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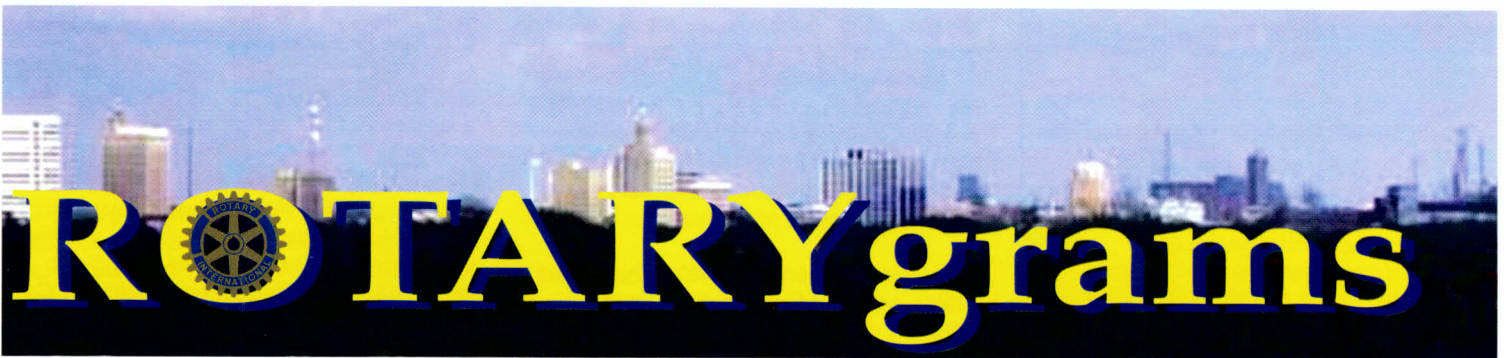


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Major Cynthia Summers - Women in the Military



Major Cynthia K. Summers, U.S. Army Reserve is a native of Hutchinson, Kansas. She graduated from Charlton-Pollard High School in Beaumont and received a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a Master's degree in applied criminology from Lamar University. She enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1981 and received her R.O.T.C. commission in 1983.

She was on active duty from 1984 until 1992 and has been in the reserves since 1992. She has served overseas in Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and Honduras and in the U.S. at Fort McClellan, Alabama; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Fort Bliss, Texas. The much-decorated officer has received two Bronze Stars with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Merito-

rious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, three Army Achievement Medals with two Oak Leaf Clusters, two Army Reserve Component Achievement Medals with one Oak Leaf Cluster, two National Defense Service Medals with two Bronze Stars, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze hourglass and "M" device, the Kuwait Liberation Medal- Kuwait, the Kuwait Liberation Medal- Saudi Arabia and the Army Service Ribbon.

She and her husband of 16 years Jason have three daughters: Jennifer, Sarah and Robyn. She is also a very active volunteer with the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

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Head Table



INVOCATION
 TERRY BOURDIER



4-WAY TEST
 MARY RANDALL



PLEDGE
 JUAN ZABALA



GUEST INTRODUCTION
 ALLISON NATHAN GOLIAS

From the Chef: Baked Chicken

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Future Programs

February

4th Boy Scouts – Adventures of the Elements

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

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Program Review

Past President **Roger McCabe** presented a fascinating view of "modern" Cuba at last week's meeting. He and his wife Sharon participated in a cultural exchange for attorneys to Cuba in November, 2002.

Roger's photographs of Cuba brought into clear focus the beauty and luxury afforded tourists in stark contrast to the poverty of the people and the decay of the beautiful old buildings.

The citizens of Cuba live on a very tight budget. Can you imagine living on five (5) pounds of beans, eight (8) pounds of rice, a chicken and \$30.00 for a month? How about receiving a bar of soap every three (3) months? This is the allotment that is given to them each month by the government. Their lives do not include going to restaurants, beaches, and/or clubs. The government states that they guarantee a 9th grade education to every child and medical services for all of the people. The medical services are not evident and the birthrate is .9 children per female (a birthrate of 2.3 is considered necessary to maintain a current population).

While older Cubans castigated the United States, younger Cubans encouraged breaking down the barriers between the two countries in reinstate trade and tourism. The change of the nation is on the shoulders of the young people who are taking advantage of free enterprise (charging for photographs, services as tour guides, curators, etc).

Roger was especially pleased to show the photo of himself seated in the fishing chair of Ernest Hemingway's boat. Roger's group also toured Hemingway's home in the hills overlooking Havana harbor and his favorite bar.

Thank you, **Roger**, for such an interesting, informative and entertaining program!

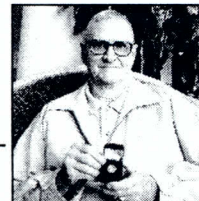


Paul Harris Fellows



Congratulations to **Larry Porter** who was presented his Paul Harris Fellow certificate at last week's meeting. Larry was unable to attend the January 7th meeting when 9 other members received their certificates.

Congratulations to **John Tyler "Tiger" Polk**. He was very surprised to receive his three-sapphire pin as a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.



Ramblings

Congratulations to **Bessie Chisum**! She received the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission's "Don Kelly South East Texan of the Year Award" for her work with Leadership Southeast Texas over the last ten years.

Entertainment was the main focus of last week's meeting. Whether you were watching **Bruce Hoffer** attempting to dodge a spilled-drink, hearing most members struggle to recite the Texas Flag Pledge, watching **Gene Hughes** search for the Parmesan cheese or **Terry Bourdier** getting all his ten dollars worth of spaghetti. **Roger McCabe** topped off the entertainment with a amusing narration and photos.

Pat Anderson was amused by **President Azim's** mentioning the sudsing of the Rotary Fountain in downtown Beaumont. We rated a sizable photo in the *Beaumont Enterprise* - one way to publicize our club!

President Azim also thanked **Gene Hughes** for his coverage of our Vocational Excellence Awards in the *Beaumont Journal*. It's always nice to read good things about our club.

Marie and Past President/Past District Governor **Alex Broussard** just returned from a 20-day Rotary International trip to India and Vietnam. He is pictured here administering one of more than 1,200 doses of polio vaccine given on National Immunization Day in just one neighborhood in Delhi, India.

We hope to hear more about his trip later this year. Thank you for representing our club and district, **Alex!**

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Konica TOSHIBA SHARP

The Rotarian

Our club received excellent coverage in the January 2004 issue of *The Rotarian*. The article on page 36 entitled "The Business of Ethics" was written by Anthony G. Craine and included an interview with Past President **Floyd McSpadden**. **President Azim** requested that we include the excerpt printed below:

"Members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, Texas, USA, look within their own ranks to find motivation to maintain the high ethical standards of the organization. The club recognizes one member annually with the T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics. The award is named for one of the club's founding members.

"What we're primarily looking for is to honor current members of our club who exemplify The Four-Way Test in their business dealings as well as in their personal lives," says past president Floyd McSpadden. "We seek to honor individuals of that caliber not only to recognize them but also to have them serve as an inspiration to us and keep the principles of The Four-Way Test in front of us."

"The strategy is effective. McSpadden has no difficulty describing the virtues of past recipients, including the 1997 awardee, Benny, Hughes, Jr., the son of a past RI director and third vice president.

"His word is his bond," McSpadden says. "He's very low key and even-tempered. He's had a hand in solving some difficult disputes that we've had in our club."

McSpadden received the award in 2002. During his year as president in 1999-2000, he encouraged the club to recite The Four-Way Test during every meeting, a practice that continues four years later. McSpadden says he enthusiastically incorporates the ideals of the test in his work as an attorney, and he appreciates others who do so.

"In my personal dealings in law, it's somewhat of a reassurance to me when I deal with other attorneys who are Rotarians," he says. "I have a solid feel for their commitment to business ethics. It makes those interactions go a whole lot smoother."

We appreciate Rotary International's interest in our efforts to promote business ethics. We can all be proud of our T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics and its recipients. Thank you, Floyd, for being such a great spokesperson on our behalf!

Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Thursday, January 15th and approved the following:

NEW MEMBERS:

John Thomasson
Human Resources Director
Brock Enterprises
Proposed by **Alexine Boutin**
"Human Resources/Personnel
Management"
Transfer from the Rotary Club of
Springboro, Ohio

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, February 6th, the candidate listed will be considered elected to membership.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

Bill Benning - 1/1 - 6/30/04
Out of town work assignment

Paul Davidson - 1/1 - 3/31/04
Out of town work assignment

CHANGE FROM ACTIVE TO HONORARY:

C. W. Conn

John L. Kuhlman, Sr.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED WITH REGRET:

Bill Cable
Bob DuBois

Birthdays

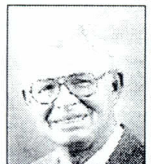
January

28th **Loirie Hayes (03)**
Executive Director,
Junior Achievement of the Golden Triangle



Born in Corbin, Kentucky, she is a graduate of Bowling Green State University. She enjoys bowling.

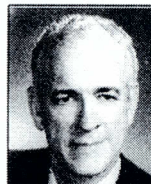
29th **Buz Brown (93)**
Sales Manager,
Bill Clark Pest Control



Born in Little Rock, Arkansas. Buz and his wife Donna are the parents of Von and Gary, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf. Buz is a Paul Harris Fellow.

February

1st **Smythe Shepherd (39)**
Shepherd's Uniform & Linen Supply.



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. Smythe is the father of Anne, Bill and John, and is a member of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and fishing. Smythe is a Paul Harris Fellow. He is also our most senior member in Rotary years, having joined on April 5th, 1939!

Vocational Service Division

Vocational Service is the avenue whereby members of our Club represent their occupation to fellow Rotarians and exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work. Division Leader **Carole Flatten** and Co-Leader **Travis Brewer** marshal the efforts of three committees and three programs fulfill the responsibility.

The Rotary Goes to Work Committee chaired by **Neal Baker** arranges for club members to visit businesses owned or operated by Rotarians and affords fellowship and a learning experience for members.

The T. Kelsey Lamb Ethics Award Committee chaired by **Floyd McSpadden** solicits

nominations for the ethics award among club members, selects the winner and makes a presentation at a regular meeting.

The Service Above Self/Vocational Excellence Award Committee chaired by **Bobbie Applegate** solicits nominations for Rotarians and non-Rotarians to receive the award for vocational excellence. The awards are made at a regular meeting.

The Division has completed all of its programs for the year. Thanks to all of you for jobs well done.

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and has served four years as troop leader for a troop at Dishman Elementary School.

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