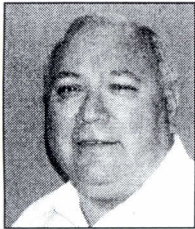


Program 9/11

Ramblings

THE SEPTEMBER 11TH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN IN THE BEAUMONT GARDEN CENTER AT TYRRELL PARK



Roger Ince was born and raised in Fresno, California graduated from Fresno State University with a degree in Political Science and Journalism. He has worked for the

United States Forest Service as a Helitack Fire Supervisor in the Sierra National Forest and for the United States Department of Labor, Office of National Programs, as a Government Authorized Representative negotiating government contracts.

Mr. Ince has served the American Red Cross since 1967, first as a volunteer, and has been on staff since 1988 working in California, Saipan and Hawaii.

Mr. Ince currently is a State Disaster Specialist in Houston coordinating a unified disaster response program and developing program for dealing with and mitigating the effects of crises surrounding the use of weapons of mass destruction. He is also a top-level Mass Care Officer on Disaster Relief Operations, responsible for ensuring that disaster victims, emergency workers and volunteers have access to shelter food and bulk items.

Mr. Ince has an extensive work history on disaster relief operations, with over fifty notches in his belt. Notable disasters include Hurricane Andrew, mid-west floods, North Dakota floods, Tropical Storm Allison, the 9/11 terrorist attacks and many others.

Angela Baker is on top of the world with Tracy Byrd's latest hit single "Ten Rounds" hitting No. 5 on the Country Chart and well on its way to Number ONE! If you don't listen to country music, you need to hear this song. You may be able to relate to the effects that each additional round of Jose Cuervo has on a person.

September is here and that means FOOTBALL. Avid Longhorn fans are being relative quiet about the pre-season rankings as there are way too many Aggies in our Club to start bragging this early in the season. Query - If Rotary International limits the number of attorneys in any one club to 10% of the membership, shouldn't the number of Aggies also be limited?

Rotarian couple **Sharen Kirksey** and **Leonard Juncker** are took the hint from an earlier Ramblings -- they shipped out on a Caribbean cruise to celebrate **Sharen's** birthday this week. Bon voyage!

Program Review

Chuck Mason introduced Dr. Carrol A. Thomas as the speaker for this week's program. Dr. Thomas moved to Beaumont in 1996 to become BISD's Superintendent of Schools. During his time in Beaumont, Dr. Thomas was named "Texas Superintendent of the Year" and the Board of Trustees was chosen as the "Best Board of Trustees" by the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Dr. Thomas spoke about the upcoming bond election and its importance to Beaumont. Dr. Thomas felt that passing the bond would achieve the three goals: 1) improve the quality of education, 2) improve facilities and increase

the efficiency of operations of BISD and 3) stimulate the local economy through reinvestment in the community.

The changes envisioned by Dr. Thomas came about from a facilities study conducted in 2001 by independent consultants. The study outlined the scope of work needed and made suggestions/recommendations. Although over \$400MM in work was originally identified, the Board chose \$150MM of those projects to target.

Some of these projects include: closing four older schools (Lucas, Martin, French, and Field) and combining them into two new schools; add 20 new

classrooms to both West Brook and Central; and add new auditoriums, cafeterias, and gyms to several schools, to name just a few improvements. There will also be two schools designated as Magnet Schools.

According to Dr. Thomas the effect on taxes will be minimal. Over the next six years taxes would go up on a \$100,000 home \$1.66 per month. Individuals over 65 would not have any increase.

The election will be held September 14, 2002. Regardless of which side of this issue you are on, please remember

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Dr. Simmons in writing to the
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Youth Exchange
Student



Jim Tarbett introduced Alberto Garbari, our 2002-03 Youth Exchange Student, at our September 4th meeting. Alberto is from Gradisca d'Isonzo, Gorizia, a town with a population of about 6,000 near Venice in northeast Italy

His host family for the first three months are the **Hoffers: Bruce** and **Carey**, and their children, **Wesley**, **Sarah** and **Rebekah**.

Alberto's parents and younger brother **Paolo** are hosting an American exchange student while he is with us.

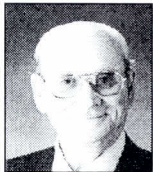
He is a member of the junior class of West Brook High School. His favorite subjects are math, science, English and mechanical drawing. He enjoys playing basketball, snow skiing (although he professes to be afraid of high places) and playing the guitar. He describes himself as responsible, helpful, reliable and resolute, and also as talkative and stubborn.

Alberto, we welcome you and wish you well for your year with us!

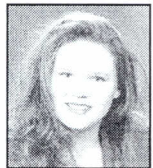
Birthdays



12 - R. J. Demahy, a member since 1996, is a Partner in Theobald, Demahy and Co. Born in Port Arthur, he is a Lamar graduate. He and his wife Diana are the parents of Rod and Tammy, and are members of St. Pius X Catholic Church. His hobby is hunting.



13 - Bill Brown, a member since 1986, is the owner of WFB Enterprises. Born in San Antonio, he is a graduate of Trinity University and the University of Texas. He and his wife Dorothy are the parents of Nancy, Billie Jean, Elizabeth and Mary Louise. He enjoys collecting stamps and masks, photography and writing.



14 - Jamie Hogge, a member since 1998, is the Executive Director of Junior Achievement. A Beaumont native, she is a graduate of Southwestern and Lamar. She and her husband Mark are members of the Church of Christ.



15 - Nancy Carlisle, a new member since August, is Owner of Quality Care Sitter Service. A Beaumont native, she is a Lamar graduate. She and her husband Norman are the parents of Patty, and are members of First Christian Church. She enjoys reading, travel, fishing and sewing.



15 - Russ Schultz, a member since 1999, is Dean of Fine Arts and Communication at Lamar. Born in Newark, New Jersey, he is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, the University of Memphis and the University of North Texas. He and his wife Susan are the parents of Jennifer, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys playing golf and plays a mean trombone.



18 - Becky Mason, a member since 2000, is Safety and Human Resources Director for Mason Construction. A Beaumont native, she is a Lamar graduate. She and her husband, fellow Rotarian Chuck, are the parents of Chad and Kristin. She enjoys travel and music.



18 - Mary Parmer, a member since 1994, is Director of Adult Ministries at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Born in Brookhaven, Mississippi, she is a graduate of Mississippi State University and Loyola. She has two children, Jason and Lauren, and is a member of St. Stephen's. She enjoys collecting antiques, decorating, gardening and hiking.

T. Kelsey Lamb
Business Ethics
Award

Please remember to submit your nomination for the T. Kelsey Lamb Business Ethics Awards to the Rotary Office no later than Friday, September 13th. For more information, call **Nancy Beaulieu** (833-9083) or **Paula Bothe** (839-4475).

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