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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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## Steven Reap & Beau Shahan—Beaumont Drillers



**Steven Reap**, General Manager of the Beaumont Drillers attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA from 1988-1993 where he anchored the offensive line as center for three

years. He was voted Permanent Team Captain and served as the Director of Football Operations for the past three seasons at NSU before joining the Drillers. Steven is single and has two children, Lauren and Madison, who reside in Baton Rouge, LA. His interests include doing whatever it takes for the Drillers to be the NIFL champions.



Coach **Beau Keith Shahan**, of Beaumont, serves as Head Coach of the Beaumont Drillers. Beau is a graduate of Billings West (MT) High School and

attended Rocky Mountain College in Montana. He earned his masters in Education Administration at Lamar University. He previously coached offense and defense and served as the Offensive Coordinator for the Tacoma Express of the PSFL. He is presently the defensive coordinator and line-backer coach at High Island.

## Head Table



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**Future Programs**

**February**

12<sup>th</sup> Better Business Bureau  
19<sup>th</sup> Representative Allan Ritter  
26<sup>th</sup> Rotary Goes to School

**March**

7<sup>th</sup> Camp Enterprise  
Holy Family Retreat Center

**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



**Kitchen  
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**Program Review**

Our speaker this past week was Ken Hoagland. Ken started his career as a speech writer for then Governor Dolph Briscoe. In the years since, he has been a top national lobbyist for a variety of organizations including senior citizens and other similar groups. Currently Ken works with Texans for Lawsuit Reforms (TLR) and is responsible for crafting their political strategy in their fight for equal justice.

Ken describes the Texans for Lawsuit Reform as a "likeable, but irritating," organization. Their goal is to balance the scales of justice that have shifted too far in favor of the plaintiff. Ken talked about many issues he felt were not fair or reasonable. For instance, even though it is required by law in the state of Texas to wear seat belts, defense attorneys are not al-

lowed to bring up the fact that an injured party in an automobile accident was not wearing a seat belt.

Ken spoke about the problems in the medical profession. He stated that for every one-hundred doctors in the Rio Grande Valley there are 350 law suits. The result is that doctors have quite high risk fields and now there are 101 counties in Texas that don't have obstetricians. Other examples include the fact that no class action law suit has ever been brought to a jury in 17 years because the companies being sued would be bankrupted if they lost.

The main goal of the TLR is to get people to write or fax their legislators. The only way the laws are going to be changed will be for people to let their congressmen know we think these issues are important.

**Ramblings**

Taxes, the President's State of the Union Address, absent members and military assignments of loved ones were the topics of discussion around Rotary tables.

CPA's **Lauren Brooks, Mary Wickland** and **Ryan Harkey** were all happy to break away from taxes for a Rotary break.

Talk of the military build up included Past President **Roger**

**McCabe** reporting the rumors he heard about where **President Harland** is headed.

**Carol** and **Gerald Flatten** have a son assigned in the Mediterranean

and **Tillie Hickman's** son-in-law is headed to Cuba.

Folks were still talking about the Board Social the night before hosted



by **Past President Tommy Lamb III** and his wife **Katherine**. Assisting were **Roy Huckaby** and his wife **Glenda**. We understand **Tommy** was appropriately attired in a blue and

white stripped apron as he served grilled shrimp and oysters to board members and 30 Somethings.



# Birthdays



**4<sup>th</sup> Arthur Martin (98)**  
Executive Vice President,  
Stewart Title Company.  
Born in Orange Texas, he  
is a graduate of Lamar Uni-  
versity and the University of

Houston. Arthur and his wife Carolyn are the parents of Matthew and Christopher. Arthur enjoys computers, classic cars & physical fitness.



**4<sup>th</sup> Galen Wixson (02)**  
Executive Director, Sym-  
phony of Southeast Texas.  
Born in Hutchinson KS., a  
graduate of Wichita State  
University and Carnegie

Mellon University. He and his wife Dana are the parents of Alyssa. Wixson enjoys Chamber music and jogging.



**5<sup>th</sup> Scott Cook (91)**  
Partner, Cook & Associ-  
ates. Scott is a Beaumont  
native, he is a graduate of  
the University of Texas.  
Scott and his wife Genie

are members of the First United Method-  
ist Church. Scott enjoys traveling and  
sports.



**6<sup>th</sup> Chad Blanchard (02)**  
General Manager,  
Munro's Uniform Ser-  
vices. Chad is a Beau-  
mont native, a graduate of  
Stephen F. Austin State

University. Chad and his wife Chelle' are the parents of Beau and Katie, and are members of St. Marys Catholic Church of Fannett. Chad enjoys hunt-  
ing, fishing, and playing golf.



**8<sup>th</sup> Steve Doblin (01)**  
Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs,  
Lamar University. Born in  
Jersey City, New Jersey,

he is a graduate of Lamar University. Steve and his wife Suzye are the par-  
ents of Jeff, and are members of Tem-  
ple Emanuel. Steve enjoys running and  
playing bridge.



**8<sup>th</sup> Larry Walker (86)**  
Vice President/General  
Manager, Automatic  
Pump & Equipment.

Born in Jackson, Missis-  
sippi, he is a graduate of Lamar Univer-  
sity. Larry and his wife Beverly are the  
parents of Ronnie and Kim, and are  
members of First Baptist Church. Steve  
enjoys playing golf and farming.



**9<sup>th</sup> Alexine Boutin (01)**  
Executive Director, Ro-  
tary Club of Beaumont.  
A Beaumont native, she  
attended SMU and UCLA  
and is a Lamar University

graduate. Alexine enjoys gardening,  
oceanography and reading.

## Scholarships



**Beth Tindall,**  
a senior at  
Lamar Uni-  
versity and  
recipient of  
Rotary's  
2003 Amba-  
sadorial  
Scholarship,  
thanks the  
club for the

opportunity to continue her educa-  
tion in South America at the end of  
this year. Beth leaves this week to  
spend Spring Break studying in  
Spain.



**Kari Dolan**  
*Program Director*  
I Have a Dream  
"Assns:  
I Have a Dream"  
Proposed by:  
**Carolyn Howard**



**Carolyn Johnson**  
*Manager*  
Jefferson Theatre  
"Assns:  
Jefferson Theatre"  
Proposed by:  
**Arthur Berry**



**David  
Teuscher, M.D.**  
*Shareholder*  
Beaumont Bone  
& Joint Institute  
"Medicine –  
Orthopedics"  
Proposed by:  
**Lauren Brooks**

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**TARYN RAND**

*daughter of fellow Rotarian*

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