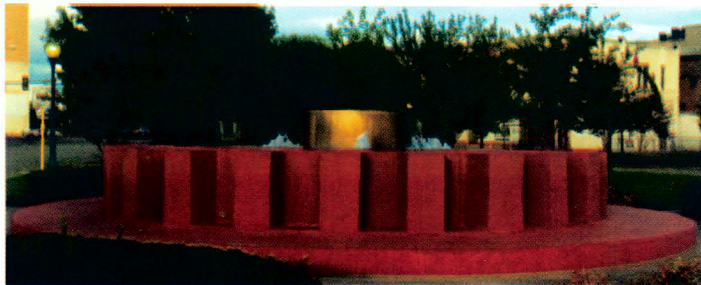


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Noel Bajat, RI Permanent Fund National Advisor



Noel A. Bajat, Past District Governor from District 6200, is a member of the Rotary Club of Abbeville, Louisiana and is President/CEO & Director of Abbeville

Building & Loan. He is the Program Chairman for Houston Zone Institute.

Noel is serving RI as a Zone Leader for the Polio Eradication Campaign and is a Member of the Osaka International Institute Committee.

Noel will serve as a delegate to the 2004 Council on Legislation. He will also serve as a Training Leader at the

2004 Rotary International Assembly in Anaheim.

Noel and his spouse Sis are Major Donors, Benefactors and Charter Members of the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation.

Noel's initial affiliation with the Rotary Club was with our club in 1978, and he was sponsored by Bob Dubois.

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Future Programs

December

10th Noel Bejat, Rotary Foundation
 16th **Holiday Party**
 24th No meeting

Make-ups

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

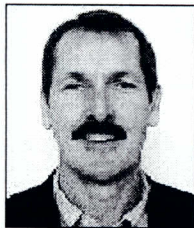
Thursday:

Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:

Nederland.....Garden Tea Room

New Member



Steve McGrade

Owner, Able Fastener, Inc.
 Proposed by Leonard Juncker

Born in Pasadena, he and his wife Nancy are the parents of Harris and Zan, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, skiing, hiking, family and church.

Program Reviews

November 26th meeting

Elton Gish
 Texaco's Port Arthur Works

After 100 years, and through a number of name changes, the refinery built by the Texas Company in Port Arthur which went "on line" November 13, 1903 continues to play a vital role in the lives of southeast Texans. The members were privileged to hear a talk by Elton Gish who has spent the last 20 years collecting artifacts, photographs, stories and memorabilia relating to the Port Arthur Works, which can now be seen in his recently published book and at the newly opened museum on the grounds of the main plant.

For Club members who want to visit the museum recently opened by Motiva to commemorate the 100th anniversary, call 409-989-7199 for an appointment. The Museum is located in the Motiva Employee Building which can be accessed through the Houston Gate at the Refinery in Port Arthur.

The club thanks **Bessie Chisum** for bringing this fine program to us and her introduction of the speaker.

December 3rd meeting

Keith Meyer
 Cheniere LNG

Special thanks to the Beaumont Community Players carolers from the cast of "Scrooge." Their beautiful costumes, happy faces and beautiful voices got our holiday season off to a joyous start.

Our speaker was Keith Meyer, President of Cheniere LNG. The company is in the process of preparing to apply for a permit to build a liquid natural gas terminal in Sabine Pass. Land for the Sabine Pass LNG facility has been acquired. The safety and design feasibility study has been completed and the FEED Contract has been awarded. Application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a permit will be made early in 2004. The FERC Regulatory Process will follow with a technical review of the proposed facility, an environmental review, and public meetings. The public meetings will determine whether or not area citizens are in favor of the terminal. According to Mr. Meyer, only lack of a favorable response by the public will prevent the construction from going forward. Between 300 and 600 jobs would be generated by the construction with 60 to 100 permanent jobs at the site.

Mr. Meyer summarized his presentation by stating that the U.S. needs access to the world's abundant supplies of natural gas, Sabine Pass is an excellent site for significant quantities of LNG, Cheniere is going to build the Sabine Pass Terminal and the Cheniere business model provides direct benefits to local industry. He concluded by saying that the FERC process is about to commence and that Cheniere needs support from the citizens of the area.

The club thanks **Paula Bothe** for bringing this fine program to us and her introduction of the speaker.

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Birthdays

10th Dan Ward (03)

Vice President,
ICU Environmental, Health & Safety



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of the University of Houston. He and his wife Diane are the parents of Danielle and Holly, and are members of St. Therese, The Little Flower Catholic

Church. He enjoys playing baseball and golf, coaching girls' softball and camping.

13th Regina Lindsey (01)

Executive Director,
SE Texas Arts Council

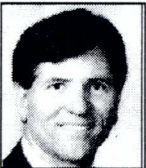


Born in Lufkin, she is a graduate of Lamar University. Regina is the mother of Kayla and Krista. She enjoys backpacking, rock climbing and historical re-

search.

13th Henry Strait (88)

President,
Southeast TX Water Conditioning



Born in Russellville, Kentucky, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Fran are the parents of Harvey, April and Matthew, and are members of St. Anthony Cathedral. He enjoys flying and baseball.

Ramblings

After the November 26th program, **Jerry White** asked Mr. Gish an interesting question about origin of the names of Texaco oil & lube products such as Marfak, Vega and Orion. Turns out the Texaco products were named for stars in the galaxy!

Ed Edson's great-grandfather Mr. J. A. Edson purchased Share #1 of Texas Fuel Co. back in 1903.

Nominees for 2004 Directors

The following Rotarians have been nominated to fill four seats for three-year terms on next year's Board of Directors. The election will be held during the December 10th meeting. Please plan to attend and cast your vote.



Bobbie Applegate

A member since 1994, Bobbie is a Partner in Borel, Brooks & Applegate. Her classification is Business Service - Business Planning. She served as 2001 - 02 Treasurer.

Committees: Youth Service Award (Chair), T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics (Chair) and Vocational Excellence Award (Chair)

Emily Compton

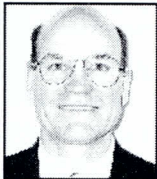


A member since 2000, Emily is the President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana. Her classification is Associations -

Goodwill Industries.

Committees: Wheelchair Project (Chair), Rotary Goes to School, Rotary Goes to Work and 30-Something

Marvin Dunnam



A member since 1997, Marvin is the Co-Owner of Kitchen Concepts. His classification is Food Service - Kitchenware Retailing.

Committees: Youth Service Award and RYLA

Lee Freeland

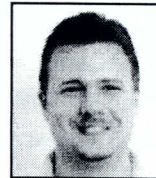


A member since 1998, Lee is retired from DuPont and is an Occupational Health Consultant. His classification is Engineering - Industrial Hygiene Consultant. He

has served as Sergeant-at-Arms for three years.

Committees: Club Service Division (Leader and Co-Leader), Group Study Exchange (Chair) and Tellers (Chair)

Robert Peavey



A member since 2000, Robert is the President of Pumpdex. His classification is Gasoline Pumps - Distributor.

Committees: Camp Enterprise (Co-Chair)

Carole Reeves



A member since 1999, Carole is an Officer with Talon Insurance Agency. Her classification is Insurance - Fire Insurance.

Committees: Rotary Goes to School (Chair), Rotary Goes to Work and Rotary Chorus

Robert Turner



A member since 2002, Robert is the President of JK Chevrolet-Isuzu. His classification is Automobiles - Retailing.

Committees: Scholarship, T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics and Camp Enterprise

Matt White



A member since 2001, Matt is the Director of the McFaddin-Ward House. His classification is Associations: McFaddin-Ward House.

Committees: District Governor's Visit (Chair), Sunshine (Chair), Rotary Goes to School and Rotary Goes to Work

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