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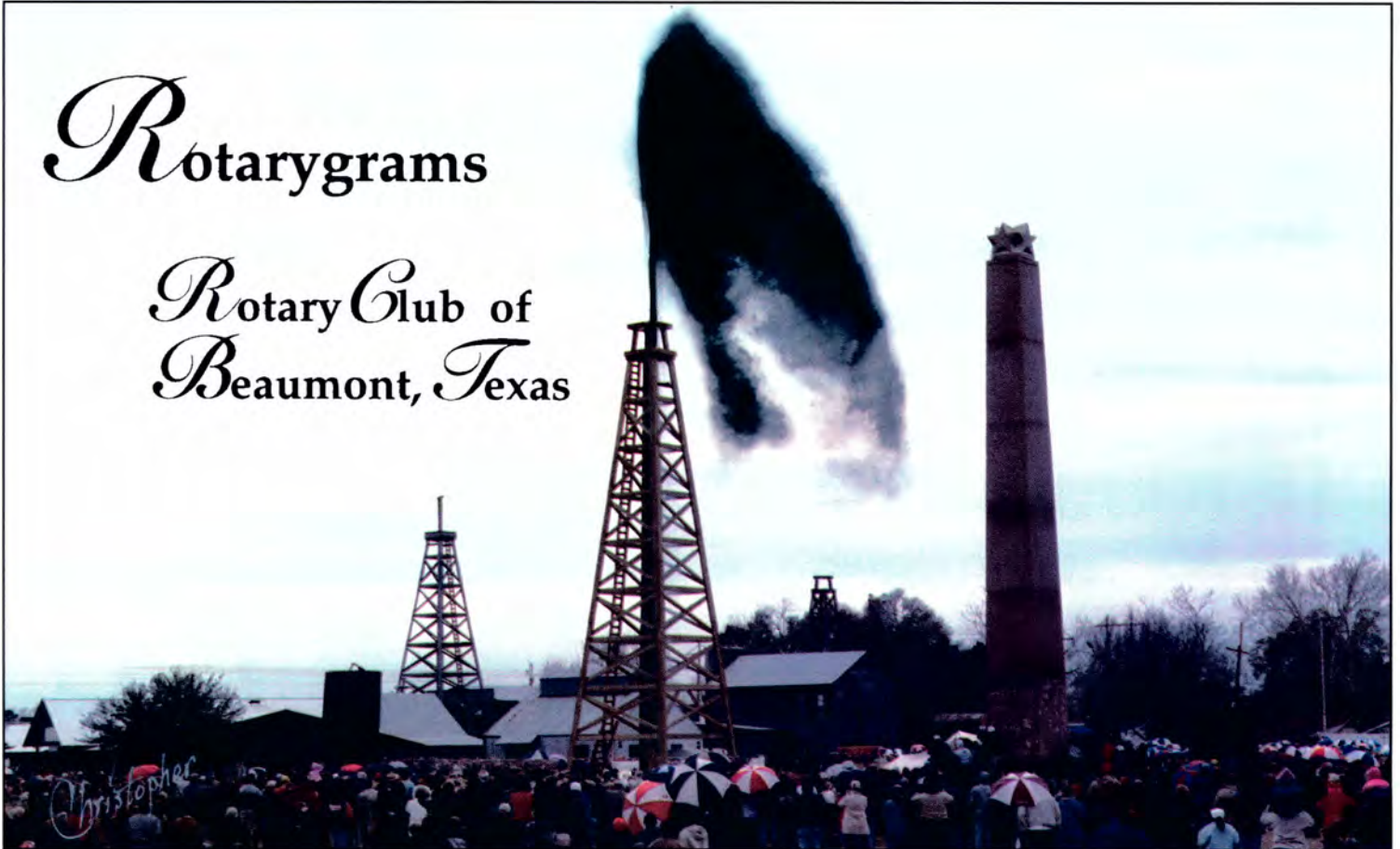
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A PATRIOTIC DAY THE LAMAR BRASS ENSEMBLE

The first meeting of the new Rotary year falls one day before "The Fourth of July," our nation's birthday, and will appropriately have a patriotic flavor. The Lamar Brass Ensemble will provide a program of patriotic tunes. Get ready to tap your feet and feel the pride of this great country as we prepare to celebrate our nation's birthday.

The Council of Past Presidents will also install the new club officers and board at this first meeting of the year. (Do you remember who was president the year you joined?) It will be a great way to kick off one of the best years ever in our club. **President Harland** will bring a short motivational message at the conclusion of the installation.

Our President for 2002-2003, **Dr. Harland Merriam**, is Pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, where he has served since 1987. He also serves as a United States Army Reserve Chaplain, with the rank of Colonel. He is married to Barbara, a teacher at Lamar's Early Childhood Center. They have two sons, Joshua, a recent graduate of Texas A&M, and Aaron, a student at the University of Houston. Harland is a graduate of Stetson University, Princeton Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary. He enjoys running, reading, bicycling, golf, and raising daylilies.

THE YEAR AHEAD

President Harland calls the approach to the year ahead, "BOTTOM UP," an attempt to pay attention to the things for which our members have a "fire in their belly." The plans for the year have been grounded in conversations

with more than 200 club members at round table discussions in April and May.

Look for a greatly improved meeting space and hosting at the Hilton. The ballroom will be renovated in the coming months. Look for continuing improvements in the luncheon menu and service. Look for a building on the strength of programs and the flow of the meeting each week. Look for an annual report, more information, and better communication among members. Look for an increasing number of new members being proposed and welcomed and incorporated into our growing club.

Help suggest and lead fellowship and service opportunities. What could you offer for a hands-on way of serving our community? What could you provide that would help us build better friendships in our club?

We will make a big impact in our local community and around the world, with the effect of \$70,000 in our "Service Above Self" giving, and in our commitment to Polio Plus, coming this Fall.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to **Paula Bothe, J. Earl Brickhouse**, their **Committee** and **Paula's** staff at Four Alarm Productions for assuming all *Rotarygram* production duties for the past year and giving me the luxury of time to "find my feet" as Executive Director. I look forward to working closely with **Barbara Knight, Mike Ireland** and their fine **Committee** during the coming year.

Alexine

Swan Song

SEAFARING SEND OFF FOR PRESIDENT ROGER

Roger McCabe's last day as President of the Rotary Club of Beaumont had something for everyone, thanks to perennial playwright **Paula Bothe**, who scripted, produced and directed the event.

Mary Randall's "Proud Mary" brought down the house and **Gerald Flatten's** "Should've Moved Rotary to Monday" (so the meals would be leftover ONE-day) inspired guffaws. The aplomb of **Terry Bourdier, Nancy Beaulieu** and the **Masons (Becky & Chuck)** made everything better - even the blown lines.

There's an old country song about searching a bottle of whiskey for something foolish to say, which brings us to **Gerald Condon**, whose script appeared on just such a container.

Our new leader, **Harland Merriam**, gave us hope for better days ahead - appearing in a classic pirate costume, complete with beard, mustache and headdress - while delivering his lines with style and assurance.

Although we haven't room for all the cast members, important contributions were made by **Past District Governor Alex Broussard, Emelie Larousse, Carolyn Oliver, Maurine Gray, Gary Rothenberger, Marvin Dunnam, Carole Reeves, Scot Quintel** and our very own Executive Director **Alexine Boutin**.



The products of **Paula Bothe's** imagination, especially the cruise ship S.S. Rotary Blunder and the accompanying dinky which delivered Wednesday's victim, **President Roger**, made for a great backdrop.

All hail **Paula** for another hit!



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Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, June 25th and approved the following nominations for membership pending your comments within ten days:

Nancy Carlile, Owner, Quality Care Sitter Service, proposed by **Lum C. Edwards, Jr.**, approved for "Home Health Care"

Randy Chatagnier, President Quick Med, proposed by **Paula Bothe**, approved for "Computer Software - Design & Consultation"

Brent Christopher, Owner, Brent Christopher Photography, proposed by **Angela Baker**, approved for "Photography, General"

Glen Engle, Attorney, Jefferson County Title Company, proposed by **Doug Chase**, approved for "Real Estate - Title Service"

Donna Ferchak, President, Fairway Management & Rentals, proposed by **Beverly Hatcher**, approved for "Real Estate - Rental Properties"

Tim Gaddis, Business Banker, Wells Fargo Bank, proposed by **Steve Lucas**, approved for "Banking - National"

Ryan Hankey, Manager, Pollans & Cohen, proposed by **Sid Cohen**, approved for "Business Service - Accounting"

Catherine Long, Branch Claims Manager, Crawford & Co., proposed by **Don Coleman**, approved for "Insurance - Loss Adjusting"

Calvin Ray, General Manager, Cintas, proposed by **Terry Bourdier**, approved for "Uniform Service - Rental"

Harvey Warren III, Attorney, proposed by **Bobbie Applegate**, approved for "Law - Probate & Trust"

Stephanie Williams, Tax Manager, Pollans & Cohen, proposed by **Sid Cohen**, approved for "Business Service - Accounting"

Birthdays

June 28



Joe Broussard IV, a member since 1998, is an attorney with Mehaffy & Weber. A Beaumont native, Joe is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Baylor University School of Law. He and his wife Johnnie are the parents of Kate, Beth and Joe, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Joe's hobbies include hunting and fishing.



Andy Burns, a member since 1994 and Vice President of Burns Properties, is a Beaumont native and Lamar graduate. He and his wife Mitzi are the parents of Drew, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Andy's hobbies include golf, hunting and fishing.



Ken Dollinger, a member since 1997 and Justice of the Peace for Pct. 1 Pl. 1, is an Austin native and graduate of Lamar and South Texas College of Law. Ken and his wife Cathy are the parents of Jaclyn and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. Ken's hobby is competitive shooting.



Marvin Dunnam, a member since 1997, is a native of Angleton and a Lamar graduate. He and his wife Connie own Kitchen Concepts. They have 2 grown children, Kelvin and Lori, and are raising 2 wonderful grandchildren, Priscilla (11) and Andrew (9). Marvin's hobbies include hunting, fishing and cooking.

June 30



Steve Lucas, a member since 2001 and a business banker with Wells Fargo Bank, is a native of Philadelphia, PA and a Lamar graduate. He and his wife Robin are the parents of William and Andrew and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. Steve's hobby is fishing.

July 1



Charlie Gibbs, a member since 1998 and owner of Cameo/Sabine Neches Travel, is a Houston native and a Lamar graduate. He and his wife Cindy are the parents of Andrea and Morgan and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. Charlie is a golfer.



Mark McKinnon, a member since 2000 and Station Manager at KBMT - Channel 12, is a Corpus Christi native and University of Redlands graduate. He and his wife Elizabeth are the parents of Callie and Mitchell and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Mark's hobbies include golf, sports, travel and his family.

July 2



John Kuhlman, a member since 1977 and retired from Texaco Chemical, is an Austin native and a University of Texas graduate. He and his wife Jeannette are the parents of John and Blake and are members of First United Methodist Church. John's hobby is jogging.

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