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Phil Esposito—National Hockey League



National Hockey League Hall of Famer and Texas Wildcatters minority owner Phil Esposito will be this week's speaker.

When asked about the prospect of hockey in the Golden Triangle, Esposito stated, "If you like football, wrestling and boxing, then you'll love hockey. I am excited to be able to come to Southeast Texas and spread the word about this sport and the Texas Wildcatters, which will be one of the most fun and exciting things to ever hit this area."

Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1984, Esposito broke into the NHL with the Chicago Blackhawks in 1963. He played four seasons with the Blackhawks before being traded to the Boston Bruins in a blockbuster trade in 1967.

Esposito became the first player in NHL history to reach the "Century Mark" when he scored 49 goals and added 77 assists for 126 points during the 1968-69 season. As a Bruin, Esposito led the NHL in scoring four times, including his

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 28th Ellen Reinstra & Judith Linsley

June
 4th Magnolia Refinery Centennial
 11th Commissioner Ralph Marquez
 18th Representative Allan Ritter
 25th UT Chancellor Mark Yudof

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Monday:
 No. Port ArthurHoliday 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

Evangelist Bill Glass was our speaker this past week. Mr. Glass first made a name for himself as an outstanding high school and college football player. While at Baylor he was named consensus All-American and All Southwest Conference in 1956.

After college Mr. Glass played four years with the Detroit Lions and another seven years with the Cleveland Browns. During the off-season, he attended Southwestern Theological Seminary and ultimately received his degree in 1963. Mr. Glass began his prison ministry in 1972. His mission outreach has

grown to become the largest evangelistic prison ministry in America. His message to Rotary was that each person has to build a ladder to their dreams. According to Mr. Glass this ladder must be built one rung at a time. The first rung is "What you say has an impact on what you do." The second rung is "What you think will come true." The third was "Never give up" and fourth "Set Goals."

Mr. Glass told many inspiring (and funny) stories to reinforce his message. It is easy to see why thousands of people come to listen to his message of faith and hope.

Rotaract Clubs

Probably one of the least understood and potentially one of the greatest impacts in our world of Rotary are the advantages of a Rotaract Club.

There are two different venues for Rotaract – community based clubs and university/college based clubs. The former are provided throughout the world: the latter are prevalent in the U.S., although U.S. Rotary Districts do have some community-based clubs.

In District 5910, we currently have two university based clubs, one at Sam Houston State University and one at Texas A & M University. Both of these clubs are healthy and extremely active. It is exciting to have these programs but there is the realization that, just as these clubs have filled a need for the young people at these two universities, there are many community colleges, 4-year colleges and universities in our District that have young people anxious

to make contributions but have no organized outlet of the level or prestige of Rotary. Similarly there are young people in our community that have energy and enthusiasm that could benefit from a community organization tailored to the young people's needs.

The short-term benefits for our communities are obvious. Local projects will add to the quality of life we all work toward. The young people will have an outlet and develop pride in their accomplishments and their communities. A longer-term benefit is the pipeline to Rotary Clubs. As the young people become successful in their careers they will retain the positive experience of having participated in Rotary sponsored programs and be the caliber of person to be honored by an invitation to join a Rotary Club.

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District Conference

President **Harland Merriam** (who gave the Ecumenical Address Sunday morning), Marie and **Alex Broussard, Maurine Gray**, Marie and President-Elect **Azim Keramati, Becky** and **Chuck Mason**, Sharon and **Roger McCabe**, Corinne and **Lee Freeland**, Phyllis and **Eric Lawrence, Jack Schenk, Jim Tarbett** and **Alexine Boutin** represented our club at the District 5910 Conference, held May 2nd – 4th at The Moody Gardens Hotel and Conference Center in Galveston.

The District's Outbound Group Study Exchange Team entertained us Friday night with a Texas version of Cinderella, written and directed by one of the team members, a pre-school teacher from Palestine. Past President and double Past District Governor **Alex** gave a convincing performance of the wicked stepfather ably supported by **Lee** as one of the wicked stepbrothers. They received their comeuppance when Governor-Elect Hugh Summers swept Governor Charda Bronaugh off her feet.

After a full day of plenary sessions, RI President's Representative John MacAulay from Victoria, British Columbia delivered the President's Message at the Governor's Banquet followed by keynote speaker, business consultant Ken Lerman from Wichita, Kansas. Incidentally, Ken's wife Geri Appel is currently Governor of District 5690.

Azim accepted three awards for our club: First Place for Total Dollars Contributed to the Rotary Foundation, Largest Total Commit-

ment to the Polio Eradication Campaign and Second Place for Net Membership Gain.

Alex and **Roger** tirelessly performed bartending duties in our popular Hospitality Suite, which Sharon McCabe graciously restocked after the first night's success.

Special thanks go to **Marvin Dunnam** and Kitchen Concepts for donating a wonderful gift bag of useful and amusing kitchen gadgets as a door prize.

The Rotary Club of Galveston and the Rotary Club of Galveston Island truly did a great job in organizing and presenting the Conference.

Program

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unfathomable 75 goals during the 1970-71 campaign. He also helped lead the Bruins to two Stanley Cup championships before being traded to the New York Rangers in 1975.

Following his playing career, Esposito served as General Manager and Coach of the New York Rangers in the late 1980's and was integral to bringing hockey to Tampa Bay, where he became the first General Manager of the Light-

Plan now to join us for the
**ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT
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Monday afternoon, May 19th
Beaumont Country Club

Birthdays

21st Brad Brown (93)
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Born in Jennings, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Melanie are the parents of Austin, Ashley and Aaron, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf, being active in church activities and childrearing.

21st Bob Harris, Sr. (81)
Retired

Born in Urbana, Ohio, he is a graduate of Florida State University. He and his wife Liz are the parents of Robert, Cynthia, and James, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing bridge and golf. Bob is a Paul Harris Fellow.



24th Wayne Holland (91)
Vice President,
Hibernia National Bank



Born in Kountze, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He is married to Ann. He enjoys playing golf and softball and reading.

25th Tommy Hebert, Jr. (88)
Retired

Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University and North Texas State University. He and his wife Ange are the parents of Sheryl and Theresa, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys growing roses, hunting, fishing, travel and woodworking.



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