

PROGRAM PREVIEW



**GENERAL JOSEPH W. ASHY,
GENERAL, USAF (Retired)**

General Joe Ashy is a native of Beaumont, a 1962 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in mechanical engineering and distinguished graduate of A&M's R.O.T.C. program. A command pilot with over 3500 hours in fighter and attack aircraft including the A-7, F-4, F-5 and F-16, he flew 289 combat missions in Southeast Asia. Before his retirement in October, 1996, he was "triple hatted" as commander in chief of North American Aerospace Defense Command (CINCORAD), U.S. Space Command (USCINSPACE) and commander of Air Force Space Command (COMAFSPC) at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

During his military career, General Ashy served in various staff positions including HQ USAF as vice commander in the deputation of plans and operations. He was operations officer of an F-4 squadron in Korea, commanded an F-4 fighter squadron, two fighter wings (the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing "Wild Weasels" and the 57th Fighter Weapons

Wing at Nellis AFB), the USAF Fighter Weapons Center, 16th Air Force, two Air Force major commands (Air Training Command and Air Force Space Command) and a theater component command (NATO's AIRSOUTH). He commanded NATO air forces in the Mediterranean theater and directed the combat air operations over the Balkans/Bosnia.

General Ashy's decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster. A member of Texas A&M's Corps Hall of Honor and Mechanical Engineering Department's Academy of Distinguished Graduates, Joe is a former recipient of the NAACP Roy Wilkins Award and Order of the Sword presented by the Air Force Space command's enlisted members.

Joe, as president of Ashy and Associates, LLC, is a consultant to the aerospace industry worldwide. He also serves as a mentor for the CAPSTONE course for new flag officers, one-star generals and admirals. He has recently mentored CAPSTONE teams on trips to Russia, China and Bosnia. We welcome Joe and his wife Sue.

This week's speaker was arranged by **BESSIE CHISUM**. The opening ceremony was coordinated by **MARVIN DUNNAM**.

**"30" SOMETHINGS
FOR YOU TO MEET THIS WEEK**

- JAMIE HOGGE - Badges**
- MARY RANDELL - Ticket Sales**
- CHARLOTTE FONTENOT & MARK WARD
Buffet Lines**
- DANNY BABINEAUX - Registration**

PROGRAM REVIEW...

This past week Don Kelly, Executive Director of South East Texas Planning Commission, discussed the current status of the Commission and listed some per-

sonal challenges for our area. Mr. Kelly emphasized that the Rotary Club of Beaumont is the number 1 program platform in the area for important issues and he was delighted to be able to present his program.

The South East Texas Planning Commission will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in the year 2000. The Commission currently employs over 60 people servicing Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties. It is one of the smallest of the 24 regions within the state of Texas, but has an annual budget in excess of \$22 million. The current board is represented by elected officials within the region.

Past accomplishments credited to the Commission include 911 service to the area. This began in December 1991 and continues to be beneficial to all citizens. The Commission was instrumental in changing the regions air quality status from serious to moderate. Another innovation was development of Airco, which assists industry in trading air quality credits. This has proved beneficial to new and expanding industries within the region. The Commission has worked with the Department of Transportation on prioritizing the highway system within the region. While Beaumont and Port Arthur cities maintain their own mass transit system, the Commission is responsible for mass transit in all other areas within the region. The Commission has developed a program to educate children of alcoholic parents. Currently, career centers are operated through the Commission by a private firm, MAPA. The Commission is involved in various aging programs, helping with transportation, meals and centers. The RSVP program was founded by the Commission which has 1200 volunteers over 55 years of age providing services in various areas. Another program is the Foster Grandparent Program with elderly people working with probationers and within the

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juvenile detention centers. A more serious area of involvement is work with water quality and supply within the region.

After discussing the accomplishments of the Commission Mr. Kelly took the liberty to issue a personal list of 10 challenges that will affect the South East Texas Region in the near future.

RAMBLINGS

Election discussions were heard throughout the room. **ROBERT THOMPSON** and **AZIM KERAMATI** were surprised at some of the local results. On the national level the challenger who is currently jailed for shooting the incumbent managed to garner 3% of the vote. **MIKE BRADFORD** suggested that a list of those voters may provide accomplices... **ROGER MCCABE** was given the championship salad making award for the day. It was observed that he strategically placed four tomatoes at the major compass points around his plate...**JEFF BEAVER** warned the members at his table that his 16 year old son is now driving. **BEN ORGAIN** also warned that his 16 year old is driving solo. All Rotarians be forewarned...President **JOHN QUIGLEY** reminded the group that in two weeks, not next week, we will meet at the Holidome. He also told the club that next weeks meeting will be on Veterans Day and all veterans were asked to wear their uniforms if they so desire... After **BARBARA KNIGHT'S** tremendous announcement for choir members it was heard that Elvis Presley signed up to sing. Also, congratulations go to Barbara for being the newest Paul Harris Fellow.

!!! VETERANS !!!
 This week is designed to honor your efforts on behalf of our country. Wear your uniform and be recognized.
 (At least your hat)

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WELCOME JANIE



JANIE BETH PEVETO

Associations: San Jacinto Girl Scouts
 Please welcome new Rotarian, Janie Beth Peveto. Janie is the marketing manager and in charge of membership for San Jacinto Girl Scouts. She has been at this position for the past two and one-half years. She was born in Orange, Texas, and currently resides there.

Janie attended Lamar University. She has been employed by or worked with various community service organizations; including Family Services of Beaumont-Orange Outreach, the American Red Cross, Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, and Orange Chamber of Commerce.

Janie's history of community involvement and work experience should strengthen our community area of service. In her spare time, Janie enjoys camping, fishing, and church activities. Also, she indicates that she sings fairly well.

Be sure to give Janie a big Rotary welcome when you see her at the meetings.

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 LUNCHEON ON
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 REQUIRE A LOT OF
 YOUR TIME. THERE
 ARE FEW REHEARSALS
 AND LOADS OF FUN
 AND FELLOWSHIP.**

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 ING TO JOIN THE FUN!!
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Nov. 11-17

11/15 **LINDA WILLIAMS** Trinity
 11/17 **RALPH McBRIDE** Beaumont

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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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