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Dan Lambe, Texas Watch

Dan Lambe is the Founder and Executive Director of Texas Watch, a statewide consumer research and advocacy organization. He represents Texas Watch members and Texas consumers in the Texas Legislature and state regulatory agencies. He is responsible for overall organizational strategy, political outreach, research oversight and legislative initiatives.

Lambe works extensively with the media as a spokesperson for Texas Watch and as an expert on various consumer issues. He has been cited as a consumer expert in newspapers across the country including *The New York Times*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Dallas Morning News* and others. Texas Watch's re-

search has been chronicled in media reports across Texas and nation including *CBS's 60 Minutes*, *PBS's Frontline*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post* and more.

Dan began his work in community organizing as program staff with Arizona Citizen Action, followed by three years as Program Director for California Citizen Action. Dan has been working with Texas families and consumers on insurance and consumer law issues for more than six years.

During his career, Dan has organized consumers to participate on legislative initiatives, including:

- Improving disclosures for dangerously defective products;
- Increasing consumer ability to hold irresponsible insurance companies accountable;
- Ensuring access to justice for injured workers, victims of violent crimes and low income citizens;
- Maintaining strong corporate accountability and responsibility protections in Texas laws.

Lambe is one of the founders of Alabama Watch, an independent statewide consumer advocacy organization committed to advancing and protecting the interests of Alabama consumers and communities through the legislative and regulatory processes. Lambe sits on the Alabama Watch Advisory Council aiding in policy and grassroots advocacy decision-making.

Today, Lambe considers the biggest and most important achievement in his political career to be the organizing of thousands of citizens to become more involved in the political process to help protect and preserve their interests as consumers.

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Future Programs

January

15th Oliver Luck
22nd Congressman Kevin Brady
29th Ken Hoagland

February

5th Stephen Reap
12th Better Business Bureau
19th Representative Allan Ritter

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

Holiday Party

Many thanks to **Becky and Chuck Mason** for their efforts in planning the holiday party. Great food, great fellowship, great entertainment!



Guest conductor Josh Zona, Assistant Conductor of the Symphony of Southeast Texas, led Rotary Chorus members **Nancy Beaulieu, Chuck Mason, Maurine Gray, Brock Brentlinger, Becky Mason, Bob Harris, Rhonda Perkins, President Harland, Jamie Hogge, Robert Thompson, Ann Scoggin, Alex Broussard** and **Carole Reeves** in a program of old and new holiday songs.



The Chorus was accompanied by **Toby Castro** on drums, **Galen Wixson** (not in photo) on cello, Dr. Raul Ornelas on guitar and pianist Betsy Hines, wife of **Earl Hines**.



Mayor **Evelyn Lord** surprised her husband **Sam Lord, Jr.** by presenting him with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Congratulations, **Sam!**



Chorus members cleared the way for **Jerry Nathan's** enthusiastic two-fisted performance of Jingle Bells.



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Birthdays



1 Marion Rienstra (60)
Partner, Rienstra, Dowell & Flatten. Born in Nederland, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Texas. Marion and his wife Betty are the parents of James, Mary, George, David and Nancy.



4 Ryan Harkey (02)
Manager, Pollans & Cohen. Born in Austin, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He enjoys hunting and fishing.



5 Mike Carter (84)
President, Carter & Company. Born in Vinita, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. Mike and his wife Denise are the parents of Dawn, Jennifer and Brian, and are members of Bevil Oaks Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, basketball and baseball.



5 Dave White (86)
President & Managing Shareholder, Funchess, Mills, White & Co. Born in Dallas, he is a Lamar University graduate. Dave and his wife Elaine are the parents of Kyle Kimberly and Kolby, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys golf, hunting, tennis and fishing.



5 Stephanie Williams (02)
Tax Manager, Pollans & Cohen. Born in Houston, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. Stephanie and her husband Chad are the parents of Tara and Tiffany, and are members of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Nederland. She enjoys boating and fishing.



6 George Crawford (94)
Vice President & General Manager, Lamar Advertising of Beaumont. Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of the University

of Mississippi. He and his wife Donavie are the parents of Brooke and Kristen, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys fishing, hunting and reading.



9 Bill Lucas (89)
Chairman, The Lucas Company. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Bill and his wife Mary Elizabeth are the parents of Steve, Jeff and Karen. He enjoys sailing, gardening and racquetball.



9 Matt White (01)
Director, McFaddin-Ward House. Born in Port Arthur, he is a Lamar University graduate. Matt has served as President of the Beaumont Music Commission.



11 Kathleen Hardey (02)
Human Resource Consultant, Chisum Resources. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She and her husband Pete are the parents of twins, Shalain and Jason. They enjoy riding their Harley.



12 Bobby Celli, Jr. (83)
President, ISI Commercial Refrigeration. Born in Galveston, he is a Lamar University graduate. Bobby and his wife Sara are the parents of Tiffany and Christy. He enjoys playing tennis, traveling and participating in community projects.



12 Robert Swerdlow (79)
Associate Dean, College of Business, Lamar University. A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Lamar University. Robert and his wife Marleen are the parents of Mat-

thew, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys civic work, playing tennis and traveling with Marleen and Matthew. Robert is a Paul Harris Fellow.



13 Philip Long (01)
Owner, Long Architects. Born in Birkenhead, England, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. Philip and his wife Patti are the parents of Ryan, Aaron, Daniel and Patrick, and are members of Westgate Memorial Baptist Church. He enjoys soccer, backpacking, camping and sky diving.



14 Linda Moore (98)
Public Relations, Cowboy Harley Davidson/Morris Moore Chevrolet. Born in Toledo, Ohio, she is a Lamar University graduate. Linda and her husband Morris are the parents of David and Danny. She enjoys skiing, dancing, fishing, golf, gardening, decorating and bird watching.

Members in the News

Leonard Clifton, Jay Derrick, Phil Hurley and Eric Lawrence have been elected to serve three-year terms as Directors on the Board of the Better Business Bureau of Southeast Texas. They join fellow Rotarians **Becky Ames, Candace Broucher, Jim Broussard, Mike Ireland, Azim Keramati, Buzz Kiker, Mark McKinnon, Paul Skinner, Bo Weinbaum, and Jerry White** who are currently serving terms on the Board.

Michael Clayton recently spoke and conducted training for Zig Ziglar and his staff in their offices in Dallas.

Russ Schultz has been appointed to serve a two-year term on the Texas Commission of the Arts' Education Advisory Panel. He is also president-elect of the Texas Council on Arts in Education.

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