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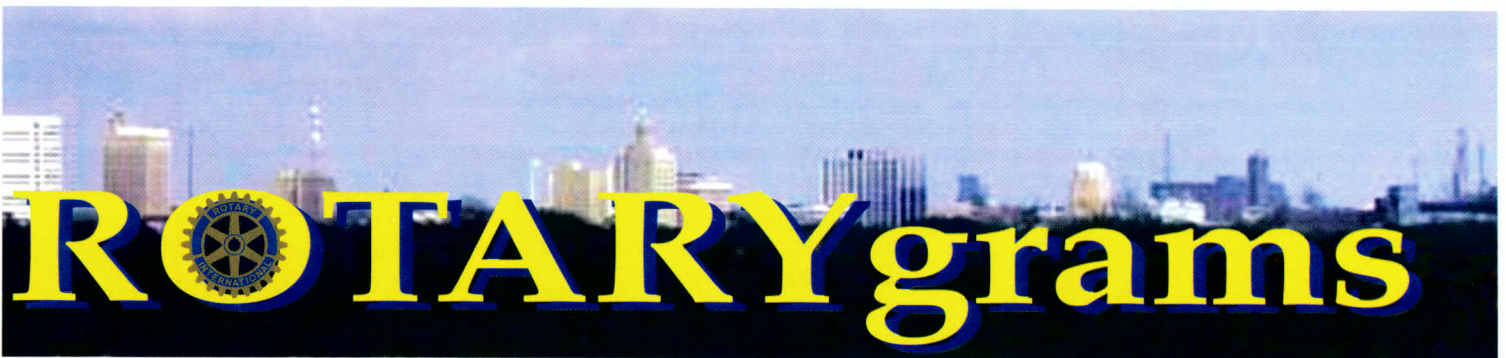


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Holiday Party

Reminder!

The Rotary Holiday Party will be held Tuesday, December 16th on the 8th Floor of the John and Mary Gray Library of Lamar University at 7:00p.m.

A fun evening is planned including a unique meal and dancing to the beat of Toby Castro and Friends. A cash bar will be available.

We want this to be a fun and happy celebration of the holiday season and to honor ninety years of the Rotary club of Beaumont and ninety-eight years of Rotary International.

Please join us!

No Meetings during Christmas Week and New Years Week

The *RotaryGram* will not be published either of those two weeks.

Our next Rotary meeting will be held Wednesday, January 7th at our regular location in the Beaumont Hilton.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Sharon *Alvina* *Jan*

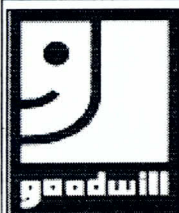
Board Social



Board members **Gerald Condon** and **Jim Rich** invite you to join them for a cup of coffee, tea or hot cocoa and a sweet roll (their treat):

Rao's Bakery
 4440 Dowlen Road
 Thursday morning
 December 18th
 7:00 - 8:30

Please plan to join them for this Rotary Fellowship opportunity!



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Future Programs

December

24th No meeting
 31st 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

On-line: www.rotary5450.org/eclub
 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

Program Review

Noel Bajat, R.I. Permanent Fund National Advisor, outlined Rotary Foundation programs and goals which are currently being implemented.

The Foundation has adopted the slogan "Every Rotarian - Every Year" referring to each member donation \$100 per year to the Foundation.

The goals are:

- 1) eradicate polio by 2005 (no new cases were found in India last year—so goal is achievable)
- 2) eliminate poverty; help the hungry; improve literacy rate;
- 3) educate Rotarians about the Foundation;
- 4) expand help to children; and
- 5) increase effectiveness of Foundation alumni (87,000) and implement the goal of \$100 per Rotarian per year. The monetary goal is \$125, 000 for District 5910.

The annual program fund is at a critical turning point. Many grants submitted cannot be funded for lack of funding. There is a need to increase giving because of the huge number of matching grants, rising costs and loss of investment revenue.

It is important to note that 100% of contributions are spent on Programs. If every Rotarian in our District would contribute \$100 per year it would total \$278,000. By 2005, every club in the District will establish its own goal.

RI Foundation Committee Chair **Russ Schultz** announced that he would discuss Paul Harris Fellowship funding at the January 7th meeting.

We thank **Roger McCabe** for arranging the program and **Alex Broussard** for introducing the speaker.

Congratulations to New Board Directors

Our members elected the Rotarians pictured below as 2004-05 incoming Directors at last week's meeting. They will serve on the Board from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. Congratulations to all of you!



Bobby Applegate



Marvin Dunnam



Carole Reeves



Robert Turner

Ramblings

A unique method of writing this week's program review was used by **J. Earl Brickhouse**. He passed out a piece of paper to each of his table mates and asked them to write one sentence (of review) and it would be the review. A couple of the quotes had to be censored. The collaboration of authors included **Carolyn Howard, Jo Ann Block, Rhonda Perkins, Lulu Smith, Andrew Johnson, J.D. Landes** and **Tommy Hebert**.

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Birthdays

December

17th Richard Bothel (03)

Executive Director, Continuing & Distance Education, Lamar University
Born in Canton, Ohio, he is a graduate of Butler University and Ball State University. He and his wife Lillian are the parents of Jamie, Jennifer and Jonathon. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, nature watching and paddling.



18th Robert Peavey (00)

President, Pumpctex
A Beaumont native, he and his wife Dana are the parents of Kaitlin and Marlie. He enjoys scuba diving, paintball, fishing and spending time with his family.



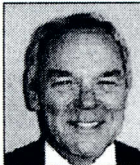
18th John Quigley (83)

Partner, Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt
Born in Orange, he is a graduate of Loyola University, Roosevelt University, and the University of Houston Law School. He and his wife Andy are the parents of Ann Marie, Kate and Mandy. He enjoys playing tennis and chess, fantasy football and playing with his grandchildren. John is a Paul Harris Fellow.



19th David Hitt (76)

Executive Vice President/Trust Officer, Hibernia National Bank
Born in New York City, He is a graduate of American University and Southern Methodist University. He and his wife Patricia Ann are the parents of Dwayne and Dawn, and are members of First Christian Church. He enjoys playing tennis and golf. David is a Paul Harris Fellow.



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20th Chuck Ege III (99)

President, Bank One, Texas
Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Colorado. He and his wife Leslie are the parents of Chris and Kendle. He enjoys the beach, snow skiing and travel.



24th Jerry Duty (88)

Retired
Born in Lufkin, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Kathie are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys jogging



29th Frank Eastman (81)

President, Royalty Corp. of Beaumont
Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he is a graduate of the University of Colorado. He has one son, Ross, and is a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and travel.



29th Peg Towers (87)

Retired
A Beaumont native, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband James are the parents of Jim Jr. and Mary Jane, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys volunteering in the non-profit sector.



30th Ray Pregeant (98)

Director of Customer Service, Entergy Texas
Born in New Orleans, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He and his wife Hope are the parents of Chris, Andrew and Casey. He enjoys playing golf, fishing and hunting.



January

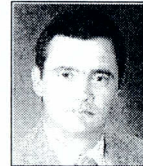
4th Ryan Harkey (02)

Manager, Pollans & Cohen
Born in Austin, he is a graduate of Texas A&M. He and his wife Ronda are newlyweds. He enjoys hunting and fishing.



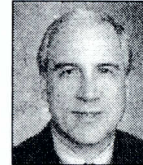
5th Mike Carter (84)

President, Carter & Company
Born in Vinita, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Denise are the parents of Dawn, Jennifer and Brian, and are members of Bevil Oaks Baptist Church. He enjoys playing basketball and baseball.



5th Dave White (86)

Partner, Funchess, Mills, White & Co.
Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Elaine are the parents of Kyle, Kimberly and Kolby, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf and tennis, hunting and fishing.



5th Stephanie Williams (02)

Manager, Pollans & Cohen,
Born in Houston, she is a graduate of The University of Texas. She and her husband Chad are the parents of Tara, Tiffany and Brooke Somers, and are members of St Elizabeth's Catholic Church. She enjoys boating and fishing.



6th George Crawford (94)

Vice President & General Manager Lamar Advertising of Beaumont
Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of The University of Mississippi. He and his wife Donavie are the parents of Brooke and Kristen, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys fishing and hunting.



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