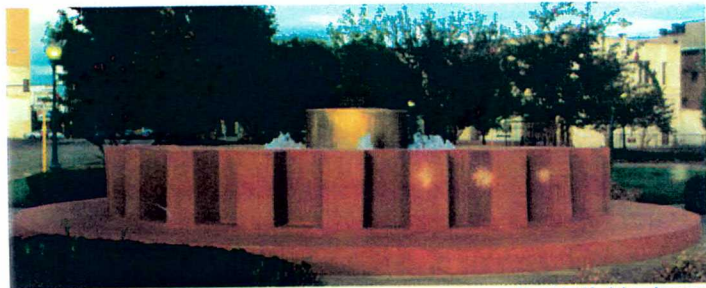


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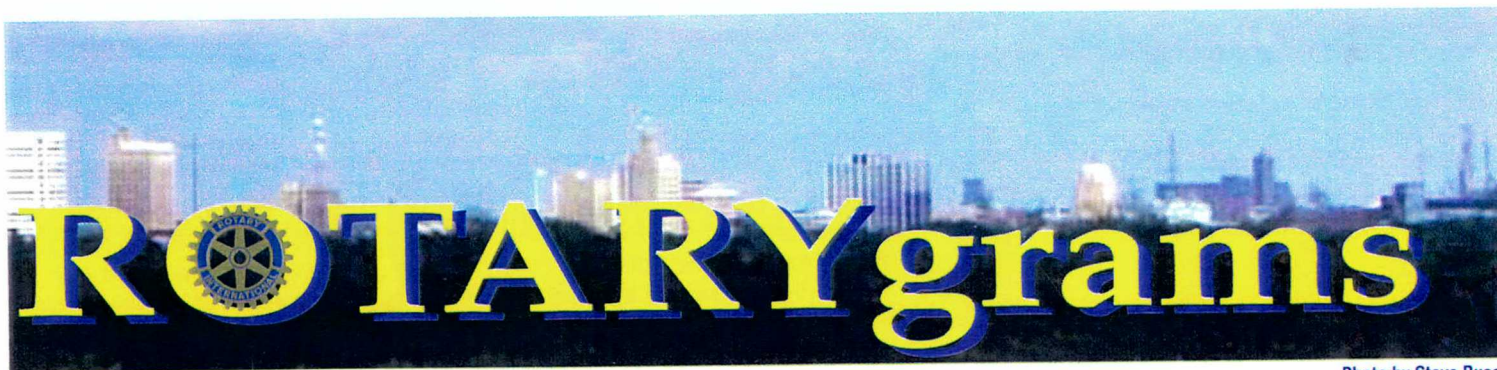


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Youth Day!

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

Youth Service Awards

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

Averya Allen, Ozen High School
 Whitney Breaux, Central High School
 Aubrey Giblin, West Brook High School
 Jenny Raja, Kelly High School
 Dara Wilsker, West Brook High School

Scholarships

Our Scholarship Committee had a very difficult challenge in selecting only two of the eighteen outstanding high school seniors who applied to receive scholarships this year:

Shannon Eliasson is a senior at the Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities and plans to study biomedical engineering at Texas A&M University.

Aerin Williams is a senior at West Brook High School and plans to study political science at Spelman College.

Neches River Festival Princess

Lauren Beaver, daughter of D'awn and Jeff Beaver is our Princess this year.

Camp Enterprise and

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

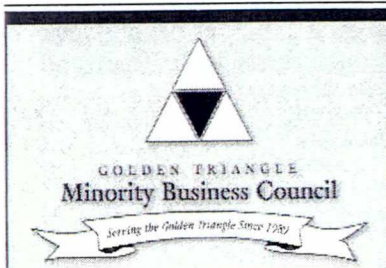
We have invited all participants of these two programs this year to attend and share their experiences with us.



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Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, April 20th, and approved the following actions:

New Members:

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Executive Director
Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Club
"Religion - Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Club"

Proposed by **Dan Ford**

Paula Nichols
Director - Center for Distance Education
Lamar University
"Lamar University - Distance Education"

Proposed by **Richard Bothel**

Jeffrey Oliverio
Assistant Vice President
Hibernia National Bank
"Trust Banking - Sales"

Proposed by **John Quigley**

Bob Valen
Director
Edison Museum
"Museums - Electric"

Proposed by **Terry Bourdier**

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, May 7th, the candidates listed will be considered elected to membership.

Leaves of Absence:

Paul Davidson - 4/1 - 5/15/04
Business travel

Jim Ellis - 4/1 - 6/30/04
Business travel

Dennis Moncla - 3/1 - 6/30/04
Opening of new business

Resignations accept with regret:

Richard Barnes, Jr. - transferred

Jason Sellers - moved out of town

Birthdays

28th **Kari Dolan** (03)
Program Director, I Have a Dream



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University and a member of New Life Tabernacle. Kari enjoys scrap booking, sewing, travel, reading and animals.

29th **Bill Clark** (74)
President, Bill Clark Pest Control



Born in Ben Wheeler, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Casey are the parents of Cullen and Chase, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys hunting, travel and horticulture. Bill is a Paul Harris Fellow.

30th **Bruce Hoffer** (01)
Attorney, Law Office of Bruce A. Hoffer



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and Suffolk School of Law. He and his wife Carey are the parents of Wesley, Sarah and Rebekah, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys refereeing kids' soccer and softball, playing tennis, scuba diving, fishing and hunting.

30th **Carolyn Howard** (92)
Executive Director, Beaumont Main St.



Born in Dallas, she is a graduate of Baylor University and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Carolyn enjoys vocal performance.

30th **George Schaumburg** (46)
Retired, Schaumburg & Polk



Born in Reading, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Lehigh University. He is the father of George Jr., and is a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian

Church. He enjoys woodworking and gardening. George is a Paul Harris Fellow.

30th **Don Thompson Jr.** (89)
Owner, Thompson Telecommunications



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Judy are the parents of Sarah and Trey, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys horses, 4-H, cattle, playing golf, hunting and fishing.

1st **Lupe Flores** (84)
County Court Judge, Jefferson County



Born in New Gulf, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Nancy are the parents of Andrea and Jamie. He enjoys reading, hunting and fishing.

2nd **Steve Buser** (98)
President/CEO
Partnership of Southeast Texas



Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He and his wife Linda are the parents of Vicky, Shawn and Charles, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys music, computers and photography.

2nd **Don Coleman** (87)
Manager, Crawford & Company



Born in Boston, Massachusetts, he is a graduate of the University of Alabama. He and his wife Celia are the parents of Alan and Michelle, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

2nd **Dan Hallmark** (84)
Retired, Hibernia National Bank



Born in Jacksonville Texas, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Jan are the parents of Wendy and Stephen, and are members of Calder

Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and travel. Dan is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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Future Programs

May
 5th GSE Team from the Philippines
 12th Art Hutchison - Big Thicket
 19th Salvation Army

Make-ups

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

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Program Review

Tom Jackson, husband of our own **Kathleen Jackson**, shared the history of the Jefferson County Waterway and Navigation District and the status of a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement with the Corps of Engineers with us last week.

The Port of Beaumont ranks 4th following South Louisiana (New Orleans area), Houston, and New York/New Jersey. In 2002, there were 4,100 ships on the Sabine-Neches Waterway carrying aggregate, petroleum products, and military cargo. Approximately 25% of military equipment for our troops is shipped through the Port of Beaumont.

The Feasibility Study, at a cost of approximately \$3.5 million, shows that in order to remain competitive the water-

way needs to be deepened to 48 feet and widened in select areas to handle larger vessels. Nearing completion is the Salinity Model, which will determine the impact of salinity on our marshes. The estimated completion of this study is in 2005.

The Navigation District is also very concerned about the funding for maintenance dredging of the waterway. Maintenance dredging costs \$14 million a year. The Army Corps of Engineers funding has been slashed by 50% and the waterway cannot be maintained if the funding is not available. The Navigation District is requesting support from the industries that rely on the waterway for additional funding.

We thank **Vesta Brandt** for arranging this timely and interesting program

District Conference

Over the weekend of April 16th - 18th, our club was represented at the District Conference in Palestine by **Maurine Gray, Marie and Alex Broussard, Chuck Mason, Jim Tarbett and Alexine Boutin.**



Maurine accepted our 2003 - 2004 Rotary International Presidential Citation from District Governor Hugh Summers. Our club also won awards for Vocational Service and International Service which she will present to the club at an upcoming meeting.



Floyd McSpadden hosted special guest John Lovoi, King Neches LVI of the Neches River Festival at last week's meeting.

Is your birthday coming soon?

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

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