



MR. JOHN LIND
President

VenueTech Management Group

Throughout his career, John Lind has been actively involved in the management and development of convention, performing arts and entertainment facilities, including his past position as Stadium Director of Candlestick Park in San Francisco. In this position, as well as in his work as the Manager of the Visalia Convention Center and Theatre Facilities, he has gained valuable experience in the areas of business development, event production and the management of capital improvement projects. The restoration of several performing arts theatres, the administration of a \$30 million renovation of Candlestick Park and the management of the stadium during the San Francisco Earthquake and World Series rank as the personal highlights of his career.

John has a masters degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco. He is particularly passionate about the restoration and reuse of historic structures.

In 1995, representatives of the

Jefferson Theatre Preservation Society and Beaumont Main Street made a commitment to find the nations' most qualified individual to help create and implement a business plan for Beaumont's magnificent Jefferson Theatre. The individual selected was John Lind.

This business plan is the foundation for ongoing facility management, successful fund development strategies and future operations, after restoration, of this National Register property.

Plans to restore the Jefferson Theatre are successfully underway and should be completed in time for the Spindletop 2001 celebration.

Since 1997, the community has been able to continue working with John because of the assistance provided by The B.A. and Elinor Steinhagen Benevolent Trust.

This week's program was arranged by **CAROLYN HOWARD**.

provider will be. He has been the President of The Coalition for Affordable Power - Texas since May of 1996. CAP-TX has been established by the six Texas utilities companies to bring together individuals, businesses and organizations concerned with the ramifications of deregulating the electric utility industry in Texas.

Mr. Hildreth spoke about the problems that have surfaced in other areas in the nation due to this deregulation. California seems to be the leader in this area. CAP-TX is closely watching California for where they have made mistakes and for where they have done well, trying to help steer the lawmakers of Texas in the right direction.

CAP-TX acts as a great resource for consumers in the state of Texas on this important issue which will give us the choice on who our electric provider will be.

Special thanks to **GREG SHEPARD** for arranging last week's program.

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

PROGRAM REVIEW..

Last week our club was privileged to have a fantastic speaker, John Hildreth. Mr. 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. His work has focused on consumers and public rights.

Mr. Hildreth spoke on the deregulation of the electric industry and the effect that will have on consumers as this deregulation comes to Texas and gives consumers a choice on who their electric

RAMBLINGS

Rotarians welcomed the sunshine and brief respite from the rains and were greeted at the badge board by **JANICE TRAMMELL**. While viewing the Helsinki exchange program poster with Janice, **DOROTHY HENGES** recounted some of the highlights of her recent tour of Scandinavia. Amber Johnson, our new assistant in the Rotary office, seemed like a pro at the ticket sales table.

EVELYN LORD, chairman of the Spindletop Centennial 2001 Committee, was delighted with the news she had just received. She had just learned that former president George Bush has agreed to serve as the honorary chairman of this celebration.

According to **BENNY HUGHES**, the Terrell Historical Newsletter stated that **ROBERT ROBERTSON'S** book, Her Majesty's Texas, will be out in

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CLUB NEWS

November. The book is about the post civil war reconstruction period and may be the perfect holiday gift for someone on your list. Additionally, for anyone wanting a reason to go to England, an autographing party has been arranged in Kingston, England. The book is published by the Texas A & M Press.

ARTHUR BERRY indicated that business at Texas Coffee Company was doing quite well. He wondered if perhaps more men were finding their way to the kitchens to test their culinary skills.

BILL MCCLEERY began his day with the annual kickoff breakfast for United Way.

A reception honoring **DOUG STEINMAN** for his service to the community, especially the H.O.W. Center, will be held on September 24 from 4:30-6:00 at 2509 Cable. All are welcome to stop by. (See related article in this issue of *Rotarygrams*.)

H.O.W. CENTER UPDATE (Honesty, Open mindedness, Willingness)

Let's go back to the fall of 1994. That's the year **DAVID HITT** was our Rotary Club President and **CHUCK MASON** was Projects Chairman. After careful consideration, Rotarians adopted the construction of the H.O.W. Center's new kitchen/dining facility as its project. The Center, organized in 1992, provides housing and programs for adult males just released from treatment. The project which was completed in early 1995 was made possible through the efforts of our Rotary Club.

Directors at the H.O.W. Center want you to know what a roaring success the Center has turned out to be. They are currently operating at full capacity, with a waiting list. Rotarians are concerned about crime and addiction and have played a great part in the success of the Center.

Recent grants for the Center have been awarded from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Emergency Shelter Grant Program ("ESGP"). The Center received \$62,000 in 1997-98 and \$53,276 for 1998-99 from ESGP.

On September 24, **DOUG STEINMAN**, who served as architect of the project will be recognized at a reception for his service and many contributions to the community. According to **CHUCK MASON**, Doug was the force behind the project. He recalled one time when hospitalized, Doug checked himself out of the hospital to check on the project. He constantly came up with new ideas to incorporate, making the project more valuable.

You are invited to stop by the Center at 2509 Cable Street between 4:30 and 6 p.m. on September 24.

SEVERE FLOODING IN INDIA PARALYZES COMMUNITIES

Governor Raj Krishna Das of District 3120 in Uttar Pradesh, India, reports that the entire eastern portion of the district has experienced the worst flooding the populace has seen in more than 60 years. Roads and railways are severely damaged, while telephone lines and electricity remain cut off from many areas. Rotary clubs in the area are working hard to provide direct relief to communities, but the overwhelming damage continues to hamper these efforts.

To contribute to relief efforts, Rotarians can make checks payable to The Rotary Foundation (earmarked for Flood Disaster Relief in District 3120) and send them to The Rotary Foundation, c/o Harris Trust and Savings Bank, P.O. Box 71169, Chicago, Illinois 60694-1169.

QUIGLEY FIELD SCOREBOARD	
Quigley's Cleanup Hitters	30
Floyd's Flock	12
Stanton's Sultans of Swat	12
Laurel's Lizards	10
Beaulieu's Bandits	8
Membership Wiz	7
B.K.'s Bodacious Batters	6
The First Team	5
Ray Riley	3
The Chosen Ones	1

**THE BASES ARE BEING LOADED
AND A GRAND SLAM IS ON THE
WAY. HOW MANY RBI'S HAVE
YOU ACHIEVED?**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Sep 23 - 29

09/23	GATOR DOLLINGER	Beaumont
09/23	CHARLES TURCO	Brooklyn, NY
09/24	DOHN LABICHE	Lake Charles, LA
09/25	JERRY NATHAN	Beaumont
09/25	HUBERT OXFORD, III	Beaumont
09/25	JOY REAGAN	St. Louis, MO
09/27	JAY JOHNSON	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, Beaumont Hilton	
Port Neches	12 N, Pompano Club	
WEDNESDAY		
Groves	12 N Pompano Club	
THURSDAY		
Port Arthur	12 N, Ramada Inn	
Bridge City	12 N, St. Paul Methodist Ch.	
FRIDAY		
Nederland	12 N. Schooner	

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