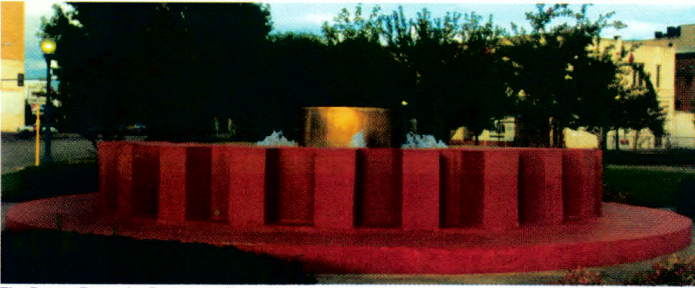


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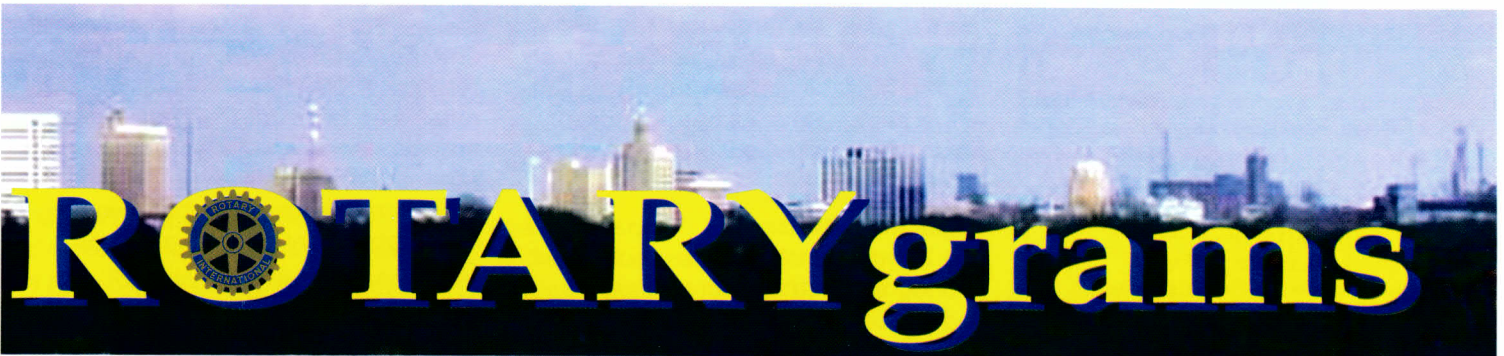


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Lorrie Hayes - Junior Achievement



Lorrie Hayes is Executive Director of Junior Achievement of the Golden Triangle. She is responsible for enlisting the help of an out-

standing board of directors to raise funds and recruit volunteers to support economic education programs for students in our area. She came to the Golden Triangle from Houston JA where she served as Vice President of Special Events for 5 years. She oversaw the management of Special Events

in the Houston area including Bowl-A-Thon, seven golf tournaments and other various events with an income responsibility of \$1.2 million.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest and fastest growing non-profit economic education organization. Classroom volunteers teach its programs, which reach over four million students annually and 7,500 locally, from the business community in both the U.S.

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Head Table



INVOCATION
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PLEDGE
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4-WAY TEST
 DAVID LOCKE



GUEST INTRODUCTION
 PHILLIP LONG

IMPORTANT NOTICE - WE WILL NOT RETURN TO THE HILTON UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH

February 18th - Holiday Inn, Walden Rd
 February 25th - Rotary Goes to School

March 5th (Friday) - Camp Enterprise
 March 10th - no meeting

From the Chef: Italian Buffet

Jefferson Theatre Premiere Season

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Just Added! Kenny Loggins, February 22, 2004

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Future Programs

February 25th Rotary Goes To School
March 5th Camp Enterprise

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

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

Program Review

Observing Thomas Alva Edison's 125th birthday last week with Bob Valen, Director of the Edison Museum, put the History Channel on notice. Valen infused his presentation with little known anecdotes about Edison that were humorous as well as informative.

The program coincided with the introduction world-wide of the Edison Commemorative silver dollar coin (www.edisonmuseum.org) struck by the U. S. Mint in Dearborn, Michigan.

As an 11 year-old entrepreneur, "America's Inventor" printed a newspaper, sold fruits and vegetables and learned Morse Code while working on a the local Ohio train run. One experiment caused his family barn to burn down. His father punished the teenager in the town square and invited the whole community to attend! Ironically, Edison was kicked out of school twice for being "addled".

Edison filed the first of 1,093 patents at age 21 which included the stock ticker, phonograph, motion picture camera and projector and incandescent light bulb. Edison was a shrewd business man who maintained that "anything that won't sell, I don't want to invent". Along with the incandescent light bulb, Edison's "think tank" of professionals at the Menlo Park, New Jersey lab also created the electrification system. For

example, to promote his light bulb, in 1882, Edison offered to light up the Wall Street section of Manhattan at no cost and did so, to the amazement of the world.

Valen invited club members and guests to visit the Edison Museum, the only museum west of the Mississippi River dedicated to the work of Thomas Alva Edison. A private non-profit education foundation through the Entergy Corporation, the Museum was founded in 1982 through the inspiration of W. Donham Crawford, CEO of Gulf State Utilities.

Thank you, **Bessie Chisum**, for arranging the program.

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and more than 100 countries worldwide. Regularly, she meets individuals who recall their days in JA and the products they produced when they were in high school. Lorrie's interest in Junior Achievement grew from her involvement as a high school student in Hamilton, Ohio.

Today Junior Achievement makes a difference in the lives of students of all ages not just high school students. She will share her thoughts about Rotary's 4 Way Test and its application to JA. Dare to be passionate about inspiring kids to learn the economics of life through free enterprise education.

Rotary Goes to School

Co-Chairs **Carole Reeves** and **Jim Fuller** urge all Rotarians who have not yet signed up to visit a school on Rotary Goes to School Day, Wednesday, February 25th, to please do so soon.

Once again our club is partnering with SBC Pioneers to bring personalized story books to every kindergarten student in public and private schools throughout Beaumont. This has been a very successful program to get books into the hands and homes of all the children in our city and to encour-

age an early love of reading.

If you haven't participated in this program before, please make every effort to do so. The children are so delighted to welcome us into their classrooms and their faces really light up when they see their names in print.

Carole and **Jim** will be manning the table outside the ballroom before and after this week's meeting so please stop by and sign up. You can also call **Alexine** at the Rotary office (842-1913).

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Ramblings

Kathy Snyder can attest to "proof-reading" advantages. The guest introductions would have been quite humorous if they were read aloud from the sign-in sheet.

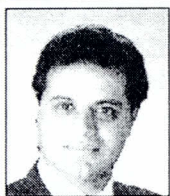
A hectic day, rainy weather, cold temperatures, time schedules and still **Pat Anderson** took time to take care of the important things.....his **tractor**.

Dr. David Teuscher, could you please introduce **Sheri Arnold** to her older sister?

Aren't newspaper engagement announcements wonderful, **Eddie White**?

Jerry White's grandfather-in-law (on Norma's side) worked for Thomas Edison at the East Orange, New Jersey labs. Granddaddy Immergluck was an Austrian civil engineer. Edison Museum Director Bob Valen immediately began arranging for an oral history interview with Norma White...

And **Matt White**, Director of McFaddin-Ward House, told us that a great uncle of his new Registrar Amber King was the FIRST man to appear on motion picture film via the Edison Motion Picture Company...sneezing!



Guess who is the newest member of the Hole in One Club.

On February 9th, while vacationing with some friends from Beaumont, our own **President Azim** shot his first hole in one!

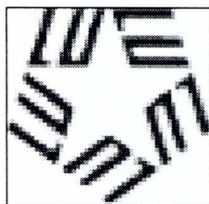
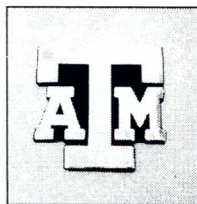
Silver Course, Doral Resort
Miami, Florida
Hole #6
Par 3

148 yards with an 8 iron.

Witnessed by Marv Conway, Sr., Marv Conway, Jr., and John Frost of Florida.

CONGRATULATIONS, AZIM!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!



Plan to bring your family and join your fellow Rotarians on Tuesday evening, March 16th, at Lamar University's Vincent Beck Stadium to root for your favorite baseball team when Lamar hosts Texas A&M at 7:00.

Tickets are \$2 per person (half of the regular general admission cost) and can be purchased from **Henry Strait** before and after the next three Rotary meetings.

Come an hour early at 6:00 and join us for a Rotary tailgate party in the left field picnic area. **Chad Blanchard** and **Munro's** will provide free hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. **Beaumont Coca Cola Bottling Company** and **Henry's** Southeast Texas Water Conditioning and Culligan will provide the beverages.

This is a great fellowship opportunity to bring your family and enjoy a Rotary evening. Aggies and Cardinals, come on out and cheer your team to victory!



Many thanks to our Flag Committee volunteers for setting out the flags on Presidents Day, Monday, February 16th: Chair **Roger McCabe**, Co-Chairs **Floyd McSpadden** and **John Quigley** and **Pat Anderson**, **Danny Babineaux**, **Alex Broussard**, **Andy Burns**, **Jack Crawford**, **Phil Dunlap**, **Kyle Hayes**, **Lorrie Hayes**, **Robert Hickman**, **Steve McGrade** and **Terry Whiddon!**

Birthdays

20th Rufus Mills (51)



Born in Woodville, he is a graduate of the University of Houston. He is the father of Rufus, Jr., James Thomas, and Stacie, and is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, tennis and bowling. Rufus is a Paul Harris Fellow.

22nd Gary Underwood, Jr. (01)



Born in Canton, Ohio. He is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University. He and his wife Julie are the parents of Sydney. He enjoys playing golf, cars and music.

Mark Ferris

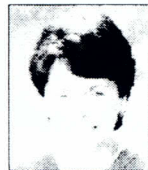
Personal Trust Manager
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Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he is a graduate of Arkansas A&M and the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU. He and his wife Kathleen are the parents of Robin. He enjoys playing golf, hunting, fishing and traveling.

24th Camille Mouton (97)

Executive Director of Advancement,
Lamar University



Born in Harlingen, she is a graduate of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is the mother of Ann, Ashley, Kristi and Beth, and is a member of St. Anthony Cathedral. She enjoys traveling, reading, exercising and visiting her five grandchildren in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Georgia, Nacogdoches and Austin. Her daughter Kristi in Austin has just learned she's expecting twins!

Please notify the Rotary Office of any changes in your personal life so we can update your birthday bio.

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