

# ROTARYgrams

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## Program 7/24

## Ramblings

### SOUTHEAST TEXAS ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX



Fred "Roger" Newton is employed by SMG, a leader in the field of private management of public assembly facilities. Roger will assume the position of General

Manager for the Southeast Texas Entertainment Complex.

Newton is a 25-year veteran of the facility management industry, having served in senior management positions at arenas in New York, Miami, and Ottawa. He and his family will relocate from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he has worked in the corporate offices of SMG.

In addition to his experience with major market facilities, he has experience in the management of facilities in secondary markets. He was responsible for the opening and management of

the award winning Fargodome in Fargo, North Dakota. He has also served as the General Manager of the Von Braun Center, a multi-use facility in Huntsville, Alabama and as the General Manager of the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines, Iowa.

Newton is a member of the International Association of Assembly Managers where he held numerous offices and was recognized as the 1997 Certified Facilities Executive. He has held memberships in the Country Music Association, the Nation Association of Exposition Managers, and the Stadium Managers Association.

Roger and his wife, Rhonda, have three children, Shelby, a junior at the University of North Carolina, Joe, a freshman at Penn State University and Jessica, a high school junior. He is a former Rotarian, having belonged to clubs in Huntsville and Fargo.

"Get it . . . got it . . . good" made a repeat performance. For the record, WE GOT IT -- now on to something else.

**Jerry White** in his usual fashion had a proactive question to ask Port Director, Chris Fisher, that started with something about a "dog in a manger". . . Even Mr. Deep-East Texas **Joe Fisher** was unsure what that phrase means? In other words, this we didn't GET!

**Doug Chase** reported that his younger son has been released from the hospital and is doing very well. **Jack Scott** is resting comfortably at home after his surgery and hopes to return soon.

**Thomas Williams** was looking quite dapper for the meeting in his suit and hat. At any moment we were expecting the Rotary Chorus to enter from a side door and begin singing ZZ Tops' "Sharp Dressed Man". There was also a rumor circulating that **Gerald Flatten** is a member of ZZ Top who just applies his facial hair before every concert.

As **Angela Baker** sat down, she commented that she was joining a group of "heavyweights". **Dan Hallmark, Milt Pruitt, Charlie Foxworth** and **Gerald Condon** promptly moved to another table stating that their trim and fit bodies didn't qualify them to sit at the table.

**Gene Hughes** was discussing his role in the Lamar University-Port Arthur/Port Arthur Little Theatre co-production of "1776". Final performances are this weekend. Call 984-6111 for reservations.

Fisher also brought humor (which is always welcome) to his presentation by using a picture of his wife shopping for shoes to illustrate the indirect economic benefits of the salaries paid by the Port.

## Program Review

Chris Fisher, newly appointed Executive Director of the Port of Beaumont, brought a message of growth and optimism to Rotary Wednesday.

Already the 6th busiest American seaport in terms of foreign trade, Fisher sees tremendous expansion in the near future, by virtue of a huge project completed last summer and the planned deepening and widening of the Sabine-Neches waterway channel.

He also told us of increased security at the port since the terrorist attacks

of September 11, including a \$560,000 federal grant for lighting and camera surveillance.


Although forest products make up the primary cargo at the port, other significant shipments include everything from grain to locomotives.

Fisher, although not a graduate of the **Terry Bourdier** School of microphone management, had the voice to overcome that and the poise to survive a glitch in the Hilton microphone system which might have bothered a lesser man.



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## Remember!

The July 24th meeting  
Will be held at the  
Holiday Inn Plaza,  
IH-10 at Walden Road

## By Popular Demand

For those of you who were not able to hear all of **Terry Bourdier's** "stock market report" during the July 3rd meeting due to the laughter, we are reprinting it here with his kind permission.

Helium was up, feathers were down, paper was stationary, and fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading.

Mechanical pencils lost a few points, elevators rose, while escalators continued their slow decline.

Weights were up in heavy trading, light switches were off, and diapers remained unchanged.

Shipping lines stayed at an even keel, balloon prices were inflated, and Scot Tissue touched a new bottom

At the close of yesterday's trading on the New York Stock Exchange, a reported 1.817 billion shares were sold – and more than likely, the same

## 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

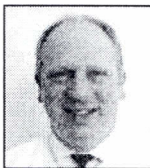
### Thursday:

Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

### Friday:

Nederland.....Garden Tea Room

## Birthdays



Our apologies to Dan Parker. He was the victim of a mislabeled photograph in last week's issue. Please forgive us.

### July 17



**Dale Dowell**, a member since 1963, is a partner with Rienstra, Dowell & Flatten. Born in Goose Creek, Dale is a graduate of Texas A&M and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Pat have a daughter Terry and attend Trinity Methodist Church. Dale is a Paul Harris Fellow.

### July 19



**Bob DuBois**, a member since 1956, is a retired savings and loan executive. Bob is a Beaumont native and a University of Texas graduate. He and his wife Carolyn are members of First Methodist Church. Bob is a Paul Harris Fellow.



**Vel Martin**, a member since 1995, is President of Martin Home Builders. Born in San Augustine, she is a Lamar graduate. Vel and her husband Bill are the parents of Sheila and Brett and are members of Trinity Methodist Church. Vel enjoys swimming, boating, walking, travel and decorating.

### July 20



**Eric Lawrence**, a member since 1995, is President of Cellular Max. Born in New York City, he is a graduate of Pace University. Eric and his wife Phyllis are the parents of Sandra and Russell and are members of Temple Emanuel.

Please notify the Rotary Office of changes in your life. The data in the birthday bios comes from your information sheet on file in the office.

## Birthdays

### July 23



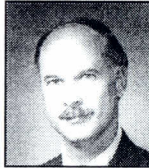
**Mary Ann Fiorenza**, a member since 1988, is the owner of A. J.'s Discount Liquor & Deli. Born in Port Arthur, she has three daughters, Karen, Mary and Sharon and is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church. She enjoys cooking and collecting antiques.

### July 25



**Angela Baker**, a member since 1990, is a special events coordinator with Perfect Day Enterprises. Born in Port Arthur, Angela and her husband Ray are the parents of Danny. She enjoys reading, travel and community service. Angela is a Paul Harris Fellow.

### July 29



**Pat Parsons**, a member since 1985, is President & Chief Operating Officer of Community Bank & Trust. Born in Lufkin, Pat is a graduate of Lamar and the

University of Houston. He and his wife Melody have one son, John Pat, and are members of Trinity Methodist Church.

### July 30



**Macon Ware**, a member since 1994, is a dentist. Born in Corpus Christi, Macon is a graduate of Southwestern University and Baylor College of Dentistry. He and his wife Judy are the parents of Christi, Becca and Patrick, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He enjoys sailing and fishing.

### July 31



**Kathryn Walker**, a member since 1996, is District Manager of the Social Security Administration. Born in Logansport, Louisiana, she is a graduate of Stephen F.

Austin University. She and her husband Bruce are the parents of Tyler and Jennifer and are members of Trinity Methodist Church.

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