and miss, the boy whooped for joy and ran over to his father.

"Well, what do you think, Dad? Have you ever seen such terrific pitching?"

- from Humor for All Occasions

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Your Board of Directors met on June 22 and the following actions pertaining to membership were taken:

Resignations Accepted With Regret:
GENE RAMSEY, "Assns: Chamber of Commerce"

SUE TELLIER, "University Finance"
Approved for Membership, subject to this notice given you for comment in writing to the Secretary within ten days:

Jerome Cartwright Dick, Executive Director, Jefferson County Bar Foundation. Nominated by **BESSIE CHISUM** and approved for membership under classification "Assns: Jefferson County Bar Foundation."

Tommy Harrison, Sales Manager, LDS Communications. Nominated by **BILL LUCAS** and approved for "Communications-Long Distance Telecommunications."

Judy Rienstra, Executive Director, Jefferson County Bar Association. Nominated by **BESSIE CHISUM** and approved for "Assns: Jefferson County Bar Association."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Jul 1 - 7

07/02	JOHN KUHLMAN	Austin
07/04	FRANK MAIDA	Beaumont
07/07	HANS KOHLER	Stuttgart, Germany
07/07	TOM LAMB, JR.	Beaumont

NEAR-BY MAKE-UPS . . .

MONDAY

So. Park	12 N, Holiday Inn-Midtown	
N. Port Arthur	12 N, Holiday Inn-Hwy 69	
Vidor	12 N, Old Faith Chapel	

TUESDAY

West Bmt.	12 N, Post Oak Grill	
Port Neches	12 N, Pompano Club	

WEDNESDAY

Groves	12 N Pompano Club	
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THURSDAY

Port Arthur	12 N, Ramada Inn	
Bridge City	12 N, St. Paul Methodist Ch.	

FRIDAY

Nederland	12 N. Schooner	
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Practically Amazing!

JK at the airport

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