

Program 8/14



Jamey Rootes, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer for the new Houston Texans, will be our speaker next week. He is responsible for all revenue generating and branding activities of the team.

Mr. Rootes came to Houston from Columbus, Ohio, where he was the President of Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew and of Crew Stadium, the first-ever major league, soccer-specific stadium in the United States. He served as a member of the Downtown Council and was an active member in the Columbus Downtown Rotary Club.

Since moving to Houston, he has helped lead the Super Bowl Task Force that secured Super Bowl XXXVIII for Houston, served as a chairman on the Sam Houston Scout Fair committee and is now an active board member for the Downtown Houston Association.

A native of Stone Mountain, Georgia, he attended Clemson University where he served as Student Body President and was a member of the Tigers' soccer team that captured two NCAA titles. While earning an MBA at Indiana University, he was assistant soccer coach for the Hoosiers.

New member **Phil Hurley** will be his host.

Ramblings

Your Ramblings Roving Report asked new member **Janelle Frazier** if she had any "scoop" for this column. Fast thinking **Janelle** replied, "How many points do I get toward my Blue Badge?" The answer was none, so this is her "scoop."

The cries for the return of Past President **Larry Beaulieu's** newscast are growing louder and louder. One source (who wished to remain anonymous) wanted to know when the newscast became stand-up comedy.

Leonard Juncker is nominating himself to be the most stressed out Rotarian in our club. During the past 24 months, **Leonard** has changed jobs, married fellow Rotarian **Sharen Kirksey** and changed his mind at least 15 times as to whether to build, buy or remodel a house. Studies have shown that these three stress factors are among the top ten on the list! In addition to all of that, his CPA partnership is moving to its new location in the Tobe Hahn Center on Gladys Street on August 15th and Congress has just passed major tax legislation. The real question is who needs therapy most: **Leonard** or **Sharen!**

Long-time and long-distance member **Dr. Tom Nelson** was introducing his new associate in his veterinary practice, Dr. Todd Westin who moved to our area this summer. Dr. Westin is very anxious to begin housing injured hawks in the rehabilitation aviary our club is building at Tyrrell Park. Watch for volunteer opportunities to paint and spread trail materials in future issues of *Rotarygrams*.

Bobbie Applegate e-mails that she, Joe and Zena have arrived safely in West Point, New York for the academic year. We look forward to her return next June.

Program Review

Whether climbing a steep hill in the Channel Islands or teaching our children about science, D'Ann Douglas proved to us that Past President **Chuck Mason** was right to call her a "legend in her own time."

A lead teacher and trainer in the JASON Project, and a fourth grade teacher at Sallie Curtis Elementary School, D'Ann taught Rotarians a number of new concepts Wednesday.

Most of us grew up memorizing facts but modern teachers know that it is more effective to motivate children to want information and to seek it out themselves.

Last year, for instance, the JASON student participants learned about the insulation of Alaskan animals by doing experiments with feathers, shortening and fabric. What a mess!

Shortening (think "blubber") insulated best with feathers a close second (think "down-filled jacket") and fabric coming in as a distant third.

This year they will study the land and ocean ecology of California's Channel Islands and next year they will study the rain forest.


In the JASON Project, science becomes integrated into every subject, whether reading, math or whatever. In BISD, most children learn about JASON in 6th grade. D'Ann gave credit to two "wonderful middle school teachers", Julie Randolph and Brenda Ford, who help train other teachers in the JASON techniques.

Many thanks to Lamar University for providing the local venue for the JASON Project. It was almost enough to make us wish we were back in fourth grade!



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Paul Harris Fellow



Our newest Paul Harris Fellow is **Bill Matthews**, a member since 1973. He and his wife Mary have been married since 1955 and have two sons, Whit and Ross. They are members of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Bill was born in Atkins, Arkansas and is a University of Houston graduate. He is a U.S. Navy veteran and served four years active duty and sixteen years as a reservist. He retired from Walgreen's after a career as a pharmacist and manager in Beaumont and Houston.

He enjoys playing bridge and the occasional hunting or fishing trip.

Congratulations, **Bill!**

Editor's Corner

Pre-Meeting Mixer

Ted Moor III, Carole Reeves and **Karen Weller** of Talon Insurance Agency are hosting our first Mixer from 11:00 to noon this Wednesday in the seating area next to the lobby fountain. Please plan to come early and join them for pre-meeting fellowship and refreshments.

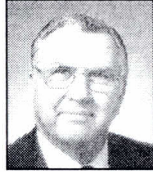
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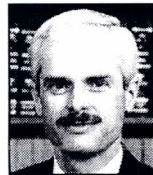
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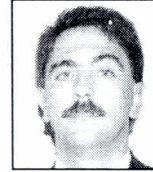
17 - James Broussard, a member since 1973, is President of Broussard's Mortuary. A Beaumont native and an Aggie, Jim and his wife Barbara are the parents of Cheri, James, Jr., Catherine and Karen, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. His hobby is boating. Jim served as President of our Club for 1984-85 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.



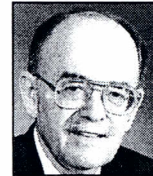
18 - Chris Colletti, a member since 1998, is Executive Vice President of the Young Men's Business League of Beaumont. A Beaumont native, he attended Lamar University. Chris and his wife Colleen are the parents of Hannah and Carina and are members of the Cathedral in the Pines. He enjoys playing golf and camping.



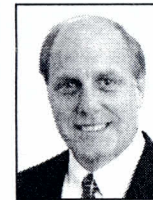
19 - Robert Edgar, a member since 1994, is a Partner with Edgar, Kiker & Cross, P.C. A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Baylor University and the University of Texas, Arlington. Robert and his wife Ellen are the parents of Sarah, Daniel, John and Nathan, and are members of Cathedral in the Pines.



19 - John Johnson, a member since 1994, is a Partner with Orgain, Bell & Tucker, L.L.P. Born in Kinder, Louisiana, he is a graduate of LSU and the University of Texas School of Law. John and his wife **Lori Falk** (a fellow Beaumont Rotarian) are the parents of Jacob and Abigail Grace, and are members of St. Jude's Catholic Church. His hobby is sailing.



21 - Brock Brentlinger, a member since 1969, is the Assistant to the President at Lamar University. Born in Flora, Illinois, he is a graduate of the University of Illinois. Brock and his wife Barbara Jean are the parents of Gregory, Gary, Garth, Bobbi Sue and Geoffrey, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys camping, jogging and gardening. Brock served as President of our Club for 1992-93 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.



21 - Michael Clayton, a member since 1997, is President/CEO of the Better Business Bureau. Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Dallas Baptist University. Michael and his wife Dee are the parents of Chris, Kim and Kendal, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys baseball, gardening and spending time with his family.



21 - Elaine Shellenberger, a new member since March, is Executive Director of Nutrition & Services for Seniors. Born in Liberty, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Don are the parents of Angie and Collin, and are members of Unity Church of Beaumont. Elaine enjoys gardening, cooking and entertaining.

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