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## Alberto Garbari - Youth Exchange Program



Alberto Garbari, our 2002-03 Youth Exchange Student, is from Gradisca d'Isonzo, Gorizia, a town with a population of about 6,000 near Venice in northeast Italy

He is a member of the junior class of West Brook High School. His favorite subjects are math, science, English and mechanical drawing. He enjoys playing basketball, snow skiing (although he professes to be afraid of high places) and playing the guitar. He describes himself as responsible, helpful, reliable and resolute, and also as talkative and stubborn.

His host family for the year are the **Hofers: Bruce** and Carey, and their children, Wesley, Sarah and Rebekah.

Alberto's mother Silvana is an educator and his father Claudio is a personnel manager in a residence for students and elderly people. They and his younger brother Paolo are hosting an American exchange student while he is with us.

Alberto will discuss his experiences during his year in Beaumont. He will tour the Eastern United States in June with other Rotary Youth Exchange students from all over the U. S. before returning home to Italy.

We look forward to hearing from him.

## Head Table



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**TERRY BOURDIER**  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
 UNITED WAY OF BEAUMONT



*From the chef: Spaghetti & meat balls*

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**Future Programs**

**April**  
16<sup>th</sup> The Roping Cowboy  
23<sup>rd</sup> Fort Anahuac - Steve Rowland  
30<sup>th</sup> Wheelchair Project  
  
**May**  
7<sup>th</sup> Youth Day

**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

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**Rotary Youth Exchange**

This year about 7,000 young people will see the world the way it is meant to be seen - from the inside out - through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.



Through Rotary Youth Exchange, students will spend a year living with a host family in a country other than their own. They may learn a new language or master one they have studied in school. They will learn a new way of living and a great deal about themselves.



While they are busy learning, the people they meet will be learning as well - about their country, their culture and their ideas. They will be young ambassadors helping to bring the world closer together and making good friends in the process.



As he has for the past several years, **Jim Tarbett** is serving again this year as Coordinator of the District 5910 Rotary International Youth Exchange Committee.



He reports that our District is hosting 13 students this year from Brazil, Ecuador, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Philippines, and Thailand.



In February he accompanied them to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to meet with 163 other exchange students from a ten state region.

In May they will attend the District Conference in Galveston where each will have the opportunity to speak to the Rotarians about his or her year in Texas. They will complete their year in the United States touring the country.

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## Program Review

This past week we had a speaker full of Entergy! Joe Domino, president and chief executive officer of Entergy Texas spoke to the club on a variety of "Entergy" related topics.

In introducing Joe, **Ray Pregeant** mentioned the "Domino effect" and, during his talk, Joe apologized for using the term "Domino delivers", but both puns were relevant.

Joe was understandably proud of his company and the advances it has made over the past ten years. Some of the awards Entergy received in 2002 include: 4<sup>th</sup> among the "Most Admired Companies"; "Power Company of the Year", and winner (for the third year in a row) of the Edison Award for helping others. He was also proud of Entergy's ability to respond to natural disasters with a force of 10,000 linesmen and support employees available to go where needed.

Joe next tackled the topic of deregulation. One of the problems Entergy is having with deregulation is that the rules and the roll out date keep changing. In part this is due to the fact that Entergy is federally regulated (since its power grid spans several states) and rules have not been completely decided upon. Regardless of the reasons, it is difficult to plan for the future when the rules as to how Entergy operates may change at any time.

The financial stability of Entergy has improved dramatically over the past five years. In 1997, Entergy's stock price was \$30 per share. In 2003, after years of decline in the stock market, their share price has increased to \$49. With the improvement of their financial situation, Entergy has chosen to financially help the communities they serve. They have developed a concept called "Team Cities". Entergy will provide grants and other assistance to try to stimulate the economies of the 40 "Team Cities" they have identified.

According to Joe there should be enough energy available this summer to avoid any brown outs... just don't ask the price.

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## Birthdays



**9<sup>th</sup> Lois Ann Stanton (87)**  
Executive Vice President -  
Trust, Community Bank &  
Trust

Born in Charleston, West Virginia, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. Lois Ann and her husband Robert are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. She enjoys sewing, dogs and being pampered at the spa. Lois Ann is a Paul Harris Fellow.



**10<sup>th</sup> Sam Lord, Jr. (89)**  
Retired from Dupont  
Born in Rockland, Maine,  
he is a graduate of Tufts  
University and the Massa-  
chusetts Institute of Tech-  
nology. Sam and his wife **Evelyn** are  
the parents of Steven, Jonathan, Na-  
thaniel, Victoria and William, and are  
members of St Andrews Presbyterian  
Church. He enjoys gardening, goodwill  
and volunteer activities. Sam is a Paul  
Harris Fellow.

**11<sup>th</sup> Emelie Irving (98)**  
Executive Director, South-  
east Texas Food Bank  
A Beaumont native, she is a  
graduate of Lamar Univer-  
sity. She is the mother of  
Jessie and Jade, and is a member of  
First Baptist Church and enjoys running.



**12<sup>th</sup> Rick Barnes, Jr. (02)**  
Sales - Territory Manager,  
Guidant Corporation  
Born in Freeport, he is a  
graduate of the Community  
College of the Air Force.  
Rick and his wife Kendra  
are the parents of Colton and Carson,  
and are members of Wesley United  
Methodist Church. Rick enjoys his kids,  
fishing and playing golf.



**14<sup>th</sup> Chuck Heare (96)**  
Vice President, Financial  
Advising, Morgan Stanley  
Born in Stephenville, he is a  
graduate of Lamar Univer-  
sity. Chuck and his wife  
Janie are the parents of Emily and

**15<sup>th</sup> S.L. Greenberg (68)**  
Partner,  
Wells, Peyton, Greenberg,  
& Hunt  
A Beaumont native, he is  
a graduate of the Univer-  
sity of Texas. He and his wife Natalie  
are the parents of Gary, Lisa and  
Phyllis, and are members of Temple  
Emanuel. He enjoys fishing. S. L. is  
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**Ross, and are members of St. An-  
drews Presbyterian Church. Chuck  
enjoys spending time with his kids,  
playing tennis and hunting.**



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## Editor's Corner

Congratulations to **Jolene Ortego** and her BISSD Communications team for receiving four awards for excellence in design, writing and publication at the Texas School Public Relations Conference recently. Among the awards was a Texas Star for the *About BISSD* weekly newsletter and the back to school publication.



During the past week, your Rotary office has received notes from **Jack Turner's** family and **Scott Rand's** daughter Taryn:

"Just one more thank you for the lovely things you did for Jack. He must be resting peacefully knowing the Rotary Club honored him with such a beautiful resolution. My family joins me in saying thank you, thank you, Rotary Club of Beaumont. May God's richest blessings be on each Rotary member.

"Gratefully, Margaret Turner"

"I greatly appreciate your sponsoring me in the 2003 Neches River Festival. I am honored to represent such a well-respected organization that has a positive impact on our community. I am looking forward to the upcoming events and will do my best to represent the Rotary Club of Beaumont positively.

"Sincerely, Taryn Rand"

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