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Ropin' Burt Hairgrove



Trick-rope artist Burt Hairgrove is doing his part to keep the Wild West alive. This seventh-generation Texan has been roping since the age of 10 when he entered his first rodeo.

While roping competitively in rodeos through high school and college, he refined the difficult skill of trick roping: the art of spinning a lariat into complicated routines.

Since completing his bachelor's degree in agriculture, he has turned his trick roping skills into an entertainment career, from rodeo performances to televi-

sion commercials and from special events and promotions to a feature spot on *Good Morning America*. His performances have taken him from one end of the Lone Star State to the other, as well as many other venues from New York to California.

No drugstore cowboy here! He was born and raised on a ranch near Timpson, Texas, originally homesteaded by his family in 1859. He still lives and works on the ranch when he's not on the road performing. He is the genuine article - the jeans, boots, cowboy hat and sun-bronzed skin are trademarks of a working cowboy.

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 30th Wheelchair Project

May
 7th Youth Day

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Tuesday:
 Spindletop.....Holiday Inn 11th St.
 Orange.....Sunset Grove
 Port Neches.....Pompano Club

Wednesday:
 Groves.....Pompano Club

Thursday:
 Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:
 Nederland.....Garden Tea Room

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Program Review

Alberto Garbari, our current Youth Exchange Student, proved to be as charming as he is bright during his slide presentation to our Club Wednesday.

His experiences here include taking pictures from a private plane; taking pictures from a boat; taking pictures before the prom; and taking pictures at school. Alberto loves photography.

He has been on ski trips to Colorado; beach excursions; and a three-day holiday at a lake house. He and other Rotary youths also met in Tulsa and got a limousine ride back to the airport there.

Alberto is from the northeast part of Italy, where it is somewhat cooler than south-east Texas. His expectations about Texas came from movies and he thought there would be cowboys and desert, not exactly what Beaumont provided.

At home, he walks everywhere. Here he needed to arrange for a car to go anywhere. That was his biggest challenge initially, he said.

Alberto's host family includes **Bruce Hoffer**, who is Jewish; and Bruce's wife, Carey, who is Christian. The experience of sharing two religions was one Alberto values, he said.

In response to a question, he said young people here are just like the ones in Italy. "Some are crazy and some are studious, but I was happy that many of the boys and girls here are friendly," Alberto said.

Plan now to join us for the
**ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT
GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Monday afternoon, May 19th
Beaumont Country Club

Birthdays

16th Brent Christopher (02)

Owner,
Brent Christopher Photography



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Patricia are the parents of Dustin and Nicholas, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys scuba diving.

16th Bo Weinbaum III (78)

Partner,
Burris Transfer & Storage Company



A Beaumont native and third generation Rotarian, he is a graduate of Texas A&M. He and his wife Melanie are the parents of Parker and Payton. He enjoys playing golf, cooking and hunting.

18th Walter Crawford (41)

Retired



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Rice University. He and his wife Mary Edna are the parents of Walter Jr., Mary and Alice. He enjoys tennis and music. Walter is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Judging by the numerous pictures of himself, almost all of which included a beautiful girl, or two, or three, Alberto did not use up all of his charm on our Rotary Club.

But Carey Hoffer assured one and all that we should not mistake his good humor for a lack of brains. "He took the highest level courses he could find at Westbrook and made straight A's," she said.

Jim Tarbett introduced Alberto. Our thanks to Jim, without whom the Beaumont Rotary Club's participation in Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program would have run aground many times during the past 15 years.

19th Nancy Beaulieu (90)



Born in Lubbock, she is a graduate of Texas Tech. She and her husband **Larry** are the parents of Brad and Lara, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys reading, Texas history and scuba diving. Nancy is a Paul Harris Fellow.

20th Doug Chase (98)

Vice President,
Bank One



Born in Norwalk, Connecticut, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He is the father of Andrew and Edward. He enjoys skeet shooting and playing golf and racquetball.

20th Imad Sarkis (03)

Vice President - Sales Manager,
Tri-Con, Inc.



Born in Benin City, Nigeria, he is a graduate of Lamar University and a member of St. Michael's Greek Orthodox Church. He enjoys cooking, hunting and travel.

21st Allison Nathan Golias (96)

Financial Advisor,
UBS PaineWebber



Born in Austin and a second generation Rotarian, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She is the mother of Lee and Buffin, and is a member of Temple Emanuel. She enjoys playing tennis.

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