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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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Vocational Excellence Awards



David Teuscher, M.D. is a ten-year partner with Beaumont Bone and Joint Institute. He has an active practice in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine, and serves as Team Physician for Lamar University intercollegiate athletics.

He has served as the Chief of Staff for Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, and currently serves as the Secretary-Treasurer for the Jefferson County Medical Society and as a Delegate to the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

His interest in the issues of medical professional liability has led to his appointment

on the Committee on Professional Liability for the TMA as well as the same committee for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He also serves as the Legislation Chairman for the Texas Orthopaedic Association.

Over the course of this summer, he represented TMA in a series of retreats with the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, in order to discuss the current crisis situation in medical professional liability, and explore areas of agreement on opportunities to improve the system.

Prior to opening his practice in Beaumont, David enjoyed a 13-year career in the U.S. Army. He served in a num-



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ber of positions including teaching battlefield and aviation medicine, Chief Resident, Chief of Surgery, and as a decorated veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

He and his wife Connie have two sons, Brandon and Derek.

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**Lamar Basketball Game
 & Reception
 Saturday, January 4th**

**Holiday Party
 Tuesday, December 17th
 11:30-1:30
 Beaumont Country Club
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Future Programs

December

11th Dave Morrow
 17th Holiday Party
 25th No meeting

January

1st No meeting
 8th Pending
 15th Oliver Luck

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

Program Review

The Vocational Excellence Awards were presented to six non-Rotarians and two Rotarians at the November 27th meeting.

Maurine Gray nominated Brenda Clair-day, Circulation Supervisor at the Beaumont Public Library. "She always has great concern for all patrons, working to make them happy with the libraries." She also "is always willing to do extra jobs which help to make the Library System better for her fellow employees and for the public."

Maurine also nominated Mike Feagin, a United Parcel Service employee. "Mike has been the downtown UPS man for a number of years and everybody likes him. Even when he brings in twenty boxes of heavy books to the library, he is still cheerful and joking with the staff. He is always a pleasure to see each day."

Ken Dollinger nominated Harry Fuselier, Maintenance Supervisor at the Jefferson County Courthouse. "As Maintenance Supervisor, Harry oversees a staff responsible for providing an almost overwhelming number of services to our county buildings, from mowing and trash collection to office cleaning and repair as well as new construction and remodeling. He does this with an ever-present smile and cheer and still finds time to give several hundred hours of volunteer service to our community."

President Harland Merriam nominated Julia Hardy, Financial Secretary of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. "Julia sees her job here as a vocation, as a calling. She not only accomplishes her bookkeeping responsibilities with efficiency and excellence, she has continually taken on other responsibilities for the overall church maintenance and office operation. She sees problems as opportunities and addresses them in a very professional manner. She has won the respect of all who work and interact with her."

Gene Hughes nominated Bill Leger, Newscaster at KFDM-TV Channel 6. "For as long as he has been a Beaumont resident, Bill has been a tireless broadcast journalist. His commitment to his craft and his community are a standard

by which all journalists should aspire. No nomination, no matter how eloquently worded, could adequately summarize his work."

Paula O'Neal nominated Stanley Nobles, Owner of Triangle Air Care. "A nicer 'guy' you cannot find. Stanley is truly loved by all, most especially his customers. Stanley goes the extra mile to service his customers and sets a fine example for his employees. He is fair and concerned for all. Although not a Rotarian, he lives the 4-Way Test. He is also a very giving man who helps all those he encounters in every way he can. It gives me great pleasure to nominate Stanley Nobles for this recognition."

Terry Bourdier nominated Steve Piper, a Service Technician for Bill Clark Pest Control. "Steve is the Service Technician for the Foundation for Southeast Texas building, in which our offices are located. He makes regular visits to the building's seven suites. Though his work is quick and thorough, it is his positive attitude, good nature, sense of humor and concern for his customers which prompt this nomination. He always stops by the office, very pleasantly and sincerely bides the time and asks if everything is okay. There is no actual need for him to do this, it is just his personality and his pride in his work. He has the kind of attitude, personality and concern for his customers that lets them know he cares about them as people...Steve is the kind of person any employer would want to have representing their company."

Jolene Ortego nominated **The Honorable Evelyn Lord**, Mayor of Beaumont. "Evelyn has brought a wealth of expertise, experience, credibility and joy to our city. Her contributions are too numerous to list, but to know her is to love her."

Maurine also nominated **Alexine Boutin**, Executive Director of the Rotary Club of Beaumont. "Alexine is worthy of this recognition because she has done yeoman's service in getting the Rotary office back into shape, including the financial records. She has taken on many additional duties such as preparing the Rotarygram. She is a real asset to the Rotary Club of Beaumont."



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Board Election Reminder

The following Rotarians have been nominated to fill four seats on next year's Board of Directors. The election will be held during today's meeting.



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Air Comfort, Inc.



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Gary Rothenberger, Jr.,
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Wathen DeShong &
Juncker

Please plan to attend and cast your vote.

Rotarians in the News

Congratulations our fellow Rotarians:

Buzz Brown who was elected Secretary of Southeast Texas Pest Control Association

Ann Scoggin who was elected President and **Charlie Foxworth** who was elected Director of the Beaumont Board of Realtors

Holiday Party

Make your plans now to attend our Holiday Party on **Tuesday, December 17th** from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Beaumont Country Club, by reservation only.

Our thanks go to **Becky and Chuck Mason** who have been finalizing the plans. The **Rotary Chorus** will be well-practiced and in fine voice, and will be joined by **Galen Wixson** and **Earl Hines'** talented wife Betsy to present the entertainment.

We will feast on sirloin of beef, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed salad, and fresh vegetables. For dessert, the BCC special - pecan ice cream ball with chocolate sauce!

All this for only \$25 per person.

Please make reservations for yourself and your spouse, friends and family. Sign up outside the ballroom December 4th or 11th, call (842-1913), fax (842-5613) or e-mail (rotarybmt1@yahoo.com) the Rotary office to reserve your tickets now.

Once again, we will collect new, unwrapped toys to be distributed by the Salvation Army.



The Rotary Club of Beaumont
invites you to a
Reception before the Game

Lamar University Cardinals
vs.
Southeastern Louisiana Lions

Saturday, January 4, 2003 6:00 - 7:00
Cardinal Club Room - Montagne Center

Birthdays



6th Fred Kristiansen (74)
Production Control Manager,
Eastham Forge, Inc. Born in
Chicago, Illinois, he is a
graduate of Texas A&M.

Fred and his wife Barbara
are the parents of Kimberly and Kristin,
and are members of First Baptist Church.
He enjoys fishing, softball, tennis and the
beach. Fred is a Paul Harris Fellow.



6th Brenda Nichols (01)
Dean, College of Arts & Sci-
ences, Lamar University.
Born in Henderson, Ken-
tucky, she is a graduate of
the University of Evansville

and Indiana University. Brenda and her
husband Harry are the parents of David,
Christopher and Andrew. She enjoys
reading, riding horses and traveling.



6th Jolene Ortego (95)
P.R. Director/Communi-
cations, Beaumont I.S.D.
Born in New Orleans, Louisi-
ana, she is a graduate of the
University of Southwest Loui-

siana and Lamar University. Jolene and
her husband Dale are the parents of Dale
Jr., Leah and Bobby, and are members of
St. Anne Catholic Church. She enjoys
playing tennis, reading, theater and old
movies.



6th Robert Turner (02)
President, JK Chevrolet-
Isuzu. Born in Marshall,
Robert and his wife Michelle
are the parents of Daylyn,
Robert, Kyle and Mycah, and

are members of Antioch Baptist Church.
He enjoys fishing and horseback riding.



8th Evelyn Lord (90)
Mayor, City of Beaumont.
Born in Melrose, Massachu-
setts, she is a graduate of
Boston University, the Uni-
versity of Delaware and the

University of Louisville School of Law.
Evelyn and her husband **Sam** are the
parents of Steven, Jonathan, Nathaniel,
Victoria and William. Evelyn is a Paul
Harris Fellow.

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