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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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## Stephen Rowland - Fort Anahuac



Stephen Rowland is an Applied Physicist with experience in the development of industrial systems that utilize new technologies. He is the Chairman of Nondestructive Testing and Electronics technologies at San Jacinto College, and Chairman of the Fort Anahuac committee on the Chambers county historical commission. He served as a Senior Research Scientist as Southwest Research Institute and as a consultant for many companies.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Lamar University and he also attended Louisiana Tech Uni-

versity and Lee College. He is a current member of the American Society of Nondestructive Testing, in which he has served as Section Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. Concurrently with these development projects he has also served as a nationally certified NDT Level III for the electromagnetic testing disciplines of the Air Force, NASA, Southwest Research Institute, K&L Engineering, and City Public Service.

Areas of research include: historical research using satellite and aerial imaging, remote field eddy current, eddy current microprobes, electromagnetic material property measurements

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**Future Programs**

**April**  
 30<sup>th</sup> Wheelchair Project  
  
**May**  
 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Day  
 14<sup>th</sup> Bill Glass

**Makeups**

**Monday:**  
 No. Port Arthur .....Holiday Inn Hwy 69  
 Vidor.....Hibernia National Bank  
**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

**In Memoriam**



Tommy Polk passed away on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. A member of our club since 1970, he served as our 1994-95 President and as District Chair for the original Polio Plus Campaign. Tommy was a four-time Paul Harris Fellow.

**Program Review**

Our speaker this past week was Ropin' Burt Hairgrove. As the name implies, Burt is a trick-rope artist who has performed all over America, on national television and at Euro Disney. His roping career started at the age of 10 when he entered his first rodeo. Burt continued to compete in rodeos throughout high school and college. During that time he started working on his trick-roping skills.



Trick roping involves spinning the lariat in complicated patterns while hopping in



and out of the rope. Burt had one or two ropes going in all different directions most of the time. Some of the tricks were for him to jump rope, change hands while spinning the rope, and do other similar rope related

tricks without ever knocking off his cowboy hat.

When asked how long it would take to learn all the various tricks Burt replied, "I can teach you everything I know in 30 minutes, but the practice necessary to perform the tricks may take awhile."

One of Burt's proudest moments was when he performed for President Bush at the White House this past year after his first trip (scheduled for September 11, 2001) was cancelled in mid-flight.



**District Assembly**

We wish to thank **President-Elect Azim Keramati, President-Elect Designate Maurine Gray, Incoming Board Members Travis Brewer and Becky Mason, Board Member Lee Freeland and Past Presidents and Assistant District Governors Chuck Mason and Roger McCabe** (and his wife Sharon) for being among the 165 Rotarians from 42 clubs attending the District Assembly in The Woodlands on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

After a welcoming speech by **Governor Elect Hugh Summers**, they attended various workshops addressing all facets of club management including sessions for Presidents Elect, Club Directors, Secretaries and Treasurers, and the Rotary Foundation. Other workshops available featured presentations on the Family of Rotary, bulletins, programs, membership, publicity, fund raising, the Youth Exchange, RYLA and Camp Enterprise programs, and community and vocational service.

After lunch, the Keynote Speaker was Andy Smallwood, Regional Rotary International Foundation Coordinator and recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. He discussed **Rotary International President Elect Jonathan Majiyagbe's** theme for 2003 - 2004 "Lend a Hand" and his focus on The Family of Rotary as well as the Polio Eradication Program and the Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund.

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# District 5910 - 2003-2004 Goals

## Membership

1. Grow the District membership to a total of 2900 net members as of June 30, 2004 (3% growth).
2. Grow the number of clubs in the District to 43 (currently 42).
3. Have all clubs establish a Family of Rotary Committee to assist with club projects and activities in support of club members and non-Rotarian members of the extended Rotary family.

## Foundation

1. Contribute \$80.00 average per member to the Annual Fund.
2. Contribute \$35,000 to the Permanent Fund.
3. Have 1,000 sustaining members district wide by June 30, 2004.
4. Collect two thirds of our District's Polio Eradication Campaign pledge.

## Vocational, Community and International Projects

1. Each club in the District support at least one International or local project that promotes President Jonathon Majiyagbe's 2003-2004 emphasis of:
  - Health Concerns
  - Literacy and Education
  - Poverty
2. Each club sponsor or participate in an ongoing poverty alleviation project to feed the hungry in their community, bring safe drinking water to everyone in the community or provide clothing to the poor.
3. Encourage clubs to participate in a service project.
4. Train clubs and their officers on the new District Simplified Grants (DSG) program.
5. Have each club emphasize in their community, vocational service and recognize one or more community members for their outstanding service.

## Rotary Centennial Projects

Have each club complete or make substantial progress on their chosen Centennial Project.

## Youth Services

1. Twelve clubs host an inbound long-term youth exchange student.
2. Six clubs send a long-term youth exchange student to a foreign country.
3. Eight clubs send a short term youth exchange student on a summer exchange.
4. Charter a new Rotaract Club.

5. Start four new Interact Clubs.
6. Hold a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp and sponsor 170 or more youth at the camp.
7. Sponsor three Ambassadorial Scholars.
8. Have a Youth Exchange Chairperson in each club.

## District Meetings

1. Have 39 clubs attend the District Assembly.
2. Have 39 clubs participate in the District Mid-Year Meeting.
3. Have 39 clubs participate in the District Membership Meeting.
4. Have 39 clubs participate in the District Foundation Meeting.
5. Have 39 clubs participate in the District Assembly.
6. Have 39 clubs participate in the District Conference.
7. Have 39 clubs represented at Presidents-Elect Training Seminar.

## The Family of Rotary

1. Establish a Family of Rotary committee in your club to assist with club projects and activities in support of club members and non-Rotarian members of the extended Rotary family.
2. Conduct formal orientation and training for new members.
3. Welcome and include non-Rotarian family members (e.g., spouses, adult children, or widows or widowers) into the Family of Rotary through service and fellowship activities to promote club well-being.
4. Establish a system to follow up with club members who have missed recent meetings to schedule a make-up meeting.
5. Invite members to bring their partners and/or children to a club meeting or club event on at least five occasions.
6. Hold a series of five club meetings at the workplace of newer members.
7. Send a gift subscription of THE ROTARIAN or a regional magazine to the partner of a deceased club member.
8. During Family Week recognize the importance of Rotarians' families and their contributions to your club's success.
9. Ask members who have joined within the last three years to lead a service project or appoint them to a committee so that they become actively involved in the club.
10. Develop and initiate a new project in support of the Family of Rotary.

# Birthdays

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Jim McNicholas (84)

Partner, Germer, Bensen & Gertz



Born in Mariesco, Michigan, he is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is the father of Jim Jr. and Graham, and is a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys playing golf. Jim is a Paul Harris Fellow.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Smith (92)

Executive Director, Texas Energy Museum

Born in Fort Worth, he is a graduate of Harding University and the University of Texas. He and his wife Peggy are the parents of Jennifer and Kenneth. He enjoys running, playing tennis, canoeing, backpacking and Texana book collecting. Ryan is a Paul Harris Fellow.



## 27<sup>th</sup> Dan Ford (02)

Corps Officer, The Salvation Army of Beaumont



Born in Baltimore, Maryland, he is a graduate of the Salvation Army College for Officer Training. He and his wife Alba are the parents of Ariel and Dylan, and are members of the Salvation Army. Dan enjoys playing golf, reading, bowling, boating and fishing.

## 28<sup>th</sup> Kari Dolan (03)

Program Director, I Have a Dream

Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She is a member of New Life Tabernacle. Kari enjoys scrapbooking, sewing, travel, reading and animals.



## 29<sup>th</sup> Bill Clark (74)

President, Bill Clark Pest Control



Born in Ben Wheeler, he is a graduate of Texas A&M. He and his wife Casey are the parents of Cullen and Chase, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys hunting, travel and horticulture. Bill is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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