

PROGRAM PREVIEW

**JUDY RENICK, M.A., L.C.D.C.
A Response to Violent Youth In
America**

This week our club will hear from Judy Renick who is a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor and a licensed Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Instructor with a Master of Arts in Counseling. She is presently Program Director of the Juvenile Justice Video Instruction Project, which is a project of the Governor's office, Division of Criminal Justice. Formerly she was Senior Counselor at San Marcos High School and Director of Southwest Texas State University's Youth Gang Drug Prevention Planning Grant. She ran a gang rehabilitation center in Chicago for 3 years, and was the supervisor of the alternative school for San Marcos CISD for 3 years. She has over 20 years experience in working with schools as a teacher, counselor, and consultant. Ms. Renick has conducted workshops in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Louisiana, Mississippi, and throughout Texas on youth gangs, violence, alternative schools, drug awareness, and crisis intervention.

Ms. Renick will first speak to us about the Juvenile Justice Video Instruction Project. Texas is responding to the need of law enforcement agencies to exert consistent, fair, but firm treatment of violent and delinquent juveniles. The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division has awarded Southwest Texas State University, through the Center for Initiatives in Education, a grant to produce a training video which will be used by every law enforcement agency in Texas. The Juvenile Justice Video Instruction Project will directly impact Texas Law Enforcement Officers in dealing with juveniles. JJVIP will produce 2700 training videos and training manuals which will use case studies to demonstrate and explain proper procedures for law enforce-

ment to use when taking juveniles into custody.

An advisory group made up of knowledgeable representatives from law enforcement, schools, and persons with legal expertise in matters relevant to title 3 of the Texas Family Code and Title II of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act, will ensure that correct and needed information is provided in the videotapes and training manuals. Beaumont's Judge Skip Hulett is one of the advisory group members who was selected from throughout Texas.

She will also discuss about "Gangs in My Town". One of the case studies in the training video is on youth gangs and how Texas Law Enforcement Officers can deal with the gangs. We have seen what the state is doing to respond on the level of law enforcement. But what can communities like Beaumont do?

The following areas will be explored: 1(Warning signs of gang activity 2) What can communities do? 3) What can schools do? 4) What can families do?

We would like to thank SKIP HULETT for arranging this weeks program.

PROGRAM REVIEW...

This past week our Club with approximately 21 new members were informed on one of our major projects, Camp Enterprise. LAUREL MARTIN as chairwoman of CE '99 presented the program which included two ex-campers and a TV interview.

Ms. Martin explained that CE has gone through numerous changes over the past few years, a return of Rotarian cooking, revamped program and inclusion of business field trips have added life to a 19 year old project. Her goal for 1999 is to bring attendance back up to prior levels of 100 students. By providing early notification, use of advertisement and identifying representatives in each school

she believes that increased enrollment can be attained. The student recruitment committee has been hard at work even though camp is not scheduled until March 4, 5, and 6, 1999.

In her recent TV interview on the show Community Highlights, Ms. Martin explained the history, benefits and program of Camp Enterprise. She told the club that "...when the microphone is given to you the blood flow in your head stops." She was probably too critical of herself as the tape showed that she represented herself, Rotary and Camp Enterprise well. She explained to the community that CE has students from as far north as Nacogdoches to Galveston Island in the south and west toward College Station and eastward up to the Louisiana border. A broad diverse group of students is a welcome site at CE. When asked if the students ate well at camp, Ms. Martin was quick to say that the students were "well fed, both physically and mentally."

Layla Keramati, an alumni of CE '98 and daughter of Rotarian AZIM KERAMATI, spoke to the club on her experience at camp. She indicated that she was able to meet many different people from other schools and has been able to keep in touch with some of these students. Also, she was able to get to know her fellow classmates at Westbrook High School a little better. She thanked Rotary for taking the time and energy to provide a program like CE. She believes she will truly benefit from what she learned while at camp.

Amber Johnson, an alumni of CE '95 and currently an assistant in our Rotary Office, also spoke of her experiences at CE. She has enjoyed working with Rotary and recognizing all the different people she remembers from her camp term. She recalled two important lessons she learned for business; advertisement and teamwork. Also, she fondly remembers Eric Lawrence's advertisement slo-

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gan, "...in Beaumont".

Again CE '99 will be held on March 4, 5, and 6, 1999. It will be housed at the BISD Outdoor Education Center located in Lumberton, Texas. When you are called upon to help, remember that you will be helping a future generation of Rotarians.

RAMBLINGS

Again the Rotary Club of Beaumont meeting was held under the West Beaumont Rotary Club banner. This may cause some confusion for West Beaumont Rotarians who were making up a meeting. Were they making up a meeting or were we making up a meeting?...

PRESIDENT QUIGLEY announced that approximately 21 new members have come on since the recent membership drive. Speaking of new members, it was nice to see **CINDY BLOODSWORTH** sitting at the head table with Joe Nell Evans, a new Rotarian who is also Cindy's mother. There were still 33 pending applications so the final standings are not known as of today. He also announced that the November 18 meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza....**BRAD BROWN, BOBBIE APPLIGATE** and **MARY ELLEN ROBERTSON** were sitting together commiserating over an IRS deadline of October 15. Also, seen coming up for air was **DENNIS MONCLA** who has been residing at the South Texas State Fair grounds for the past few days. Not only is he a Rotarian, but a member of YMBL which holds this annual event. Keep up the good work...After A&M's big victory over Nebraska even some die hard UT fans were seen giving them credit. But, Texas Tech is the only undefeated team...**PAUL PARKER** and **TOMMY LAMB** were discussing the problems of teenagers going to Homecoming dances. Paul lamented that when his son is driving he cannot go to sleep until he comes in. What goes around comes around.

Project Bambino D'Oro gives Brazilian kids a better life

Since 1964, the Rotary Club of Cahoerio de Itapemirim, Brazil, has run the Rotary School in the Zubmi district, an area populated mostly by low-income families. The school is funded by the government, but the Rotary club is responsible for the upkeep of the facility, and Rotarians sit on the school's board of directors.

For the 1997-98 Rotary year, the club bolstered its commitment to the school by initiating a project called Bambino D'Oro (Golden Child). The project is an attempt to provide the children - who live in an area where drug dealers and other criminals can often influence young minds - with the type of education and well-being necessary to guide them to better lives. "Project Bambino D' Oro is aimed at transforming the rough nugget - represented by the needy child - into a useful jewel to society," said Izabel Lacerda Salviano da Costa, the club's president.

The club has recruited a team of experts to work with the children and to deliver lectures at the school to the students' families. A dentist, a gynecologist, a psychologist and others have donated their expertise to the cause. Through the project, the students will learn computing and will also have music added to their curriculum. Lectures will touch upon such topics as birth control, AIDS, cancer, drugs and tobacco, and families' rights.

The project is also special because of who is running it, Costa said. Dr. Neuza Maria Bertholdi, the club's Community Service chairperson, is in charge of the project, and that means that she has come full circle: Bertholdi, an accomplished dentist, attended the Rotary school as a child.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Several members were rewarded at last week's meeting for accomplishing perfect attendance at Rotary meetings for one or more years. Those presented with perfect attendance pins were:

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| Buz Brown | 5 years |
| Jim Tarbett | 9 years |
| John Kuhlman | 17 years |
| Dan Aran | 19 years |
| Howard Bundy | 19 years |
| Fred Kristiansen | 23 years |
| John T. Polk | 24 years |
| Jerry Nathan | 27 years |
| Alex Broussard | 41 years |

We recognize the commitment and effort it takes to accomplish a perfect attendance record year after year and we congratulate you all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Oct 21 - 27

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| 10/21 | DAVE HUBER | St. Francis City, MO |
| 10/22 | BARBARA KNIGHT | San Diego, CA |
| 10/24 | ROY HUCKABY | Orange |
| 10/24 | NORMAN LEE | Grayson, LA |
| 10/24 | DAVE THOMAS | Dallas, TX |
| 10/25 | BILL MATTHEWS | Atkins, AR |
| 10/26 | DAN ARAN | Lawton, OK |
| 10/26 | TERRY BOURDIER | Baton Rouge, LA |

NEAR-BY MAKE-UPS...

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| 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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