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EXTRA! 90th Anniversary Insert EXTRA!

Rotary Goes to School



In 1996 SBC Pioneers, an industry-based volunteer organization made up of Southwestern Bell employees, came up with the idea of distributing personalized readers to kindergarten students at Homer Elementary. The project was so well received that they decided it would be a good idea to expand the project.

Their goal was to provide personalized readers to every kindergarten student in Beaumont, but they lacked the funds and the manpower to do so. Three years ago they turned to the Beaumont Rotary Club for help.

This week 157 Rotarians will go to 24 schools representing 92 classrooms, and distribute 1,673 personalized readers to every kindergarten student in Beaumont. For some of these children, this will be the only book their family owns. Most Rotarians who have participated in this program say it is one of their favorite Rotary activities of the entire year.

If you have not already signed up for this project, it is not too late. All you have to do is call the Rotary Office at 842-1913, or Travis Brewer at 866-2321, and we will be happy to assign you to a school.

Assignments

ALL SAINTS
 4108 Delaware
Campus Coordinator
Allison Golias - 838-3731
 Harris, Bob
 Hughes, Gene
 Keramati, Azim
 Knight, Barbara
 McKinnon, Mark

AMELIA
 565 South Major Drive
Campus Coordinator
Steve Lucas - 861-6362
 Anderson, Pat
 Coleman, Don
 Huckaby, Roy
 Nejad, Sina
 Schenck, Jack

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ANAYAT HOUSE

Overnight accommodations for family members of patients at local hospitals, especially those in Intensive Care Units.

Carolyn Oliver 2675 McFaddin
833-0649

**Prematurity...
 It's a bigger
 problem
 than
 you think.**

**March
 of Dimes**

WalkAmerica

Saturday, April 12, 2003
 Donna Blanchette 835-7606

Habitat for Humanity

*Making a difference in communities
 by building homes for families.*

Gretta Bowman 832-5853

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Future Programs

March

7th Camp Enterprise
Holy Family Retreat Center

Makeups

Monday:
No. Port ArthurHoliday 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

We always say Rotarians are the best and the brightest so it should be no surprise that our own **John Durkay** brought us one of the most informative programs of the year.

Calmly handling a microphone that would have brought down a lesser man, **John** explained the function of various organizations in our area involving chemical plants, oil refineries and other large employers here.

A partner with the Mehaffy & Weber law firm, **John** helped form the Golden Triangle Business Roundtable in 1980, an organization of local plants, construction contractors and labor leaders.

That group spawned SIP, STIPRA, STAN, STEM and the Southeast Texas Plant Managers Forum, all of which **John** explained to us.

Our own **Kathleen Jackson** heads STIPRA, a public relations association for the plants. STAN is the notification system in the event of a chemical spill or other hazard to the public. And STEM is the Southeast Texas Environmental Management organization.

The Southeast Texas Plant Managers Forum originated as the executive committee of the Business Roundtable but was established as a non-profit organization in 1990.

Among the many interesting facts **John** shared with us:

The average age of the work force at Motiva is 55, and that is not unusual among the plants in our area.

Because there has always been a danger of explosions in the plants, the terrorist threat is simply another dimension to a hazard already present.

According to the Occupational Safety & Health Association, it is safer to work in a local plant than in a retail grocery store.

Plant workers are trained in safety and then given a photo ID badge showing the courses they have taken, which allows them to work in other plants without duplicating the training.

In answer to a question by the intellectually curious **Jerry White**, **John** explained why duct tape, plastic and common sense might very well avoid major problems even if we do have an accidental release of dangerous chemicals.

All in all, a lot of valuable information packed into 20 minutes, leaving us with a lot more confidence about the time and effort our biggest employers have put into our safety.

Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, February 18th, and approved the following:

New Members:

Elias Sarkis,
President,
Tri-Con, Inc.,
"Wholesale Oil Sales"
Proposed by Ted Moor III

Imad Sarkis,
Vice President & Sales Manager,
Tri-Con, Inc.,
"Wholesale Oil Sales"
Proposed by Ted Moor III

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, March 7th, the candidates listed above will be considered elected to membership.

Classification change:

Rhonda Perkins –
"Hotel Management – Sales"
to "Assns: Beaumont Main Street"

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**Welcome
New Members**

Two new members were introduced at the February 19th meeting:



Richard Bothel
Executive Director of
Continuing & Distance
Education,
Lamar University
"Education – University –
University Development"

Proposed by Janice Trammell



Robert Hickman
Vice President & Principal,
Leap Engineering
"Engineering - Civil"
Proposed by Carol Flatten



**Kitchen
Koncepts**

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 Kirksey, Sharen
 Turner, Robert
 Weinbaum, Bo

BLANCHETTE

2400 Lela Street
Campus Coordinator
Ralph McBride - 835-1340
 Hickman, Tillie
 Kincaid, Kal
 Mason, Becky
 Robertson, Mary Ellen

CALDWOOD

102 Berkshire Lane
Campus Coordinator
Benny Hughes - 838-6412
 Condon, Gerald
 Garey, Rix
 Gray, Maurine
 Henges, Dorothy
 Lee, Norman
 Moor, Ted
 Peavey, Robert
 Rich, Jim

CATHEDRAL

2350 Eastex Frwy
Campus Coordinator
Kyle Hayes - 880-3112
 Colletti, Chris
 Edgar, Robert
 Hurley, Phil
 Lohr, Michael
 Martin, Ralph

CURTIS

6225 North Circuit Drive
Campus Coordinator
Nancy Beaulieu - 861-0234
 Baker, Angela
 Beaulieu, Larry
 Edson, Ed III
 Edwards, Lum III
 Matthews, Bill
 McSpadden, Floyd
 Parmer, Mary
 Schultz, Russ
 Scoggin, Ann
 Theobald, Mark

DISHMAN

3475 Champions Drive
Campus Coordinator
Neal Baker - 832-3626
 Bourdier, Terry
 Burns, Andy
 Dollinger, Ken
 Johnson, Jay
 Johnston, Jay
 Meadows, Eric
 Moncla, Dennis

Quintel, Scot
 Wolf, Michael

DUNBAR

825 Jackson Street
Campus Coordinator
Larry Walker - 866-2314
 Mason, Chuck
 Reed, Ron
 Smith, Ryan
 Williams, Stephanie

FEHL

3350 Blanchette Street
Campus Coordinator
Kathleen Hardey - 791-8021
 Doblin, Steve
 Lawrence, Eric
 Walker, Janet
 Westerfield, Carl

FIELD

4315 Concord Road
Campus Coordinator
Brad Brown - 892-0233
 Duplant, Max
 Fuller, Jim
 Gaddis, Tim
 Tarbett, Jim

FLETCHER

1055 Ave F
Campus Coordinator
Paula Bothe - 839-4475
 Broussard, Alex
 Flores, Lupe
 Kristiansen, Fred
 Sampson, Alan
 Thompson, Robert
 Warren, Harvey

FRENCH

3525 Cleveland Street
Campus Coordinator
Elaine Shellenberger
892-4455
 Buser, Steve
 Frazier, Janelle
 Oliver, Carolyn

GUESS

8055 Voth Road
Campus Coordinator
James Broussard -
832-1621
 Bullock, Charlie
 Cable, Bill
 Ferchak, Donna
 Freeland, Lee
 Harris, Michelle
 Martin, Rodney
 Noble, Jeff
 Rothenberger, Gary

HOMER

8950 Homer Drive
Campus Coordinator
Alexine Boutin - 842-1913
 Berry, Arthur

Castro, Toby
 Chatangier, Randy
 Harkey, Ryan
 Wickland, Mary

LUCAS

1750 E. Lucas Drive
Campus Coordinator
Earl Brickhouse - 899-4478
 Ames, Becky
 Brentlinger, Brock
 Carter, Mike
 Dolan, Kari
 Johnson, Carolyn
 McNicholas, Jim
 Smith, Lulu
 White, Jerry

MARTIN

3500 Pine Street
Campus Coordinator
Earl Hines - 654-2815
 Blanchette, Donna
 Bowman, Gretta
 Flatten, Carol
 Lucas, Bill
 Mann, Scott
 Polk, John (Tiger)
 Traylor, Paul
 Williams, Thomas

OGDEN

2300 Victoria Street
Campus Coordinator
Matt White - 832-1906
 Bothel, Richard
 McNeely, Melinda
 Parker, Dan
 Thacker, Ben

OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

3390 Sarah
Campus Coordinator
Ron Baumer - 866-7022
 Dunlap, Phil
 Randall, Mary

PIETZSCH/MACARTHUR

4301 Highland
Campus Coordinator
Carole Reeves - 832-0221
 Beaver, Jeff
 Blanchard, Chad
 Davidson, Paul
 Hatcher, Beverly
 Hogge, Jamie
 Thomas, Robert III
 Venta, Henry
 Weller, Karen
 Young, Kristie

PRICE

3350 Waverly Street
Campus Coordinator
Travis Brewer - 866-2321
 Broussard, Joe
 Carlisle, Nancy
 Mistrot, Sharon
 Ortego, Jolene

Birthdays



Feb 26th Howard Bundy II (75)
 Retired. Born in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, he is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. Howard and his wife Sally are the parents of Kendall, and are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys sailing, gardening and reading. Howard is a Paul Harris Fellow.



Feb 28th Michael Lohr (85)
 Retired. Born in Bad König, Germany, he is a graduate of University of Frankfurt. He is the father of Dion, Sheri, Michael Jr. He enjoys stamp collecting, playing golf and reading.



Mar 2nd H.F. Weatherly (83) Retired. Born in Garrison, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. H.F. and his wife Dorothy are the parents of Jana. H.F. enjoys woodworking, leathercraft and photography.

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Leaves of Absence:

Shiv Bagri - 2/19/03 - 3/26/03
 Galen Wixson - 2/19/03 - 6/30/03

Resignations accepted with regret:

Tracy Hughes
 Business pressures

Chris McDonald
 Business pressures

Ellen Rienstra
 Business pressures

REGINA HOWELL

5850 Regina Lane
Campus Coordinator
Charlie Foxworth - 892-4108
 Beard, Louis
 Clayton, Michael
 Holland, Wayne
 Locke, David
 Rand, Scott
 Saladin, John
 Snyder, Kathy
 Swerdlow, Robert
 Towers, Peg
 Weinbaum, Charlie

ST ANNES

375 N 11th Street
Campus Coordinator
Chuck Heare - 924-3220
 (will be distributed at a later date)

ST ANTHONY

850 Forsythe
Campus Coordinator
Rick Barnes - 553-4458
 Engle, Glen
 Funchess, Richard

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