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Ramblings



Born in Los Angeles, California, Charda Bronaugh has been a native Texan since 1944, when her father, Charo, moved her and the rest of the

family back to his hometown of Lubbock.

She graduated from Lubbock High School in 1954 and attended Texas Tech University for two years. In May 1974, she graduated with highest honors from Stephen F. Austin State University was a BS degree. During the interim 18 years, she met and married Louis Bronaugh and raised four children, two girls and two boys. The Bronaughs have lived in Lufkin

since 1959 and they now have three grandchildren, all living in Lufkin.

She is President of Bronaugh Opticians Inc. and is a fellow of the National Academy of Opticianry. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Ophthalmic Professionals Society.

Charda is a lifelong adult Scouter, serving on the East Texas Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. She is also an avid birdwatcher. Her husband, Louis, is Mayor of the City of Lufkin. They are active members in First Christian Church. They enjoy hunting and fishing together.

Get ready to give a warm Rotary welcome to Charda Bronaugh our program for August 21st.

Sally Bundy was beaming as Rotarian husband **Howard Bundy II** was presented as a Paul Harris Fellow. **Howard** made us all feel proud as he stated that Rotarians around the world can do more good than the United Nations. Sometimes we only think of Rotary as our weekly trip to the Hilton when it is so much more. Congratulations, **Howard**, and thanks for reminding us.

Becky and **Chuck Mason** will host this month's New Member Social on Tuesday evening, August 20th. **Becky's** email apologized that notices were being sent at the "last minute" due to "technical difficulties" which included her own procrastination. No one said that only machines can have "technical difficulties".

Maureen Gray was keeping an eye out to see if city council members, **Becky Ames**, **Lulu Smith** and **Mayor Evelyn Lord** were sitting together. Perhaps they should coordinate their schedules so that no more than two of them attend Rotary in any one week. We don't want to be guilty of aiding and abetting a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Program Review

Jamey Rootes makes no secret of the fact that it is his job to "sell" the National Football League's newest franchise, the Houston Texans, to as many people as possible.

He was definitely in a selling mode Wednesday and, judging from the positive buzz in the room, Rotarians were buying.

It is always easy to find football fans in Texas and our club was eager to hear Jamey's account of how football is getting a rebirth in Houston.

He didn't disappoint us, providing insights on everyone from owner Bob McNair ("best owner in league") and General Manager Charley Casserly ("hates the Cowboys") down to the cheerleaders.

We learned how many hits the team's web site gets, how many people named the Texans as their favorite team (even before the first scrimmage) and the fact that 500 of the Texans' season tickets have been sold to Beaumonters.

His announcement that the Texans' new stadium has three times as many ladies' restroom facilities and twice as many mens' as the Astrodome brought cheers and applause from our Rotarians.

With Jamey leading the way, it is not surprising that the team has already sold 59,000 season tickets. This bodes well for home game sell-outs. We have Channel 4's Phil Hurley to thank for bringing Jamey to town.



Congratulations to Claire Guidry, who was introduced at last week's meeting as our Club's recipient of the R.C. and Byrdie Miller Scholarship. A participant

in Camp Enterprise 2001 and a Camp Enterprise 2002 counselor, Claire is the daughter of Randy Guidry and the late Diana Guidry. She will attend McNeese State University majoring in Communication and Public Relations.

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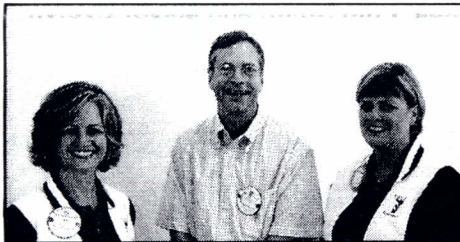
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Last week we honored another new Paul Harris Fellow, **Howard Bundy II**, shown here with his wife Sally.

Howard, a member since 1975 and retired from Edson Realty, was born in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, is a Virginia Military Institute graduate and an Air Force veteran. He and Sally have been married since 1958 and are the parents of Kendall, Benning and Elizabeth and have five grandchildren. They attend St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Congratulations, **Howard!**



Pre-Meeting Mixer

We want to thank **Carole Reeves, Ted Moor III** and **Karen Weller** (l - r) of Talon Insurance Agency for sponsoring our first pre-meeting mixer. About 30 members arrived early for refreshments and conversation, and received caps and pens from our hosts.

This new fellowship opportunity will be sponsored by a different Rotarian's company before the second meeting of every month. Please contact **Gerald Condon** (842-2324) if your firm is interested in taking part.

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22 - Elmer Embs, a member since 1990, is a DuPont retiree. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, he is a graduate of the University of Louisville.

Elmer and his wife Patricia are the parents of Linda, Kristin, Stephen and Susan, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf.



22 - Michael Wolf, a member since 1986, is a financial planner with MONY. Born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Texas A & M and Texas Tech.

Michael and his wife Cynthia are the parents of Natalie, Sallye and Marc, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys fishing, hunting, swimming, bridge and youth activities. Michael is a Paul Harris Fellow.



24 - Tiger Polk a member since 1973, is a retired Chief Engineer for George J. Schaumberg Consulting Engineers. Born in San Augustine,

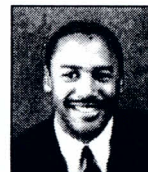
he is a graduate of Texas A & M. Tiger has three sons, John, Scott and Leland, and is a member of First United Methodist Church of Vidor. He enjoys woodworking, golf and bowling. Tiger is a Paul Harris Fellow.



24 - Thomas Williams, a member since 1989, is a Pediatric Dentist. A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Texas at Houston. He is the father of Noel and is a member of First United Methodist Church.



27 - Lee Freeland, a member since 1998, is a DuPont retiree and an Occupational Health Consultant. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Loyola University. Lee and his wife Corinne are the parents of Kathryn and Lynne, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Lee enjoys gardening, photography and volunteering at Some Other Place.



27 - Kevin Roy, a member since 1994, is President and CEO of Interflow Factors Corporation. A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University.

Kevin and his wife Jill are the parents of Kayla, and are members of St. Pius X Catholic Church. He enjoys mountain biking, horseback riding and skiing - both on water and snow.



28 - Charlie Glass, a member since 1978, is a retired Vice President of Gulf States Utilities. Born in Mt. Pleasant, he is a graduate of Texas A & M.

He has three daughters, Stephanie, Jennifer and Rebecca, and enjoys playing golf. Charlie is a Paul Harris Fellow.



28 - Robert Thomas III, a member since 1999, is an attorney in private practice. A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Baylor University and Baylor School of Law.

Robert and his wife Susan are the parents of Hannah and Robert IV, and are members of Beaumont Bible Church.

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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