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John Hildreth became the President of the Coalition for Affordable Power - Texas in May 1996. CAP-TX was established by six electric utilities in Texas to bring together individuals, organizations, and businesses concerned with the ramifications of deregulating the electric utility industry.

Prior to joining CAP-TX, Hildreth served as director of the Southwest Regional Office for Consumers Union, the publisher of *Consumer Reports*. As one of three advocacy offices operated by Consumers Union, the Southwest Regional Office under Hildreth's leadership was an aggressive advocate for consumers, particularly low income consumers, on a wide range of issues. During his seven year tenure significant consumer victories were achieved in insurance reform, health care, utility regulation, affordable housing, consumer credit, and regulatory streamlining.

From 1982 until late 1988, Hildreth was executive director of Common Cause

of Texas, a nonpartisan organization committed to openness, integrity, and accountability in government. Common Cause had a leading role in securing major reforms in open meetings/open records, ethics legislation, campaign finance reporting, lobby regulation, and the sunset process.

Hildreth, a native of Alabama, studied in the area of public policy at The American University in Washington, D.C. and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Benedictine Resource Center. He is chair of the Center for Public Policy Priorities Advisory Committee in Austin.

Among earlier positions of service, Hildreth was a member of the National Governing Board of Common Cause and trustee at The American University, member of the Blue Ribbon Ethics Review Committee for the City of Austin, Chair of the Travis County Revolving Door Task Force, and member of numerous boards and agencies at the local, regional, and national levels of the United Methodist Church.

This week's program was arranged by GREG SHEPARD.

"30" SOMETHINGS
FOR YOU TO MEET THIS WEEK
 JANICE TRAMMELL - Badges
 CHRIS COLLETTI - Ticket Sales
 TIM KENNEDY & ANN SCOGGIN - Buffet
 Lines
 PHIL DUNLAP - Registration

PROGRAM REVIEW...

Last week, our club was entertained by members of the cast of "The Fantasticks". "The Fantasticks" is a play currently being performed by the Beaumont Community Players.

Performances were held at the Jefferson Theater in downtown Beaumont on September 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12. The September 5 performance received a standing ovation from an enthusiastic crowd.

The program was introduced by PAULA BOTHE who began by saying, "Goodbye scooters, you will truly miss an enjoyable program." Paula was right on as Chris Hardin, Carrie Deorsam and Brian Akers serenaded the group.

The first number was a classic tune, "Try to Remember", sung eloquently by Mr. Hardin with the accompaniment of Mr. Akers and Ms. Deorsam. This song was followed by a duet, "Beyond That Road", performed by Mr. Hardin and Mr. Akers. A third number, "They Were You" was performed by Mr. Akers and Ms. Deorsam.

Ms. Bothe pointed out that this may be the last opportunity for Beaumonters to see Mr. Hardin perform in Beaumont. He will be moving on to bigger and better stages and unless southeast Texas comes forward the future of live theatrical performances in our area may come to an end. The theater is a vital and wholesome entertainment alternative that would be truly missed.

Rotarians who left early missed an enjoyable program and hopefully the citizens of Southeast Texas will not also walk out on theater.

RAMBLINGS

BRIAN ALTER was heard debating what baseball records will be the next to fall since Mark McGwire surpassed 61 home runs. BEN ORGAIN offered Joe Dimaggio's hitting streak of 56 games and Hack Wilson's 190 RBI's as records that will probably not be broken... PRESIDENT QUIGLEY told the club that we would keep our home run target no matter how many Mr. McGwire hits this year. He also informed the club that if

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