

CE'99

19th Year

Largest Annual Program

March 4, 5, & 6, 1999

Over the past several years, the Camp Enterprise Chairmen and their committees have succeeded in making the camp more educational and more fun.

- Rotarians are cooking again, much to the delight of the participants and our infamous cooks have received rave reviews.

- Facilities at BISD Outdoor Education Center in Lumberton lend themselves to a real camp atmosphere, and will be made more 'user-friendly' with the installation of the new "Rotary" hot water heaters.

- Programs have gone through a process of fine-tuning and are set up to include more student involvement.

- Business Field Trips have been a big success with many Rotarians touring 8-10 students through their businesses explaining the free enterprise system.

Then there is the fun -- a Talent Contest, lunch with Rotarians and a very animated Auction on the final day. Ice cream flows throughout the weekend, cold drinks are always available and the wonderful smell of popcorn permeates the meeting room.

And finally, with the camp itself fine tuned, we examined past levels of student participation. During the last two years, our focus has switched from a student being 'sent to camp' to a student 'applying for the privilege of attending'. This philosophy change has improved the calibre of participants.

Our goal this year is to return to a participation level of 100 students. Thus our focus is on recruitment with volunteers already hard at work contacting Rotary Clubs and School Counselors. Having a Jr. Class Student Council Representative in each school ensures that news of Camp Enterprise is spread throughout the student

population. Press releases and media information have already been extremely effective.

But, fellow Rotarians, here is where your assistance is needed. If you have children or grand-children, nieces or nephews that are juniors in high school this year, we request that you talk to them and their friends about the camp. Application packets can be obtained from the Rotary office or from school counselors.

A Camp Enterprise program would not be complete without the request for volunteers. There are many ways you can participate and join our Camp Enterprise Team: donate prizes, offer your place of business as a field trip location, help out in the kitchen, serve as an overnight chaperone, become a member of the clean-up crew, sign up as a general helper and of course be a warm-Rotarian-body for a few hours any time during the camp.

All Rotarians have an open invitation to join us at camp! Let's make this year our very best!!

Laurel Martin
General Chairman

PROGRAM REVIEW...

Last week, the Chairman of the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority, Jack M. Rains, spoke to our club. His discussion centered around the new baseball stadium being constructed in Houston, Texas.

The Ballpark at Union Station will be the new home to the Houston Astros baseball team. The use of public and private funding will allow for this development which may spur further development in the downtown area. Mr. Rains feels that this public-private partnership is vital to improving areas which would not otherwise attract redevelopment. In addition to speaking to our Rotary Club Mr. Rains toured downtown Beaumont and was excited about the numerous projects slated for our city.

The new stadium for Houston will be a

fan friendly facility. It will be a "...Camden Yard with a retractable roof." The view for the fan should be fantastic as you will be able to see the Houston skyline from your seat. The goal is to have a stadium that will look as good twenty years from now as it does today. The stadium is scheduled to open in April of 2000.

A major concern for the Sports Authority was the use of a retractable roof and the problems associated with this type of building. Assurances and guarantees have been obtained to ensure the product will function as advertised. Another area of concern has been parking for visitors to the ballpark. Mr. Rains stated that the downtown area has over 90,000 parking spaces available. With the use of the new trolley system and metro buses from park and ride venues parking should not be a problem. A fan will have numerous choices of parking and therefore greater competition should reduce the cost of this element of going to a ballgame.

The Sports Authority is also beginning the initial phases of creating a new basketball/hockey facility. This project will be located adjacent to the Astrodome complex and should be completed by 2003. And as soon as NFL football comes back to Houston a new facility will be constructed for that purpose. Mr. Rains assured the audience that under no scenario will a football stadium be built before the city acquires a team.

The funding for these projects has been made possible by using hotel and rental car taxes. It is estimated that these taxes, which do not affect the residents of Houston directly, will generate an annual income of \$24 million.

A benefit of this new construction of sports facilities and other related infrastructure improvements will be Houston's attempt to acquire an Olympic Games in the early part of the next century. Should this materialize surrounding communities, like Beaumont, may be able to pro-

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vide venues for some of the events. This would be a very exiting accomplishment for Houston and southeast Texas.

In addition to Mr. Rains visiting Beaumont he brought the model of The Ballpark at Union Station to be displayed at Community Bank. It has been estimated that the reconstruction cost for this model which features audio as well as visual effects would be \$130,000.

RAMBLINGS

PRESIDENT QUIGLEY announced that the membership drive had concluded with over 40 new applicants for membership. We did not achieve our exact goal, but the campaign was very successful. Other current news is the return of the USS Pelican to Beaumont. She will be visiting Beaumont along with five other U.S. Naval ships. The Pelican was originally commissioned in Beaumont and a ceremony for a command change will be conducted at this time...It was heard that **AZIM KERAMATI** is too old to have a two year old son, Cameron. I believe it was one of those later in life pleasant surprises. It seems that the toll of this youngster has dampened Azim's golf game, he recently had 6 birdies and an eagle but could only score a 70. Too bad, Azim. Also **RIX GAREY** commented that the new ballpark in Houston should have large enough ramps to accommodate wheelchairs and baby carriages at the same time. This will aid those later in life fathers.

Rotarian killed in Kenya blast remembered as 'dedicated bridge-builder'

On the first weekend in August, Julian Leotis Bartley worked with other members of his Rotary Club of Nairobi, Kenya, to help organize the country's upcoming National Immunization Day. The next weekend was to be the start of his club's "Kick Polio Out of Kenya" campaign.

Bartley, the consul general at the U.S. Embassy, had been a member of the Nairobi Rotary club for slightly more than a year, but the former member of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., had immediately thrown himself into his new club's activities, according to fellow Rotarian John Savage.

On Friday, August 7, John Black, another Nairobi Rotarian, was just about to pick up the phone to ask Bartley if - apart from his own time and dedication - he would once again loan his moody Land Rover for the good cause.

At that moment, a terrorist bomb ripped through the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, killing Bartley, his 20-year old son, Jay Bartley, and more than 200 others.

Following the initial shock of the tragedy, Bartley's wife of 27 years, Sue Powell Bartley, asked Rotarians Stephen Mwenesi, Neil McDougall and John Black to organize a memorial and thanksgiving service for Julian on August 27. Hundreds of friends and fellow members of the diplomatic corps attended the event, celebrating the life of a man who worked tirelessly for "Service Above Self."

U.S. Ambassador Prudence Bushnell, herself wounded in the bombing, described Bartley, one of the highest-ranking African American Foreign Service officers, as a "dedicated bridge-builder" whose aim was to bring people closer together.

His fellow club members recalled a Rotarian who loved jazz, dancing and golf, and was always ready to lend a hand in any club endeavor.

Bartley's legacy will continue to inspire, said Savage. "Already it is evident just how much this horrific bomb blast has pulled together the people of Kenya; even people hitherto divided by tribe, religion, background or passion," he said. "The bridges Julian had started to build may be here to stay after all."

A REPORT FROM QUIGLEY FIELD

The final results of the membership drive won't be known until the proposals made prior to September 30 are processed by our hard-working classification committee, chaired by **STEWART CHISUM**.

But it appears that Laurel's Lizards and Quigley's Clean-Up Hitters will battle to the finish for the **TEAM** championship, while Past President **ROBERT SWERDLOW**, **JERRY DUTY** and President **JOHN QUIGLEY** are in the running for the individual title.

From the point of view of Rotary International and District Governor Dan Davis, all of us are winners because we worked together, had fun, and attracted more people to Rotary.

Stay on the look-out for potential Rotarians. On June 30, 1999, we will be judged on how many members we have managed to get - **AND KEEP**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Oct 14-20

10/14	PAUL DAVIDSON	Houston
10/16	LONNIE HOOD	Beaumont
10/16	CHARLES LOCKE	Fort Worth
10/16	LARRY PORTER	Jean, TX
10/17	DAVID HEILMAN	Kansas City, MO
10/18	BILL BENNING	Dayton, OH
10/18	EARL HINES	Port Arthur

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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