

Program 7/10

Ramblings

THE STATE OF THE CITY



Our Mayor, the **Honorable Evelyn Lord**, just "keeps going and going." She first charged her batteries at Boston University with a BA in Ro-

mance Languages (that's what **Sam** spoke then), then at the University of Delaware with a MA in Political Science, and topped it off with a Doctorate of Jurisprudence and Outstanding Woman honor from the University of Louisville School of Law.

Not only has she served the City of Beaumont as Councilmember, as Mayor Pro-tem, and as Mayor from 1990-1994, she also served the State of Delaware as a State Senator.

Mayor Lord has worked as an attorney in Kentucky and is licensed with the U.S. Supreme Court. She has been a county judge administrative assistant in Jefferson County and Kentucky, legal administrator of Orgain, Bell & Tucker, and vice president of Texas Commerce Bank.

When you realize how many civic and service organizations she has served, you know for sure that her energy and drive comes from no ordinary alkaline battery. To list a few, she has served or is now serving as a board director or as an executive for: the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Texas Energy Museum, United Way, Lamar University Foundation, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Texas Municipal League, SE Texas Regional Planning Commission, POST, and as Chairman of the Texas State Spindletop Centennial Commission.

Evelyn's awards and honors are too many to list but include Phi Kappa Phi, distinguished alumni award from Boston University, 1991 Labor/Management award, many Boy and Girl Scout awards, 2001 Newsmaker of the Year from the Press Club of SE Texas, Paul Harris Fellow and "Service Above Self" award from our Rotary, and Beaumont's 1993 "Man of the Year".

Our Mayor will honor our Rotary Club by giving us a "State of the City" address and her vision for the city we love and she loves and serves.

Past Presidents of the Club and their spouses were introduced by **Robert Swerdlow**. He overlooked **Lois Ann Stanton** because she was sitting on the **Beaulieu** side of the room instead of on the **Benny Hughes'** side. Both **Larry** and **Benny** were noticeably absent having started their Fourth of July celebrations early. **Benny** promised his family fresh fish for the Fourth and needed a few days to try to catch some.

Harland thinks he has figured out a way to outsmart Rotarians that leave before the meeting is over. He reasons that if he runs over at Church, the congregation stays put, but at Rotary, the group disappears at 1:00 p.m. whether he is through or not. His solution – start early. **Macon Ware** and **Carolyn Howard** weren't the only ones arriving at 12:20 to find the Club singing "God Bless America". Just for the record, **Harland**, there's a reason the Beaumont Rotary Club is known throughout the Nation as the Club that does not sing!

Jack Scott is having surgery next week and won't be at his table to sell you a lunch ticket. He has sold tickets for over 20 years. **Jack**, you didn't have to go to such drastic means to get a day off. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Program Review

Lamar's Brass Quintet brought a patriotic tone to the beginning of the new Rotary year, setting the stage for the installation of **President Harland Merriam**, his officers and directors.

Headed by Raul Ornelis, the musicians played "America the Beautiful", an Armed Forces medley, "Stars and

Stripes Forever" and, with everyone singing along, "God Bless America."

Lamar faculty members Wayne Dyess, Robert Colbertson, Travis Albaney and senior trumpet major Todd Patterson rounded out the brass band, even bringing humor to their performance.

In the past, installations of new offi-

cers and directors have been little noticed or noted. **President Harland** determined that his directors and officers would be special. And he made it happen.

Similarly, **President Harland** invited Past Presidents of the club, and their families, to occupy prominent positions at or near the podium, which they seemed to enjoy.

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Wine Tasting

Hats off to Fellowship Committee Chair **Gerald Condon** for his successful evening of wine tasting on Wednesday, June 26th. **Nelson Alter** and his wife Shirley hosted us at the beautiful new Alter's Gem Jewelry Store on Dowlen Road and provided the lovely crystal bowl door prize won by **Leonard Juncker**. More than seventy members and their guests braved the thunderstorms and sampled five different wines and trays of cheese, crackers and fruit to clear the palate between glasses.

Executive Director **Alexine** presented **Nelson** with a Certificate of Membership to replace the one he lost in the fire. Then **President Roger McCabe**



surprised him with a Paul Harris Fellowship. **Nelson** expressed his deep gratitude to the members for the prestigious award.

Browsing the merchandise proved costly to some members, including **Azim Keramati** (ask him what time it is!). It was a good time to remind spouse's of upcoming birthdays and anniversaries.



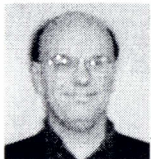
Birthdays

July 4



Frank Maida, a member since 1987, is Senior Partner in the Maida Law Firm. A Beaumont native, Frank is a graduate of Texas Christian University and the University of Houston School of Law. He and his wife Laure are the parents of Mary Frances, Jonathan and Caroline, and are members of St. Jude's Catholic Church. Frank enjoys playing cards.

July 5



Greg Moore, a member since 2001, is the Area Manager for Way Service Ltd. Born in Hamilton, Ontario Canada, Greg is a graduate of McMaster University and Wilfred Laurier University. He and his wife Adiean are the parents of Lianne, Gregory and Joshua, and are Lutherans. Greg's hobbies include playing hockey, water sports, collecting sports trading cards and his children's activities.

Birthdays

July 6



Phil Dunlap, a member since 1998, is a Partner with Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt. Born in Dallas, Phil is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Georgia are the parents of Max, Caroline, Clay and Katie, and are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Phil's hobbies are running and the occasional game of golf.

July 7



Tom Lamb, a Past President, Paul Harris Fellow and member since 1951, is a Consultant for Corporate Express. A Beaumont native, Tom is a graduate of University of the South (Sewanee). He and his wife Jane are the parents of Janey, Tommy, Linda and Marshall, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Tom enjoys playing tennis.

Birthdays

July 8



Bob Burns, a Paul Harris Fellow and member since 1969, is President of Burns Properties. Born in Houston, Frank is a graduate of Rice University. He and his wife Colleen are the parents of Karen, Steve and Andy, and are members of St. Jude's Catholic Church. Bob's hobbies include sports, hunting, fishing and golf.

Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, June 25th and approved the following: change in classification and accepted the following resignations with regret:

Lulu Smith, from "Medicine—Minor Emergency Care" to "Past Service"

Jim Brocato resigned due to business pressure

Ron Risinger resigned due to business pressure

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