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Youth Day

This week the Rotary Club of Beaumont will spotlight and salute the various programs that it sponsors for young people. Many worthwhile programs we host each year are dedicated to our future—*our youth.*

Service Above Self Awards

Three students who have exemplified the Rotary ideal of *Service Above Self* with outstanding records of volunteer service during the past year will be honored:

Joshua Dean, a senior at Lamar University's Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities was nominated by **Dr. Brenda Nichols** for his service as the H.E.L.P. Coordinator at the Academy. In addition to a long list of his own volun-

teer efforts, he directly manages the performance of 3,000 hours each semester of volunteer service provided by fellow classmates at 145 organizations in the Beaumont area.

Emily Eisen, a Westbrook junior, was nominated by **Arthur Berry** for her volunteerism at the Shorkey Center. Emily has been a leader in the Center's Holiday Greeting Card Project overseeing 450 student salesmen and reaching her personal goal of generating \$25,000 in card sales in one afternoon.

Paula O'Neal nominated Jason Scott Wolff posthumously for his service for planning and coordinating a July 4th

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Please join the 80 Beaumont Rotarians who have already pledged to support the Wheelchair Project this year, by completing this form and returning it to the Rotary Office, Beaumont Hilton, Suite 213, 2355 IH-10 South, Beaumont 77705.

If you want additional information about this project, please call **Emily Compton** (838-9911) or **Alexine** in the Rotary Office (842-1913).

Yes, I Want to Purchase a Wheelchair(s) for \$75 each

Name: _____

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(Payable to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation)

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Program Review

Emily Compton presented this week's program on Rotary's Wheelchair Project. As you may recall the Rotary Club of Beaumont and the Rotary Club of Orange worked together last year to



raise \$18,000 for the Wheelchair Foundation. Our donation was matched dollar for dollar by the Kenneth E. Behring Foundation to provide all-terrain wheelchairs.

The mission of the Behring Foundation is to deliver a wheelchair to "every man, woman, and child" who needs one. The Behring Foundation has delivered over 40,000 wheelchairs all over the world. Our money (along with the matching grant) was able to buy 240 wheelchairs for the needy people in Mexico.

Emily Compton and **Alex Broussard** were joined by **Ron Borel**, Past President of the Rotary Club of Orange, traveling to Mexico City in February to help



distribute the wheelchairs. Emily recounted stories of how much people appreciated the gift. Many of those receiving the wheelchairs previously were not even able to cross the busy



streets of Mexico City. Relatives told of how they would have to carry their son, or daughter, or mother everywhere. There was story after story of how these wheelchairs would change people's lives.

At the end of the program **Ron Borel** presented a check for \$1,500 from the Rotary Club of Orange for this year's fund raising drive. Please remember to give to this worthy cause. This program showed how much we can make a difference.



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Youth Day (cont.)

barbeque for Some Other Place. Jason also lent his talents to designing an informational card for distribution to people on the street needing meals. Jason was the grandson of Loucille and **Jack Scott**. He would have graduated this month from Westbrook High School.

Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Beaumont will also honor two students with annual scholarships for \$1,250. Toye Moss of Ozen High School will attend Baylor University. Tosh Chachere of Central High School will attend either Texas A & M University or the University of Texas.

Neches River Festival Princess

Taryn Rand, daughter of Shannon and **Scott Rand** and a Westbrook senior, is this year's Princess.

Camp Enterprise

Our largest project, Camp Enterprise, celebrated its 23rd year of providing exposure to entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system to high school juniors. We expect more than a dozen 2003 CE participants representing different Rotary clubs from District 5910 to attend this meeting. Several will share their impressions of the CE experience.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

In January, our club sponsored six students who attended RYLA sessions at the annual camp near Lake Sam Rayburn. The students learned to be self-reliant, team players, and problem solvers through a variety of challenging activities. Camaraderie and team spirit are two major components emphasized during the weekend experience. Central senior Tosh Chachere and Westbrook junior Kristina Keramati will share their first-hand experiences.

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

Birthdays

7th Lori Falk (94)
Executive Vice President,
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Born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband **John Johnson** are the parents of Jacob and Abigail, and are members of St. Jude's Catholic Church. She enjoys racquetball and travel. Lori is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Joe Fisher, Jr. (81)
Senior Vice President & Trust Officer,
Hibernia National Bank



Born in Lufkin, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He is a member Trinity United Methodist Church, and enjoys playing tennis and golf. Joe is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Jerry White (91)
President, White Tire Supply



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Rice University and Lamar University. He and his wife Norma are the parents of Joe and David, and are members of First Christian Church. He enjoys travel and reading.

9th Debbie Frazier (99)
President, Advanced Staffing



Born in Florida, she is a graduate of the University of Houston. She and her husband Stephen are the parents of Crystal and Amber.

13th Sam Fazio (84)
President, The Printery



A Beaumont native, he attended the University of Houston and Lamar University. He and his wife Melody are the parents Jessica, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys photography.

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14th Bill Glass

June
4th Magnolia Refinery Centennial
11th Commissioner Ralph Marquez

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