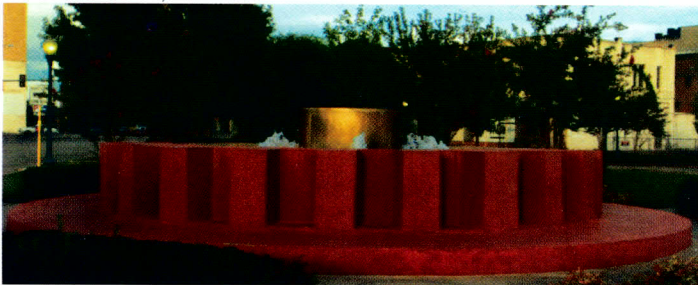


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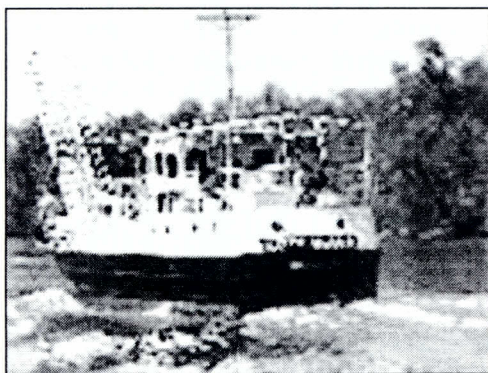
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Our speaker this week is Joan Walker, Executive Director of the Upper Texas Coast Water-Borne Education Center (WBEC). In December 1998, the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District (CLCND) and a steering committee of fourteen rural community volunteers founded the WBEC. It was

established to encourage preservation and conservation of Texas' coastal natural resources by making possible educational activities in areas accessible only by water.

Water-borne education activities are conducted on the Galveston Bay System including adjoining rivers and adjoining wetlands areas including fresh and saltwater marshes. Curricula include, but are not limited to the following topics: the water cycles and sheds, water quality, flora and fauna, human impact and history/cultural heritage and geology.

The mission of WBEC is to enhance and expand knowledge and appreciation of coastal resources through

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Head Table



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 BEAUMONT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



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MARK MCKINNON,
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GUEST INTRODUCTION

BECKY AMES,
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From the chef: Tarragon Chicken



Don't forget to sign up
 for the Flag Project!
 See your July 23rd
RotaryGrams for details.



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September

3rd Chris Fisher - Port of Beaumont
10th Chester Jourdan - Southeast
Texas Regional Planning Commission

Makeups

Monday:

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Tuesday:

Spindletop.....Holiday Inn 11th St.
Orange.....Sunset Grove
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Program Review

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our program reviewer has requested an extra week to prepare her review.

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hands-on education. Its strategies are to: (1) promote enthusiasm for learning about coastal resources by providing facilities and services for "hands-on" education in areas inaccessible by land, (2) increase the beneficial outcome of educational programs about coastal resources, and (3) maximize the utilization of resources through collaboration between funding sources, educational groups and service providers.

WBEC has been successfully meeting objectives that include: to provide the infrastructure for "hands-on, water-borne" education; to collaborate in the development of "on-the-water" educational curriculum and field interpreters; and to become self-sustaining.

WBEC services are currently being utilized for educational purposes by upper Texas coast organizations and residents. The program is serving diverse multicultural and economic groups from seven upper Texas Coast counties: Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery and Orange Counties. These are diverse socio-economic communities. Nearly 80% of the participants in WBEC activities have never seen the unique ecosystems that are right under their noses. Many have never been on a boat.

With unique, innovative services to these upper Texas coast communities, WBEC effectively removes physical and economic obstacles to educational activities on the water by providing boating facilities and related services. Organizations are able to focus on quality educational instruction without being required to own/rent and be knowledgeable of boats.



Malory (r) is shown with her host family Sheri and Eddie Arnold and their daughter Carolann.

Ted Moor III introduced our International Exchange student Malory Havet from France at last week's meeting.

Malory is 16 year old, her hometown is Pompaire and she is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Parthenay, a 12th century town located in the mountains of west-central France. Her father is a printer in Poitiers and her mother has an embroidery shop in La Rochelle. She has two half-sisters, Maeva and Aurore.

Her hobbies and interests include horse-back riding and acting. She has participated in theatre club since she was 12. She also plays piano and steel drums and is a member of a steel band. She also enjoys reading.

Malory would like to be a social worker. "I really think that communication is one of the most important things for me," she stated in her application. "This is what I want to do now, but things may change. Anyway, I firmly believe in sharing experiences and learning more from others."

We look forward to learning more about Malory during her stay in Southeast Texas and we hope she enjoys her year with us!

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Attendance

Throughout August and September, we will continue to post your July 2002—June 2003 attendance percentage next to your name on your *RotaryGrams* address label.

Congratulations to our fifteen members with 100% attendance for the period!

Please call the Rotary Office if you think some of your make ups were not included.

One of **President Azim's** goals for his year is to raise our club's overall attendance. **Vice President Paula Bothe** and her Program Committee are lining up an outstanding schedule of programs so please plan to join us every week!

Ramblings

J.D. Landes reports that he is watching his weight and his friends. He comments..."I could enjoy Rotary a lot more if I didn't have to watch my friends eat while I just sipped on coffee."

Auditions? Jefferson Theater Celebration? **Carolyn Howard** is looking for talent!

It's good to see **Don Coleman** back at Rotary after a leave of absence for surgery earlier this summer. He is looking rested and recovered.

Mary Parmer and **Michelle Harris** of the Sunshine Committee are still reminding members to let them know when a Rotarian or family member needs an encouragement, condolence or get well card. Either call one of them or fill out a Sunshine request in the front hall before or after meetings.

Birthdays

27th Lee Freeland (98)

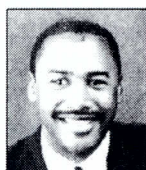
Owner,
Occupational Health Consultant



Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Loyola University, New Orleans. He and his wife Corinne are the parents of Kathryn and Lynne, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys gardening, photography and working at Some Other Place.

27th Kevin Roy (94)

President/CEO
InterFlow Factors Corporation



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University. Kevin and his wife Jill are members of St. Pius X Catholic Church. He enjoys mountain bike riding, horseback riding, water skiing and snow skiing.

28th Charlie Glass (78)

Retired



Born in Mt. Pleasant, he is a graduate of Texas A&M. Charlie is the father of Stephanie, Jennifer and Rebecca. He enjoys playing golf. Charlie is a Paul Harris Fellow.

28th Robert Thomas III (99)

Partner,
Sheldon, Jordan & Dunham



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Baylor University. Robert and his wife Susan are the parents of Hannah and Robert IV, and are members of Beaumont Bible Church. He enjoys reading, music, softball, baseball and spending time with his children.

30th Ann Scoggin (98)

Owner,
Coldwell Banker Southern Homes



Born in Mexia, she is a graduate of Shasta College, in Redding, California. Ann and her husband Sam are the parents of Sammy, Angela and Glenn, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys playing tennis.

31st Karen Weller (02)

Group Health/Life Sales,
Talon Insurance Agency



A Beaumont native, she is a graduate of Lamar University. Karen is the mother of Emily, Todd and Kyndale, and is a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church. She enjoys playing tennis and golf.

2nd Maurine Gray (95)

Director of Community Services,
City of Beaumont



Born in Galveston she is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana State University and North Texas State University, and is a member of First United Methodist Church. She enjoys antiques, her pets and civic work. Maurine is a Paul Harris Fellow.



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