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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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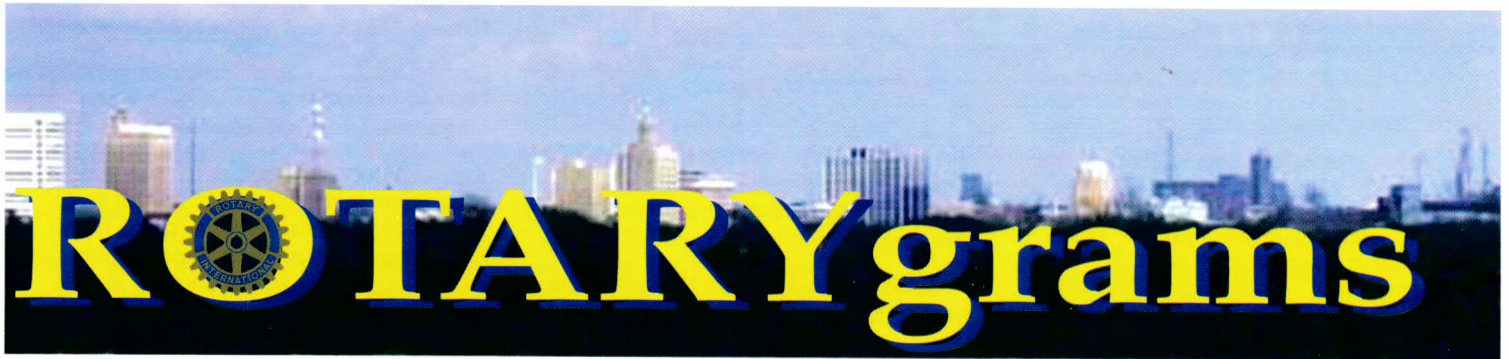


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Roger McCabe - Our Man in Havana



Our Club's Past President and current Assistant District Governor Roger McCabe will be at the podium next week to share his observations and experiences from his trip to Cuba.

Approximately one year ago, Roger and his wife Sharon had the opportunity to go to Cuba on a cultural exchange for attorneys. Richard Péna, Past President of the State Bar of Texas, led the delegation of 60 attorneys and 20 guests.

The attorneys spent three challenging days in classroom discussions with government officials concerning their judicial and economic system, as well as additional time with

the University of Havana Law School faculty and with members of a law firm. They also got to spend one day plus the weekend as tourists.

Roger will present a Power Point presentation to our Club with photos they took in Cuba of their experience. He has given this presentation to several civic clubs.

Chester Weber's family requested that we announce that his Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 23rd, at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church 6825 Gladys

Head Table



INVOCATION
 MICHAEL CLAYTON



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GUEST INTRODUCTION
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From the Chef: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce

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Program Review



Ryan Smith and the Vocational Excellence Award Committee should be very proud of their selection of recipients presented with the Awards last week. Those honored (pictured here with **President Azim**) were a diverse and ecumenical group:

Louella Ramirez, branch manager for Munro's Dry Cleaning, nominated by **Terry Bourdier**

Catherine Klein, second grade teacher at St. Anne's Catholic School, nominated by **Gene Hughes**

The Staff of Starbuck's and Katherine Lee, manager, nominated by **Angela Baker**

Jessica Nicklebur, receptionist at Scallon Controls, nominated by **Scot Quintel**

Angela Thomas, administrative assistant to the City Manager of Beaumont, nominated by **Kyle Hayes** and **Maurine Gray**

Monique Lumpkin, assistant to Dr. George Groves, nominated by **Michael Lohr**

Loraine Lyness, coordinator of the University Reception Center at Lamar University, nominated by **Kathleen Jackson**

The nominator-presenters spoke glowingly, sometimes humorously, about their recipients, citing their friendliness, positive and non-complaining attitude, dependability, honesty, integrity and welcoming and always ready smiles. "Service Above Self" is a familiar mantra to all Rotarians. The 2004 recipients are shining examples of that motto.

Ramblings

Congratulations to new parents Allison and **Mark Low** and new grandparents Connie and **Arthur Berry** on the birth of Mark Matthews Low II on January 6th. Let's see some photos, **Mark!**

Nancy and **Larry Beaulieu** had a very busy week. On January 13th **Lorrie Hayes** and Junior Achievement of the Golden Triangle hosted the banquet at which **Larry** was an inductee into the Hall of Achievement.

The next day KFDM-Channel 6 surprised **Larry** with a party celebrating his 30th anniversary with the station. Adding to the surprise was the arrival of their daughter Lara and granddaughter Maggie (nicknamed Maggie Perfect by her proud and unbiased grandparents) from Kentucky as well as their son Brad, a Beaumont policeman.

Nancy said keeping all of the preparations secret (especially all of the cooking) was a real test, but it was worth it to surprise him. Congratulations, **Larry!**

Vocational Service Award recipient Catherine Klein should be no stranger to our club. Her brother **Jim Broussard** was on hand to congratulate her while her parents Barbara and **James Broussard** are visiting Australia and Aunt Marie and Uncle **Alex Broussard** are in India with Rotary International's Polio Eradication campaign. Undoubtedly all of them are proud of Catherine and her accomplishments and regretted not being on hand.

James Mann's widow Sue proudly reminisced with Rotarians after today's meeting and related that **James** had had to borrow \$5 from a friend to take her out on their first date at the University of Texas.

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Memorial Resolution For James Mann



Sue Mann (r) pictured with our Ambassadorial Scholar Beth Tindall (l). Beth first learned of the scholarship from **James** who encouraged her to apply

James Robert Mann, born in Monroe, Louisiana on December 16, 1924, will be remembered as part of what Tom Brokaw has labeled the "Greatest Generation," for James served as a B-25 Bomber pilot during fifty-six combat missions during World War II. Stationed in Lavis, Italy, James was involved in missions in the Brenner Pass. James embraced Texas as his home, living in Beaumont for 55 years and dying here on March 20, 2003 at the age of 78.

A graduate of Ouachita Parish High School, James enrolled in Northeast Center Junior College and then joined the Air Force when World War II began. In his journal he wrote, "This log book reminds me of that time when we were young, a bit reckless, and jubilantly confident we were doing something that truly counted. When you figure, that giving one's life was one of the hazards, it certainly ought to have been an important crusade"...a crusade in which he was awarded thirteen air medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Following his discharge from the service, James and his buddies flew from college to college until they decided to attend the University of Texas where his major was the Business Route to Engineering. While in Austin, James met and married Sue Switzer, the love of his life for 55 years. They were married on December 30, 1947 and they called Beaumont their home.

In 1949, James began a career with Gulf Supply and remained there until retiring from the position of president in 1985. During James' association with Gulf Supply, he came up with the idea of painting pipe automatically before it went to the construction site and helped to develop an offshoot company of Gulf Supply called Custom Pipe. James and friend Jerry Brock made it happen here in this business area...which also included Houston.

Community involvement was important to James. As an active member of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, James became a Paul

21st Lum Edwards, Jr. (57)

President, J.S. Edwards & Sherlock



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Mary Ann are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys golf and tennis. Lum is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Harris Fellow. According to Sue, his proudest achievement with Rotary was to acquaint young people in our community with the Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship and encourage them to apply. His efforts resulted in our club's sponsoring several area students in furthering their studies internationally as Ambassadorial Scholars. He was past president of the Wilson Art Museum (first home of the Museum of Southeast Texas). A charter member of Trinity Methodist Church, James participated and enjoyed friendships made in the John Land Class.

Hobbies included time that he and Sue spent at their home in Rayburn Country, the computer, film developing, traveling to Italy and England, and roses. As a member of the Golden Triangle Rose Society, he entered the Rose Society competition for his favorite rose "Corina", winning the "Queen Award" twice!

Preceded in death by his son Steve Mann, James is survived by his wife, Sue Switzer Mann. Remembered as "a gentleman and a scholar", **James Robert Mann** left a legacy of service to God and Country. His community became his family and he is missed...especially by the membership of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, a relationship that began 18 years ago when James was inducted as a Rotarian on June 20, 1984.

*Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont express sorrow at the death of **James Robert Mann** and extend sympathy to his family as an expression of sincere feeling at the loss of a dear friend and long-time member of this Rotary Club.*

And, Be it Further Resolved that this resolution be spread across the minutes of this Rotary Club, and that a copy be furnished to his family.

Passed by unanimous vote of the membership this fifteenth day of January 2004.

Birthdays

21st Mark Low (99)

Owner, Mark Low Imagery



Born in Beaumont, he attended Lamar University and Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Allison are the parents of Mark II, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys

the outdoors, hiking, boating, 4-wheeling, and fishing, and is working on a book about his travels.

21st Mary Ellen Robertson (93)

Mary Ellen Robertson, CPA



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Denny are the parents of Annie, Erin and Jody, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. She enjoys shopping

for antiques, reading, sewing and skiing.

23rd Michelle Harris (00)

Administrator, Buckner Children & Family Services

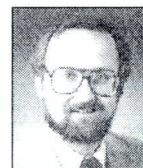


"Having hailed from Detroit, Michigan and despite more than ten years in Texas, she is still trying to acclimate to Southeast Texas humidity! She earned her Master of Social Work from the University of

Michigan and has spent her career working in the human service field."

26th Scott Mann, Jr. (85)

Attorney, Germer, Bernsen & Gertz



Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Lee are the parents of Elizabeth, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

27th Joe Chambers (03)

District Manager, CenterPoint Energy



Born in Waynesville, North Carolina, he is a graduate of San Jacinto College and the University of Houston. He and his wife Angela are the parents of Jerred, Jason and Brandan. He enjoys weight training.

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