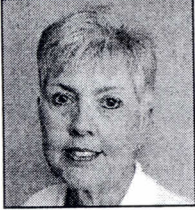


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Most of you will recall Dr. Bob Ballard's March 27th memorable program about local public school students' participation in global science studies with the JASON Project at Lamar University.

D'Ann Douglas is the JASON Project Trainer in our area in addition to teaching fourth grade at Sallie Curtis Elementary. A Lamar University graduate, D'Ann is also a GLOBE teacher in the NASA/NOAA Environ-

mental Program, Lead Teacher for Enterprise 2002 (a National Science Foundation Grant for math, science and technology), area representative to the National Science Teacher Association and a member of the District and Campus Education Improvement committees.

She has also presented technology workshops for teachers at Johnson Space Center, served as coordinator for the Department of State/University of Houston/NASA Aerospace Institute and participated in *National Geographic's* SEEDS project.

Program Review

Judge David Gaultney introduced Dr. Jana Wright who recently returned from Venezuela as a part of the Rotary International District 5910 Group Study Exchange Team. She shared her experiences in that country accompanied by a great Power Point presentation, assisted by L. J. Romero, a long-time North Port Arthur Rotarian and our Assistant District Governor last year. Jana reported that everywhere her group went, fellow Rotarians treated them like family. Many cities and towns have streets and parks named for the Rotary Club.

Among the projects that are currently being funded by local Venezuelan clubs and Rotary International are an orphanage, an adult day care center and a project to donate computers for their schools. Not only does the orphanage provide care and schooling for children from infancy through the age of 18, but it also provides university scholarships

to those children who qualify academically. A doctor and a dentist who were raised and educated by the orphanage have set up a clinic in the orphanage to serve its residents as well as the community at large.

The largest hospital in Venezuela is the Rotary Hospital, a modern facility with state of the art equipment. Unfortunately, many of the other hospitals in their country have no air conditioning or even running water. In addition to funds, there are many very basic items that can be donated to help them, including thermometers, blood pressure monitors and respiratory masks. Pediatric equipment is also in short supply.

Dr. Wright encouraged our Rotarians to become Rotary International Team Leaders and our Club to become involved in sponsoring Teams from our area. She closed by expressing her gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of the Team.

Ramblings

Board Member and **Past President Lois Ann Stanton** graciously hosted nearly fifty Rotarians and their spouses at the first New Member Social in her lovely home on Tuesday evening. She was quick to point out to early arrivals, **Past President James Broussard** and his wife Barbara, that her walls were cranberry, not Aggie maroon!

After attending, Hilton Sales Manager **Rhonda Perkins** instructed the Hilton Chef to add Red Roosters to the lunch menu. Always wanting to please the boss, the Chef served fried chicken -- not quite what **Rhonda** had in mind.

President Harland has the same problem with the front tables as he has with the front pews on Sunday mornings. Board member **Gary Rothenberger** decided to help him out by joining **Becky Mason** at the center front table. Imagine **Gary's** surprise when he found **Chuck's** purse in the chair next to **Becky**.


Lum Edwards III almost choked on his coffee when he saw **Jerry White's** attire. **Jerry's** shorts were GREEN -- not WHITE! On top of that, **Jerry** passed on the opportunity to quiz the speaker. If you're trying to mess with our minds, **Jerry**, you certainly succeeded.

Nancy and Past President Larry Beaulieu are "vacationing" in Covington, Kentucky, helping their daughter Laura and her husband Walter in the care of their first child, Maggie Colleen Darr, born Monday. The bouncing baby girl is the newest member of the **Beaulieu** family and their first grandchild. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 22 inches long -- rather short for a **Beaulieu**. Congratulations to all!



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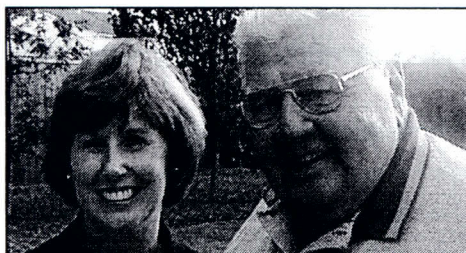
Board Social

One of **President Harland's** innovations during his term is the New Member Social hosted monthly by Board members as a fellowship opportunity for new members and their partners to meet with "old timers" informally in a relaxed social setting.

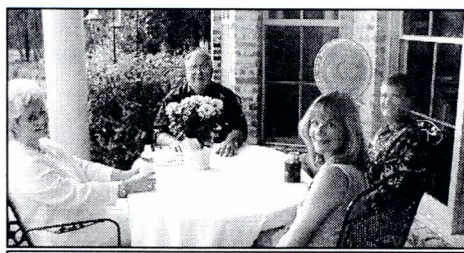
Lois Ann Stanton hosted the first social Tuesday evening and our

members and their guests enjoyed a delicious Mexican buffet and a some great conversations as these photos attest. Beaumont's summer weather was gentle with us, providing a light breeze and sunny skies with just enough clouds for a beautiful sunset.

Our thanks to **Lois Ann** for such a lovely evening!



Past Presidents Lois Ann Stanton and Alex Broussard surveying the garden.



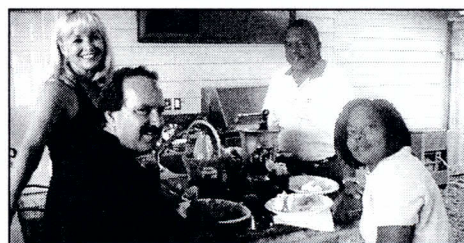
Past President James Broussard and his wife **Barbara** getting to know new member **Tim Gaddis** and his wife **Sherrie**.



Clockwise from left, **Sheri Arnold**, new member **Kent Batman**, **Azim Keramati**, **Eddie Arnold**, **Mike Ireland** and his wife **Linda**, **Gerald Flatten**, **Past President Floyd McSpadden** and **Camille Mouton**.



New members **Gene Hughes** (l) and **Thomas Mayo** (r) enjoy the breeze with **President Harland**, his wife **Barbara** and **Thomas' wife Amy**.

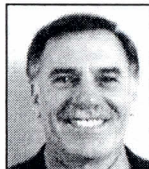


New member **Rhonda Perkins** (l) and her husband **Ed** visit with new member **Robert Turner** (r) and his wife **Michelle**.

Birthdays



8 - Robert Wenner, a member since 2000, is President of Commercial Floor Covering. A Beaumont native and graduate of East Texas Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Bob and his wife Liz are the parents of Sarah, Lindsey and Bryce and attend Westgate Memorial Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf.



12 - Danny Babineaux, a member since 1998, is Owner and President of Air Comfort. Born in Orlando, Florida, he grew up in Beaumont and is a Lamar graduate. Danny and his wife Charlene are the parents of Bret and Slate and are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Danny's cooking skills are appreciated at our annual Camp Enterprise and also by Boys Haven's fund raiser. He enjoys hunting and playing tennis.



12 - Azim Keramati, a member since 1986 and our President-Elect, is President of Van Deventer Furniture Rentals and Boomtown Furniture. A native of Iran, he is a graduate of Texas Southern University and plans to complete his MBA at the University of Houston "someday". Azim and his wife Marie are the parents of Layla, Kristina and Cameron and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf, fishing and traveling with his family in their motor home. Azim is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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