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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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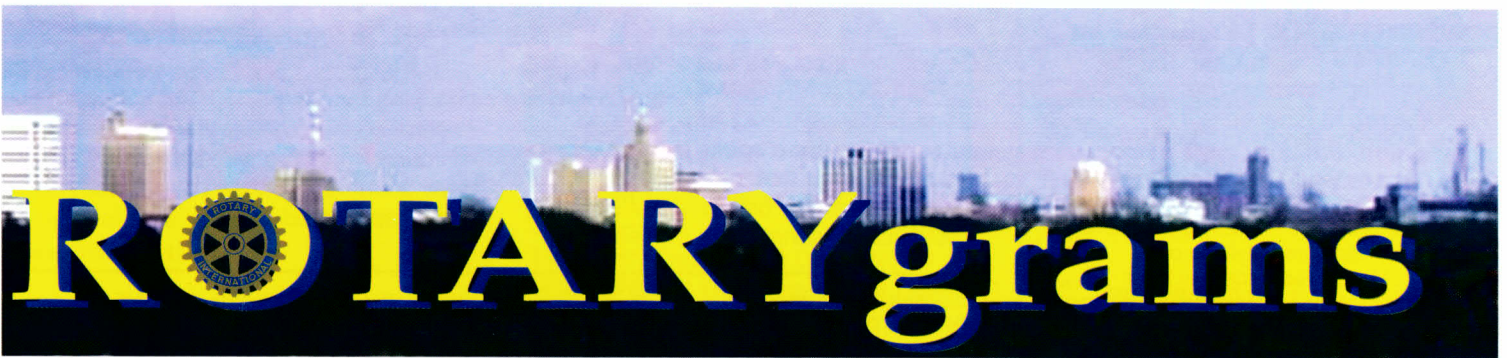
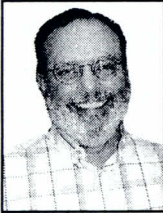


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Bob Valen - Edison's 125th Anniversary



This week's speaker will be Bob Valen, the Director of the Edison Museum in Beaumont. He will discuss the museum's activities celebrating Thomas A. Edison's 125th birthday and introduce a commemorative coin that has been struck for it.

Bob started his career with the National Park Service as a seasonal employee while in college more than thirty years ago. He worked at park service sites in California, Wyoming, South Dakota and Texas.



He held several positions in interpretation, both historical and natural history, and law enforcement operations. He was a commissioned law enforcement ranger for a number of years. Bob was the first recipient of the park service National Leadership in Wilderness Education Award. Bob retired in 2003.

Bob served as the Public Information Officer at most of his permanent assignments. He was an active Type 1 Incident Information Officer (IOF1). He worked on many major wildland fires in the western United States as well as hurricanes, aircraft accidents and homicides.

In 1996, he served as the Public Affairs

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Head Table



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GUEST INTRODUCTION
 JACK SCHENCK

From the Chef: Lemon Pepper Catfish

Jefferson Theatre Premiere Season

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Future Programs

February

18th Jr. Achievement
 25th Rotary Goes To School

Make-ups

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Wednesday:

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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

Last week's program was brought to us by Jack Crawford and Richard James III of Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Mr. Crawford, who serves as Scout Executive of Three Rivers Council, pointed out some of the ties that BSA has to Rotary. Both organizations carry out the goal of "service to others". The Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange Councils of BSA were chartered by Rotary Clubs. In addition, the two organizations partner together in our flag project.

BSA teaches its members self-reliance, citizenship and obligation to God. It has been found that scouting alumni who were members for three or more years are more likely to complete school, earn more than non-scouts and serve their country.

One of the latest projects of the Scouting program is known as "Adventures of the Elements" (AoE). Richard James III, author of the three books in the AoE program explained that these books tell the adventures of five brothers and sisters who discover sunglasses that enable

them to see the chemical elements. These books make the study of chemistry and science to become a memorable and fun experience for the student.

In addition to the books are AoE trading card games. The AoE card game combines the fun of traditional trading card games with education, specifically science. Each card in the game teaches about scientific processes or principles, the Periodic Table, elements, molecules, and involves math and history.

To add to the excitement, the First Annual National Tournament of the AoE will be held on May 1st at the Ford Park Exhibit Hall.

Held in conjunction with Texas Energy Museum, there will be age divisions ranging from elementary school to adult.

The AoE program operates through the Learning for Life project and is funded by several sponsors. For those interested in more information a web site at www.adventuresoftheelements.com has been established

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Officer (PAO) on the Southwest Wild-land Fire Prevention Team for over one month. Since then, he served on many teams in the United States. He served at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) and the USDA Forest Service Fire Information Office as lead Fire Information Officer on many occasions.

A life member of the National Association for Interpretation (NAI), Bob is an advocate of interpretation as an art form.

Bob received his B.A. degree from San Francisco State University after serving four years with the U.S. Army, 3rd Infantry Division, 64th Armor. Today, he enjoys his career as a museum director. He enjoys writing about and photographing international auto racing events. His work has been published. He is working on other writing projects as well. Bob is married. He and his wife have two teenagers with one in college, and an assortment of pets.

Favorite quote: "There's a better way

"to do it - find it!" Thomas Edison
 You may contact Bob Valen at :

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Flag Project

The next flag display day will be President's Day, February 16th. Our project is halfway to its goal of 250 subscriptions.

Thanks to Clear Channel Communications (**Vesta Brandt**), Fox News 1340 KOLE (**Ralph McBride**), KBMT-TV Channel 12 (**Mark McKinnon**), KFDM-TV Channel 6 (**Larry Beaulieu**), Time-Warner Cable (**Gary Underwood** and **Bruce Walker**) and KBTB Channel 4, you will be hearing and seeing our public service announcement publicizing the project. Contact the Rotary Office for more information or to become a new subscriber!

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If there is any division without which the club could not function, it is the Club Service Division. Division Leader **Roy Huckaby** and Co-Leader **Lee Freeland** marshal the efforts of seven committees to fulfill their responsibilities.

Each committee strives to make our club function at its very best:

House Set Up Committee - chaired by **Jodi Hilton**

Badge Box Committee - chaired by **Tiger Polk**

Ticket Table Committee - chaired by **Jack Scott**

Guest Registration Committee - chaired by **Pat Anderson**

Council of Past Presidents - chaired by **Alex Broussard**

Rotary Chorus - chaired by **Terry Bourdier**

Tellers Committee - chaired by **Lee Freeland**

As you can see by the committee list, most of these committees are active every week to prepare for our meetings and make them flow smoothly.

Thanks to all of you for your continuing efforts.

Rotary Quiz


The following questions are from the January issue of *The Rotarian*.


1. What is the official Rotary International theme for 2003-04?
2. Who is the RI president for 2003-04?
3. In what year and in what city did Paul R. Harris launch the first Rotary Club?
4. In what city was the second Rotary Club chartered?


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Birthdays

13th Harland Merriam, Jr. (88)
Pastor,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 Born in Coral Gables, Florida. he is a graduate of Stetson University. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Joshua and Aaron, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys running, biking, playing tennis and golf. Harland is a Paul Harris Fellow.


13th Scott Rand (95)
President/General Manager,
B.T. Rand Oil Company
 Born in Waco, he is a graduate of Texas A & M University. He and his wife Shannon are the parents of Taryn and Tanner.


14th Charlie Foxworth, Jr. (96)
President,
Foxworth Real Estate Corporation
 A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Blair are the parents of James Tucker Foxworth (Jay), and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys running and playing golf and tennis.

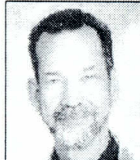
15th Dennis Moncla (96)
Sales Manager, Balboa Company
 A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Jean are the parents of Amy. They are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys playing golf, pinball and working with the computer.


Answers

1. *Lend A Hand*
2. *Jonathan Majiyagbe*
3. *1905, Chicago*
4. *San Francisco*

15th David Teuscher (03)
Shareholder,
Beaumont Bone & Joint Institute
 Born in Enid, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio. He and his wife Connie are the parents of Brandon and Derek, and are members of Westgate Memorial Baptist Church. He enjoys Boy Scouts, outdoor sports.

16th Bruce Walker (98)
General Sales Manager,
Time Warner Cable Advertising
 Born in Houston, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife **Kathryn** are the parents of Jennifer and Tyler, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys hiking, traveling, biking, tennis and golf.

17th Tom Nelson (91)
Owner,
Beaumont Veterinary Associates
 Born in Houston, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Brooke are the parents of Cole, Graham and Drew, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys hunting scuba diving and camping. Tom is a Paul Harris Fellow.

17th Ben Orgain, Jr. (93)
Vice President, Bridge City Bank
 Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Southwestern University. He and his wife Katharine are the parents of Darby, Will and Meggie, and are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys fishing and playing golf. Ben is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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