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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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Ken Hoagland

Ken Hoagland began his career in public policy right after leaving the Air Force when he went to work for former Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe developing economic development projects.

In the years since, he has been a top national lobbyist for senior citizens, designed experimental employment and training programs for the U. S. Department of Labor and has worked as a speechwriter and national spokesman.

Hoagland was one of the first political strategists to development powerful state and national grassroots campaigns which put hundreds of thousands of citizens in touch with their legislators.

Hoagland managed Texans for Lawsuit Reform's winning grassroots campaign in 1995, was the architect of the National Campaign to Repeal the Catastrophic Care Act in 1989 and has developed grassroots and press strategies for Americans for Fair Taxation, U. S. Air, MCI and Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

He resides in Houston with his wife Wendy and their sons, Jack and Henry.

Ted Moor III arranged Mr. Hoagland's visit and will introduce the program.

Head Table



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Birthdays



Lulu Smith is deep in conversation with Tom Combs while Bessie Chisum makes a point with Maury Meyers.



Donna Blanchette (l) and Chuck Ege (r) welcome one of our guests.



Pat Phelan visits with Norman Lee, Bessie Chisum and Wilton White.

Wheelchair Project

Emily Compton, Chair of the Wheelchair Project, will travel to Mexico City in February, accompanied by President Harland, Alex Broussard and Ron Borel of the Rotary Club of Orange whose club helped us fund the project.

They will present our 240 wheelchairs at a large health fair being held on Sunday, February 23rd celebrating Rotary International's 99th anniversary. Dignitaries from Mexico City including RI Past President Frank Devlyn are expected to attend.



29th Buz Brown (93)
Sales Manager, Bill Clark Pest Control, Inc. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas. Buz and his wife Donna are the parents of Von and Gary, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf. Buz is a Paul Harris Fellow.



30th Kent Batman (02)
District Sales Manager, Colonial Life & Accident. Born in Ames, Iowa, he is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. Kent and his wife Elizabeth are the parents of Paul, Joel and Neal, and are members of First Baptist Church of Kountze. He enjoys hunting, fishing and playing golf and tennis.



1st Smythe Shepherd (39)
Shepherd's Uniform & Linen Supply. A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. Smythe is the father of Anne, Bill and John, and is a member of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and fishing. Smythe is a Paul Harris Fellow.



3rd Bill Cable (78)
Owner, William Cable & Associates. A Beaumont native, he is a Lamar graduate. Bill and his wife Wahwiece are the parents of Danya, have three grandchildren, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. Bill enjoys hunting, travel and skiing.

Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, January 21st and approved the following:

New Members:

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

Richard Bothel
Executive Director of Continuing &
Distance Education
Lamar University
"Education - University -
University Development"
Proposed by Janice Trammell

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

Resignation accepted with regret:

Robert Wenner
Business pressure

Rotarians in the News

Rotary members were overheard congratulating **Terry Bourdier** on the success of United Way's 2002/2203 fund raising effort.

The volunteers, staff, and agencies of the United Way of Beaumont gathered January 21st at the Hilton hotel to celebrate the success of their fund raising effort. The campaign drew on all areas of our community and raised \$2,811,850.

"It was because of you and your efforts that we reached this goal," Joe Domino, Campaign Chair for the United Way of Beaumont told those in attendance. "United Way is about providing solutions to community problems. The success of this campaign means that the agencies we fund will be able to continue to provide community solutions - to meet more needs."

Many of our Rotarians were directly involved as volunteers and/or donors in the effort and were instrumental to its success. Just another example of putting Service above Self!

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Future Programs

February

5th Stephen Reap
12th Better Business Bureau
19th Representative Allan Ritter
26th Rotary Goes to School

March

7th 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

Program Review



Chuck Ege, Dan Hallmark, Bill Neild, Steve Gartside, Larry Beaumont, Maury Meyers, Pat Phelan, Representative Kevin Brady, Joe Domino, Bessie Chisum, Norman Lee, Jim Rich, Danny Wheat and Weldon Gibson

Congressman Kevin Brady helped us celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce with a speech filled with humor, high standards and a devotion to security.

A former Chairman of the Beaumont Chamber, Mr. Brady assured us that the typical talk-show featuring two politicians screaming at each other is not a true picture of our government at work.

A Republican, he said his party has asked for the responsibility of controlling two branches of government and "we want to be held accountable."

Mr. Brady said the GOP knows what it wants to accomplish and recognizes that good ideas come from all over, including from the Democrats.

He told us that Congress must stay focused on security, not just the armed forces but also economic security and retirement security, including fixing Medicare and making prescription drugs affordable.

Although he believes President Bush's plan to cut income taxes on dividends is a good one, Mr. Brady believes some changes may have to be made in the plan to make it even better.

He also said the Clean Air Act must be changed so that areas like the Golden Triangle can continue to grow and the corporate alternative minimum tax should be repealed. He called that tax a "job killer".

Although Mr. Brady said war is always a last resort, he branded Iraq as the #1 country supporting terrorism and said we need to end the current administration there.

In demonstrating how long the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce has been in business, the Congressman mentioned that the annual budget for the United States in 1903 was \$562 million, an amount we now spend every two hours.

Another former Chamber employee, Tom Combs, introduced Brady. Tom is now the chief of staff for our Congressman, Nick Lampson. Rousing applause greeted both men.

Jim Rich hosted several past and present Chamber dignitaries, some of whom are pictured above.

Happy birthday, Chamber!



Congressman Brady answered questions from the floor after the program.



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