

Published by the
 Rotary Club of Beaumont USPS 471-700
 Subscription price \$5.00 per year
 Periodicals postage paid at Beaumont, Texas
 Published weekly, except for Christmas week,
 New Years week & two unspecified
 non-meeting weeks.
 POSTMASTER: send address changes to
 Beaumont Hilton, Suite 213
 2355 IH-10 South
 Beaumont, TX 77705



Lend a Hand

Periodical
 POSTAGE
 Paid at
 Beaumont, TX



The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

Photo by Mark Low Imagery



Photo by Steve Buser

A Publication of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, Texas - Club #72

Vol. 93 No. 30 February 4, 2004

Local Author & Eagle Scout Shares Educational Books with Scouting



A member of the Eagle Scout class of 1987, author Richard James III shares strong character values and educational principles through his book series, *Adventures of the Elements*. Targeted for ages eight through high school, the books depict a saga of two brothers' and three sisters' encounters with the mythical guardians of the elements.

Through a medium fabricated by the children's act of unearthing and then wearing a magical pair of sunglasses,

the siblings aid the elements in battling such diabolical molecules as carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide. The second book and third books in the *Adventures of the Elements* series subtitled *Rings of Enlightenment* and *Dangerous Games* continues the five siblings' adventures. A script planting the elements and children in a battle against nicotine and smoking has also been produced.

In addition, the Beaumont Community Players performed a play adaptation of the first book in 1997. Every aspect

(Continued on page 3)

Head Table



INVOCATION
 STEWART CHISUM



PLEDGE
 TOM NEILD



4-WAY TEST
 JAY OLD



GUEST INTRODUCTION
 KATHY SNYDER

From the Chef: Southwest Chicken

Jefferson Theatre Premiere Season

Smothers Brothers • Kathy Mattea • Glen Campbell • Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Just Added! Kenny Loggins, February 22, 2004

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT OFFICERS

Azim Keramati President
 Maurine Gray President-Elect
 Paula Bothe Vice President, Programs
 Terry Bourdier Secretary, Membership
 Ben Orgain, Jr. Treasurer
 Lee Freeland Sergeant at Arms
 Larry Beaulieu Past President, Advisor

DIRECTORS

Eddie Arnold Int'l & District Service
 Danny Babineaux Fellowship
 Travis Brewer Vocational Service
 Jim Broussard, Jr. Int'l & District Service
 Gerald Condon Administration
 Carol Flatten Vocational Service
 Roy Huckaby Club Service
 Becky Mason Youth Service
 Harland Merriam Foundation
 Camille Mouton Community Service
 Jim Rich Membership

BEAUMONT ROTARY FOUNDATION, INC.

Maurine Gray
 Azim Keramati
 Eric Meadows
 Harland Merriam
 Peg Towers
 Michael Wolf

Bessie Chisum, RotaryGram Committee Chair

Alexine Boutin, Executive Director
 Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 409-842-1913 • Fax: 409-842-5613
 rotarybmt1@yahoo.com
 Meets Wednesdays at Noon
 Beaumont Hilton • International Ballroom

Future Programs

February

11th Bob Valen– Edison Museum
 18th Lorrie Hayes– Junior Achievement

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

"It is possible for a woman to be patriotic and a good wife and mother." Major Cynthia Summers made this pronouncement mid-way through her moving presentation to the club on January 28th. The highly decorated officer and Beaumont native who commands the 373 Corps Support Battalion kept the members riveted with her stories of the different theaters and campaigns in which she has been deployed during her twenty year career in the United States Army and Army Reserve.

Major Summers innocently entered military life when attracted to a recruiting poster while attending Lamar University. The poster advertised college credit for participation in the activities of the R.O.T.C. program which sounded to the criminal justice student like a great way to get out of the classroom.

Her military training and subsequent postings saw her travel to bases in Alabama, North Carolina and back to Texas. In describing her basic training she stated that she felt no particular pressure from her instructors because she was a woman. Actually, she found that they yelled at the male trainees just as frequently.

In providing a woman's perspective on women in active service she spoke proudly of raising her three daughters here in Beaumont with her husband and how her service and family life supported each other.

Her anecdotes of different deployments throughout the world were of great interest to the club. She told of one deployment in Honduras during which the United States mounted the invasion of Panama. Hearing the news her first reaction was to contact the family support services personnel for her outfit back in the States so they would be able to reassure the families of her men that their loved ones were indeed in Honduras and not taking part in the action in Panama.

The Major thought spending time at Fort Bliss in west Texas had prepared her for desert duty in Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, but she quickly found that a Texas sandstorm paled by comparison with what she encountered overseas.

Following a well-deserved standing ovation, Major Summers fielded a question from Jerry White concerning the readiness of military rolling stock and reports of lots of equipment breakdowns during the opening phases of some of the Middle East campaigns. She explained to the members that, as far as the campaign in Afghanistan was concerned, the country had so few roads and such difficult terrain that practically all travel was by air. While stationed at a former Soviet airbase Uzbekistan, which is a fully landlocked country, everything had to be flown in to supply our troops.

Thank you, Bessie Chisum, for arranging "Major Cindy's" visit.

Ramblings

Congratulations to **David Teuscher, M.D.**, named Doctor of the Year by Beaumont's Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital. As **Larry Beaulieu** commented, even the nurses voted for him!



TEXAS PLEDGE

Honor the Texas flag
 I pledge allegiance to thee Texas,
 One and indivisible.

Wathen, DeShong & Juncker, L.L.P.

Certified Public Accountants

4140 Gladys, Ste. 101 • Beaumont, TX 77706-3648
 Phone (409) 838-1605 • Fax (409) 838-3316
www.wdjcpa.com

TIME WARNER CABLE

Public Affairs/
 Government Relations
 Gary Underwood
 727-1515

Ad Sales Manager
 Bruce Walker
 924-9500

Star graphics

409-892-0671
 Beaumont, Texas

Copiers ★ Printing Solutions
 Fax Machines ★ Computer Equipment



New Members

Please welcome these new members who were inducted on January 28th:

Ben Alford
Rector/Pastor
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



Born in Albertville, Alabama, he is a graduate of the University of the South and Seabury Western Theological Seminary. He and his wife Lynn are the parents of

Seth, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He enjoys backpacking, playing golf, politics and reading. Ben has been a member of Rotary Clubs in New Orleans and Melbourne, Florida.

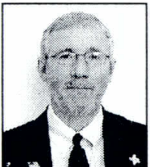
Mark Ferris
Personal Trust Manager
Hibernia National Bank



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.

Chester Jourdan, Jr.
Executive Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission



Born in San Antonio, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University and the University of Texas at Arlington. He and his wife Cheryl are the parents of Casey

and Callie, and are members of First Baptist Church of Groves. He enjoys playing golf, travel and church. Chester has been a member of the Port Neches Rotary Club.

Eddie White
Marketing Director
Beaumont Title Company

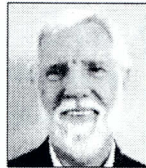


Born in Memphis, Tennessee, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He is a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf and basket-

ball.

Birthdays

4th Arthur Martin (98)
Executive Vice President,
Stewart Title Company



Born in Orange, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Carolyn are the parents of Matthew and Christopher. He enjoys computers, classic cars & physical fitness.

5th Scott Cook (91)
Partner, Cook & Associates



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Geni are members of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys traveling and sports.

6th Chad Blanchard (02)
General Manager,
Munro's Uniform Services



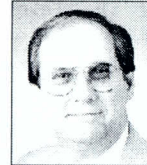
A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Chelle are the parents of Beau and Katie, and are members of St Mary's Catholic Church of Fannett. He enjoys hunting fishing, and playing golf.

8th Steve Doblin (01)
Executive VP. for Academic Affairs,
Lamar University



Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Suzye are the parents of Jeff, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys running and playing bridge.

8th Larry Walker (86)
Vice President/General Manager,
Automatic Pump & Equipment



Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Beverly are the parents of Ronnie and Kim, and are members of First Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf and farming.

9th Alexine Boutin (01)
Executive Director,
Rotary Club of Beaumont



A Beaumont native, she attended SMU and UCLA and is a Lamar University graduate. She enjoys gardening, oceanography and reading.

We are very pleased to welcome a returning member of our club:

Jeff Dyson
President,
M & D Supply



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Patricia are the parents of Scott, Brent, Melissa and Brooke, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys bicycling, reading, going to the beach, their children's activities and their grandson Wesley.

(Continued from page 1)

of the novel relays information about the chemical elements as the reader is propelled through a series of riveting adventures.

Currently, the first two books in the series are available for \$5.95 per book. For more information on the books or to order books e-mail the author at jer3@ih2000net, visit the official website at:

www.ecpadventures.com,
or mail:

Embassy Court Productions
P.O. Box 608
Beaumont TX 77707

jkchevrolet.com 409-722-0443

JK CHEVROLET
ISUZU
at the airport

Our People Make the Difference

CASE:
UNCLOSED
EVERY DAY THIS WEEK ON
KBMT 2 NEWS

HEALTHSOUTH

Rehabilitation Hospital

3340 Plaza 10 Blvd.

Beaumont, Texas 77707

409-835-0835

Kathy Snyder, CEO healthsouth.com