



It is no secret that many members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont are competitive, very competitive. Next week, our "program" will be the beginning of a genuine competition, but one designed to take our Club into the next millenium.

Behind the scenes, the leaders of the competition have been plotting and planning. On June 30, they met at an undisclosed location and drafted teams made up of you, the membership of our club.

Like those days of our youth, some of us were first-round draft choices. Some were mid-rounders. And some weren't selected at all.

At next Wednesday's meeting, the teams will be revealed: from Tommy's Terminators to Laurel's Lizards; Stanton's Sultans of Swat and Beaulieu's Bash Brothers.

Word has leaked out that Past President Lois Ann's team is planning a skit; Barbara Knight's squad has a visual presentation; and heaven only knows what Harland Merriam's merry band has on tap.

The grand scheme of the competition will be a secret until Wednesday but it can be revealed that there will be a baseball theme - the home run race (62 would

break the record) as well as singles, doubles and triples will be involved.

There will be prizes, of course, and very valuable ones at that. Whether you want to get into the spirit of the competition or just watch your fellow Rotarians challenge each other, come join us Wednesday at the Hilton and have some fun.

HAVE YOU PROPOSED A MEMBER RECENTLY? THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATIONS ARE OPEN. PLEASE CONSIDER PROPOSING SOMEONE FOR ONE OF THEM:

- "Drug Stores"
- "Records Management"
- "Technical Training School"
- "Public Schools Administration"
- "Mortgage Banking"
- "Health Foods-Retailing"
- "Cafeterias"

PROGRAM REVIEW...

It was a return to the "Good Old Days" for Rotary members who grew up in Beaumont during the 1940's and 1950's. For those who did not, it was a window into a simpler and gentler time in our city's history.

Native Beaumont, Dr. Archie McDonald of Stephen F. Austin University, shared his recollections of growing up in Beaumont during the forties and fifties. Born in 1935, his earliest recollections are of our entry into World War II. With a rendition of "Remember Pearl Harbor" he brought us back to the days of ration books, red points, v-mail and war bond drives. On a more local note he recalled the Crest store fire, out of town relatives living with his family to work in Beaumont's war industries and the personal sacrifices that everyone made everyday..."there was a war on" people would say.

Moving on to the 1950's, Dr. McDonald sang "Blueberry Hill" to recall his years at French High School. The life

of a teenager then included dates at movie theaters like the Jefferson, Liberty, Rio, Tivoli, the new Gaylynn and the South Park Drive-In. Beaumont radio featured the Big Bopper and Gordon Baxter. Shopping was at the White House (the only valet parking in town) but their blue jeans always came from Hoffer's. Of course, boys being boys, there was shooting pool at the Texas Club and wondering what was really going on across the street at the Dixie Hotel.

He recalled his dating days singing "There Goes My Baby (bye bye love)" and then recalling his marriage to wife, Judy, in 1957, he bravely sang "Only Fools Rush In". Dr. McDonald then proceeded to recall the names of dozens of folks that he remembers growing up with and spoke nostalgically of a Beaumont that was just big enough to have the theaters, restaurants and stores you wanted, but was still small enough for individual safety. Where "mugging" was something you did with your girlfriend at the drive-in, "dope" was information and a "drive by" was something you did at the Pig Stand on Friday night to see who was there with who. His final song seemed to close that period in his life appropriately, "The Class of '57 Had Its Dreams".

"30" SOMETHINGS
FOR YOU TO MEET THIS WEEK
 BECKY AMES - Badges
 ARTHUR MARTIN - Ticket Sales
 ANN SCOGGINS & DAN BATES - Buffet Lines
 BRAD FOWLER - Registration

RAMBLINGS...

This summer, fellow Rotarians are traveling for fun and enjoyment. DAVE HITT recently returned from a week in Winter Park, Colorado, where he enjoyed white water rafting, hiking, sightseeing, identifying wild flowers, and even 4th of July fireworks.

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CLUB NEWS

CAMILLE MOUTON traveled to Great Britain to visit her daughter, Ashley Rodemacher, and her husband. You may remember Ashley as Beaumont Rotary's 90-91 Ambassadorial Scholarship recipient. Since then, she has earned a Masters in International Politics from the University of South Hampton, England and a law degree from the University of Texas. Ashley is a member of the Foreign Service and is a staff aide to the United States Ambassador to Great Britain. One of the highlights of Camille's trip was seeing the Queen in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Keeping his feet firmly planted in Beaumont, but taking extended brainstorming trips is ALAN COLEMAN. As General Chairman of the United Way of North Jefferson County's upcoming 98-99 campaign, Alan has set a historic goal of \$3 million. TERRY BOURDIER, United Way Executive Director, reports that a 1996 study showed that our community has the potential to raise over \$10 million, based on the population giving an average gift and their "fair share."

Alan has set the theme for this year's campaign, "Join the United Way Family." The Campaign will be launched Friday, September 11 in the Parish Hall of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Food will be furnished compliments of the Sabine Area Restaurant Association. To add to the traditional lively reporting sessions at United Way luncheons, Campaign leaders will be dressed like their favorite cartoon characters. Alan will be "Dentist the Menace." They should sell tickets!

LORI FALK was in usual good form at the Board meeting and choked out loud when it was announced that hubby, JOHN JOHNSON was assisting Greg Shepard with electrical wiring at Rotary's "bird house." As Lori explained, John had a part time job during college as an electrician, but at home, for outdoor lighting she had to use an extension cord. What's the saying about the town cobbler and his children?

WEST BEAUMONT CHANGES MEETING PLACE

For those of you who have enjoyed making up at West Beaumont lately, please note that the location of their meetings has changed. Until further notice, the Club will meet at The Beaumont Hilton. President Les Long wishes to notify our Club that they hope this to be a long standing arrangement with the Hilton.

GO VAN GOGH

After careful research, it has been discovered that the artist Vincent Van Gogh had many relatives. Among them:

- * His obnoxious brother: Please Gogh
- * His dizzy aunt: Verti Gogh
- * The brother who ate prunes: Gotta Gogh
- * The brother who worked at a convenience store: Stopn Gogh
- * The grandfather from Yugoslavia: Hue Gogh
- * The cousin from Illinois: Chica Gogh
- * His magician uncle: Wherediddy Gogh
- * The nephew who drove a stagecoach: Wellsfar Gogh
- * An aunt who taught positive thinking: Wayto Gogh
- * The little bouncy nephew: Poe Gogh
- * A sister who loved disco: Go Gogh
- * His fruit loving cousin: Man Gogh
- * The bird lover uncle: Flamin Gogh

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Your Board of Directors met on July 20 and the following actions pertaining to membership were taken:

Resignations Accepted With Regret:
BILL MORRIS. "Classification Pending"

JOHN WILKINSON. "Brokerage Firm-Branch Manager"

Approved for Membership, subject to notice given you for comment in writing to the Secretary within ten days:

M. Lynn Cummins, Executive Director for Casa of Southeast Texas.

Proposed by ROBERT EDGAR and approved for "Assns: Casa-Court Appointed Special Advocates."

Phil Dunlap, Partner/Attorney with Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt. Proposed by JOHN QUIGLEY and approved for "Law-Title Law Practice."

Dr. Miriam Schillingsburg, Dean of Arts & Sciences, Lamar University. Proposed by ROBERT SWERDLOW and approved for "Education - University Arts & Sciences."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Jul 29 - Aug 4

07/29	PAT PARSONS	Lufkin
07/30	E. MACON WARE	Corpus Christi
08/02	JACK SCHENCK	Morgantown, WV
08/03	HAL PATTON	Dallas
08/03	JACK TURNER	Crockett

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, Beaumont Hilton
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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